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St. Peter's Collegiate Church,
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WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
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.

THE NEW YEAR—AND THE OLD.

Let us begin 1914 and our new volume by extending to all our readers and friends throughout the country—their name is legion—the most sincere and hearty wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year. We hope that the coming twelve months may prove to all ringers, both in the exercise of our Art, as in the more serious things of life, successful even to a greater degree than 1913 has been. So far as ringing has been concerned, there was nothing in the past year to show that 1913 was the unlucky period which the superstitious anticipated it would prove, for the Exercise has continued to move forward. On every hand there have been signs of progress, and we shall do well in 1914 if we do not fall short of the successes of the year that has just closed.

A steady forging ahead has been the feature of 1914, without any event of unusual or epoch-making importance. There have been activities displayed in all directions—and this is, after all, the best sign of healthy vitality. The bell founders have continued to be extremely busy, showing that the importance of placing and keeping the valuable instruments of the church in decent order is more than ever realised. The old spirit of neglect in regard to the belfry is fast passing away, and the greater recognition of the ringers is having its effect in a better appreciation of the responsibilities of church authorities for the maintenance of the bells. With the advance among the ringers has come the improvement in the belfry, and it is to this reason, mainly, we think, that the number of peals rung is so rapidly increasing.

Despite the extraordinary record set up in 1912, when 2,329 peals were rung, there is no doubt that even that huge aggregate will be eclipsed when the figures for 1913 are completed. Indeed, at the time of going to press, the total was within half-a-dozen of those of the preceding year, so that 1912, when the number leapt up by some 500 peals, was not merely a flash in the pan. These two years have provided some remarkable figures, will 1914 be even more successful? We hope it may, and that ringers up and down the land will find their efforts meeting with still better reward. While they do their duty to the Church of which they are members and discharge their calling with reverence and efficiency, there is no cause to complain if they use the bells for their own enjoyment in peals, which are naturally the height of the ringer's ambition. To the realisation of this view is due to no small degree the rapid advances now being made, and we end, as we began, by hoping that the year before us holds for our readers greater successes than the past.

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**OPINION OF OUR
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Dear Sirs,

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We consider that the work reflects great credit upon your firm, and believe that your system of hanging the bells reduces the vibration of the steel frame supplied by you to a minimum.

The CHURCHWARDENS unite with ME in this expression of opinion. The BELLRINGERS are also unanimous in their praise of the alterations effected by you.

Yours truly,
CHAS. EDMUNDS,
Vicar of Broomfield.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

EDWIN HORREX Treble	GEORGE F. HOAD 7
WILLIAM E. GARRARD 2	FREDERICK J. HARDY 8
HUBERT EDEN 3	CORNELIUS CHARGE 9
HENRY HODGETTS 4	CHARLES S. BURDEN 10
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 5	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 11
GEORGE N. PRICE 6	ALFRED B. PECK Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM T. COCKERILL.

TEN BELL PEALS.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6057 CHANCES;

GILBERT GUEST Treble	JOHN GOODMAN, Junr. 6
WILLIAM GOODMAN 2	EDWIN J. TYLER 7
HERBERT SHEPPARD 3	JOHN A. BROWN 8
SAMUEL SPITTLE 4	BENJAMIN GOUGH 9
JOHN GOODMAN, Senr. 5	CHARLES FAULKS Tenor

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

The above peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. Spittle, the esteemed Master of the Guild. It was also rung on the Eve of the Festival of St. Thomas, the Patron Saint of the church, and on the 94th anniversary of the opening of the church.

EWERBY.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6004 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt., in D.

REV. H. LAW JAMES ... Treble	FREDERICK W. STOKES 6
† CHRISTOPHER WARD 2	R. HUGH RICHARDSON 7
ARTHUR ANDREWS 3	* GEORGE H. SMITH 8
JOHN T. HOLMES 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON 9
WALTER H. WOOD 5	WILLIAM DICKENSON Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and
Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

* First peal, and belongs to the local band. † First peal of Caters.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES 2	JOHN ARMSTRONG 7
ERNEST PYE 3	REUBEN SANDERS 8
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	HARRY FLANDERS 9
GEORGE R. PYE 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Cambridge Royal in the county of Essex. A. W. Grimes' 350th peal.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE AND HALIFAX AND DISTRICT
ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

JOE HARDCASTLE Treble	PERCY J. JOHNSON 6
FRANK R. CUNDALE 2	THOMAS B. KENDALL 7
JAMES COTTERELL 3	GEORGE WHITEAKER 8
JONAS S. AMBLER 4	HERBERT DRANSFIELD 9
JOE BROADLEY 5	FRED SALMONS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by FRED SALMONS.

* First peal of Royal.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS.

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

EX-SERG. J. WILLIAMS Treble	CHARLES H. AUSTIN 6
ALFRED LAWRENCE 2	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 7
JOHN AUSTIN 3	CHARLES GARDINER 8
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 4	ARTHUR S. BOAR 9
JESSE GILLET 5	ERNEST BISHOP Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

GEORGE H. HOWSE Treble	GEORGE ADES 6
JOHN CAPP 2	ALFRED J. TURNER 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS 3	ROBERT J. DAVE 8
ALBERT HARMAN 4	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 9
FREDERICK PROTHEROUGH 5	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER, and
Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

Rung on the Festival of St. John.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN C. CHILDS Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT 5
JOSEPH J. ALLEN 2	WILLIAM SEELEY 6
WALTER S. INWOOD 3	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 7
RICHARD N. RUNHAM 4	FRANCIS A. SMITH Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal of Major. Rung after meeting short for Superlative.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE PINCOTT Treble	FRED ABBOTT 5
BENJAMIN ALLRED 2	RICHARD HEALD 6
THOMAS WORSLEY 3	TITUS BARLOW 7
ROBERT ALLRED 4	WILLIAM PENNINGTON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by TITUS BARLOW.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.
On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs., in A flat.	
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY Treble	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 6
WILLIAM MOTTS 3	JAMES MOTTS 7
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 4	CHARLES A. WARD Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This was the Vicar's 100th peal upon the bells of his own church, the only other incumbent who has accomplished this being the late Rev F. E. Robinson.

FARNHAM, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED R. ELKINS Treble	FREDK. A. BARNETT 5
BARZILLAI HAWKINS 2	CORPL. G. GILBERT, R.E. 6
ALFRED J. CROUCHER 3	CHARLES EDWARDS 7
HUBERT CHAFFEY 4	THOMAS UPSHALL Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal of Treble Bob upon the bells. First in the method by all except the ringers of the 2nd and 7th, and the first by C. Edwards as conductor.

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

On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES H. FOWLER Treble	FRED H. DEXTER 5
SYDNEY COX 2	HENRY BROWN 6
JOHN E. CLARKE 3	ALBERT H. BELL 7
GEORGE CLEAL 4	SAMUEL COTTON Tenor

Composed by FRED H. DEXTER, and
Conducted by CHARLES H. FOWLER.

* First peal of Major. Rung on the eve of St. Thomas' Day.

BENHILTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT Treble	LEWIS ATTWATER 5
ALFRED CLAYTON 2	ROBERT GRIMWOOD 6
DOUGLAS W. DREWETT 3	FRANK HOLDER 7
BENJAMIN MORRIS 4	WILLIAM S. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

CHILHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

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

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

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

On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM J. MEERS Treble	JONATHAN PRESTON ... 5
JOHN CORRIGAN 2	GEORGE F. SWANN ... 6
GEORGE GARRISON 3	*WILLIAM DAVIES ... 7
MORRIS J. MORRIS 4	WILLIAM G. ANKER... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal in the method away from the tenor. Rung with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect for the late Mr. William Adcock, ex-churchwarden, and a much respected member of the above church.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN H. PAIGE Treble	WILLIAM HILLMAN ... 5
JOSEPH FARMER 2	ARTHUR ARNELL ... 6
HORACE TULETT 3	EDMUND H. LINDOP ... 7
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	HARRY MEETEN ... Tenor

Conducted by EDMUND H. LINDOP.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lbs.

*JOHN WAINWRIGHT Treble	PERCY H. SMITH ... 5
GEORGE JONES 2	HENRY W. WILDE ... 6
RICHARD JONES 3	JAMES MORGAN ... 7
*HENRY WOODFINE 4	WILLIAM MORGAN ... Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. This is H. W. Wilde's 100th peal for the Chester Guild.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(DARLEY DALE SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, December 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt., in F.

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

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and

Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells, and by the Association.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Christmas Day, December 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT BUCKLEY Treble	*HARRY BUCKLEY ... 5
GEORGE STAFF 2	*JOSEPH GREENWOOD ... 6
JOHN FITTON 3	*JOHN H. C. MASSEY ... 7
EDMUND SCHOFIELD 4	ANDREW SIDEBOTHAM ... Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER, and

Conducted by ANDREW SIDEBOTHAM.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. H. C. Massey.

WARFIELD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lbs., in E.

*JOHN RANCE Treble	*RICHARD BUCKLAND ... 5
WILLIAM A. GARRAWAY ... 2	*HARRY BUNGAY ... 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	GEORGE MARTIN ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal in the method. The first peal of Major rung upon these bells. The Rev. W. A. Thackeray, M.A., Vicar of Warfield, not only granted permission for the band to make this attempt, but kindly officiated as the "Ringers' Chaplain" before "go" was called. E. C. Lambert's "century peal."

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL Treble	JAMES BURDFIELD ... 5
RAYMOND WOOD 2	ARTHUR B. CORDEN ... 6
WILLIAM H. HOLLMAN ... 3	PERCY H. DOICK ... 7
JOHN NETLEY 4	HARRY J. DOICK ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR B. CORDEN.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, HOLLOWAY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH BARRY Treble	HENRY J. RANZETTA ... 5
*GEORGE M. KILBY 2	*HARRY KILBY ... 6
†ROBERT W. GREEN 3	JOHN W. CORNFORD ... 7
*ARTHUR HART 4	ALBERT TURNER ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY KILBY.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Kent Major. ‡ First peal of Major as conductor.

ORMESBY, YORKS.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*SYDNEY TUNNELL Treble	JOHN HENRY JONES ... 5
FREDERICK LAVERICK ... 2	JOHN GEORGE HALL ... 6
HENRY PARRISH 3	ALEXANDER MACFARLANE ... 7
CYRIL POLLARD 4	THOMAS METCALFE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

* First peal and first attempt.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(DARLEY DALE SOCIETY.)

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt., in F.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by JAMES L. WRIGHT.

* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Alfred C. Wright.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

JAMES SHAW... .. Treble	TOM WILDE 5
WILLIAM BRADLEY 2	THOMAS BARTHOLOMEW 6
ARTHUR HAUGHTON 3	ALBERT HOUGH... .. 7
JOSEPH GODDARD 4	SAMUEL BOOTH Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by TOM WILDE.

Arranged for T. Bartholomew, of Workop, Notts, and rung in honour of St. Stephen's day.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 6½ cwt., in B.

RICHARD LANE Treble	SAM SMITH... .. 5
JOHN OLDHAM 2	WILLIAM SMITH 6
JAMES L. WELLS 3	EDWARD READER 7
HARRY WHITTLE... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	ALBERT HILL 5
WILLIAM POWELL 2	GEORGE HINTON, JUNR. ... 6
ERNEST E. BARBER 3	WILLIAM PAGE 7
WILLIAM C. JONES 4	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. PAGE.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

*WILLIAM H. BELL Treble	HORACE HOWELL 5
*ERNEST BOYLIN 2	WALTER PIGOTT 6
†VICTOR WHITE 3	†ALFRED HACKETT 7
J. HERBERT BENFIELD ... 4	†GEORGE PIGOTT... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by GEO. PIGOTT.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major as conductor.
‡ First peal of Bob Major.

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

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANCES I

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lbs.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE Treble	HENRY H. CHANDLER ... 5
GEORGE E. HARBOUR... .. 2	ARTHUR HARDING 6
JAMES H. HUNNISETT ... 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 7
CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER 4	CHARLES EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM LAWRENCE.

This was the first peal on the bells, and it was rung on the Festival of St. Stephen by members of the local band, with the addition of H. H. Chandler, of Hillingdon, to whom thanks are due for ringing in the place of J. Crocker who was prevented from taking part. J. Hunnisett and C. Walker were elected members in the belfry before the peal, which was the first by the tenor man.

KEIGHLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY THORPE Treble	ROBERT W. JENNISON ... 5
JOHN EDMONSON 2	WILLIAM B. SMITH 6
HERBERT GREEN 3	JOHN HALL... .. 7
WILLIAM G. THORPE... .. 4	SMITH MURGATROYD ... Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by WILLIAM B. SMITH.

The brothers Thorpe, for whom this peal was arranged, hail from Grantham.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOSEPH E. SYKES Treble	CHARLES T. COLES... .. 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	ERNEST PYE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7
REUBEN SANDERS 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This composition, now rung for the first time, is the author's No. 98.

BURNHAM, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY... .. Treble	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN... 5
*ALFRED ROUTLEY 2	*WALTER WORGAN 6
THOMAS DOBLE 3	WALTER FARLEY 7
ALEXANDER EVANS 4	*HARRY LAWRENCE Tenor

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

* First peal of Stedman. Arranged for Mr. C. F. Winney, who was staying in the district.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSETSHIRE.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

MOORE'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 21 cwt.
HERBERT STEVENS Treble	SIDNEY MASON 5
WILLIAM BENNETT 2	CHARLES GREEDY 6
WILLIAM R. HOYLE 3	HENRY MOORE 7
*ERNEST PARKER... .. 4	WILLIAM THORNE Tenor

Conducted by H. MOORE.

* First peal of Triples with a working bell. Arranged for C. Greedy who hails from Newport, Monmouthshire.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ROBERT WOOD Treble	HENRY HEAD 5
FREDK. W. EDWARDS ... 2	ARTHUR HEAD 6
FREDK. G. RADLEY 3	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7
THOMAS LINCOLN 4	WILLIAM E. EMERY ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

This is the first peal in the method by an entirely local band.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND
ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs., in A flat.

JAMES ROSE Treble	WILLIAM F. CATCHPOLE ... 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON ... 2	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM ... 6
JAMES MOTTS 3	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 7
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 4	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This was J. Rose's first peal of Major, and H. C. Gillingham's 100th peal.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER BURRELL Treble	ARTHUR CAUSELEY 5
WILFRED BOOTH 2	JAMES A. HART 6
GEORGE ADES 3	ROBERT J. DAWE 7
ALFRED J. PIERPOINT 4	FREDERICK J. HARMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES A. HART.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANCES;

Tenor 8½ cwt., in A.

JOSEPH SHARP Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ... 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 6
ALBERT HARMAN 3	ALBERT D. STONE 7
ERNEST GOWER 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lbs.

GEORGE HOWSE Treble	ALBERT HARMAN 5
EDWARD W. BRAY 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 6
JOHN CAPP 3	ALBERT D. STONE 7
ERNEST GOWER 4	KEITH HART Tenor

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

Rung on the Festival of St. Stephen.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WALTER ALCOCK Treble	ALBERT HARMAN 5
GEORGE H. HOWSE 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 6
ERNEST GOWER 3	KEITH HART 7
JOSEPH SHARP 4	CHARLES GATLAND ... Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALBERT HARMAN Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS 5
GEORGE H. HOWSE 2	JOSEPH SHARP 6
WALTER ALCOCK 3	KEITH HART 7
ROBERT J. DAWE 4	EDWARD J. MALLARD ... Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5048 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

CHARLES GILES Treble	WILLIAM CLARK 5
CHARLES PULLEN 2	ALFRED WATMORE 6
JOHN SWAIN 3	FRANK HOPGOOD 7
WALTER A. WEBB 4	REUBEN SAWYER ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Watmore.

DEVIZES, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt., in D.

ARTHUR K. HARRISON ... Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE 5
CHARLES J. GARDNER ... 2	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 6
* DENNIS W. JACKSON ... 3	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 7
SIDNEY HILLIER 4	FRANK GREEN Tenor

Conducted by G. H. HARDING.

* First peal and elected a member before starting.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES R. MILLWAY ... Treble	CHARLES W. BRETT 5
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 2	PERCY GIBBS 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3	JOHN STEDDY 7
FREDERICK G. BRETT 4	GEORGE WOOD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN STEDDY.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Corpl. F. A. Holden (Royal Marines) and Miss G. Haigh, which took place at Gillingham on the same day.

TETTENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON.

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

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

DANIEL JONES Treble	THOMAS HUGHES 5
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	ALBERT LITTLE 6
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	REUBEN HALL 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	* JACK EVANS Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells rung on St. John's day, and also as a birthday compliment to C. Wallater.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
GEORGE B. LUCAS 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7
JOSEPH E. SYKES 4	HARRY FLANDERS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

BENJAMIN GOUGH Treble	REV. E. V. COX 5
REUBEN HALL 2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 6
DANIEL JONES 3	FRANK W. PERRENS 7
BERT HORTON 4	WILLIAM BAYLISS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Rung on St. John's Day, and also as a birthday compliment to
C. Wallater.

PETERSTONE WENTLOOG, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 7½ cwt.

FREDERICK ATWELL Treble	FRANK MORGAN 5
JOHN BUTLER 2	JOHN W. JONES 6
ARTHUR E. MORGAN 3	JAMES PIPPIN 7
A. VICTOR MORGAN 4	SAMUEL T. BIASS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

This is the first peal on the bells, which were recently restored and
two trebles added by Messrs. Warner & Sons, London.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

HENRY SIMMONDS Treble	RICHARD N. RUNHAM 5
HUBERT HATTO 2	JOSEPH HANDS 6
WILLIAM J. PAIGE 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 7
ALBERT D. COLLUM 4	GEORGE ESSEX Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

This peal was arranged for R. N. Runham, of London, who was
elected a member of the St. Peter's Society in the tower.

SIX BELL PEALS.

NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Primrose, Hull, Annable's London, Bourne,
Netherseale, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise. Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDK. C. M. SKINNER ... Treble	BERTIE F. TURNER 4
GEORGE SNELLING 2	JOHN SNELLING 5
CLARENCE GOOCH 3	FREDK. SEAGER Tenor

Conducted by B. F. TURNER.

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

On Tuesday, December 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three
of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON ... Treble	*THOMAS J. BOTTRILL ... 4
*HAROLD JACKSON 2	GEORGE D. WARBURTON ... 5
ALFRED BARNES 3	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by REV. A. T. BEESTON.

* First peal of Minor.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Berwick, Surfleet, Beverley, London, Wells, York,
and Durham Surprise. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDK. C. M. SKINNER ... Treble	JOHN SNELLING 4
FREDK. SEAGER 2	FREDK. MANSEY 5
BERTIE F. TURNER 3	GEORGE SNELLING Tenor

Conducted by B. F. TURNER.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich, London, Bourne, Hull, Netherseale,
Cambridge and Norwich Surprise. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDK. C. M. SKINNER ... Treble	GEORGE SNELLING 4
GEORGE BAILEY 2	JOHN SNELLING 5
BERTIE F. TURNER 3	FREDK. SEAGER Tenor

Conducted by B. F. TURNER.

This was the first peal of Surprise Minor by G. Bailey, who hails
from Rickingham, Suffolk.

OLD RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 16 cwt., in F.

*GEORGE JONES Treble	*JOHN JONES 4
HENRY PEAKE 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
WILLIAM SHORT 3	*WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal.

WYMONDHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS.

On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Stedman S.C., Reading, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Ol
Doubles, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire. Tenor 20 cwt., in E.

*JOHN MORRIS Treble	JOHN W. WRIGHT 4
THOMAS H. RATE 2	WILLIAM H. DYKE 5
JOSEPH MORREY 3	*JOHN T. POLLARD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. DYKE.

* First peal. First peal in seven methods by all the band except
the conductor.

CLAVERLEY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, December 21, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

E. DREW Treble	D. J. BOUCHER... .. 4
G. THOMAS 2	W. OWEN 5
C. BOUCHER 3	J. PERKINS... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. DREW.

This was the first peal by all and the first peal on the bells. The band are all local men.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR KNAPP... .. Treble	ALBERT ELLIS 4
*GEORGE ELLIS 2	ALBERT HARMAN 5
ALFRED D. MILLS 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* First peal with a bob bell in seven methods.

QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 15 cwt. 0 qr. 14 lbs.

*FREDK. COPEMAN Treble	†SIDNEY GASKIN 4
*FREDK. MAPES 2	JAMES FULCHER... .. 5
ALFRED NEWSON 3	FREDK. BURROWS Tenor

Conducted by F. C. BURROWS.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell.

KINGSLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM DAVIES... .. Treble	JOHN JONES 4
WILLIAM SHORT 2	*CHRISTOPHER LEWIS 5
*WILLIAM HILL 3	*ALFRED E. REYNOLDS... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal.

SANDY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

WILLIAM C FOX Treble	GEORGE D. COLEMAN... .. 4
*GEORGE WELLS 2	WILLIAM J. MAYES 5
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN 3	REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. D. COLEMAN.

* First peal. Rung after the institution and induction of Canon A. Sloman as Rector of Sandy.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM FISHER, JUNR. Treble	ALBERT CROUCHER 4
HUBERT CHAFFEY 2	CORPL. G. GILBERT, R.E.
ALFRED J. CROUCHER... .. 3	CHARLES EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

KEEVIL, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores called in ten different ways.

Tenor 21 cwt., in E.

WILLIAM BAXTER Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 4
JESSE FRANCIS 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 5
ARTHUR K. HARRISON 3	*THOMAS LUDLOW Tenor

Conducted by A. K. HARRISON.

* First peal.

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of 720 each of Fulbeck, Hereward, Plain Bob, Double Court and Single Court and two 720's Oxford Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lbs.

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

Conducted by GEORGE SCOTT.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

JOHN COLEMAN... .. Treble	THOMAS JERVIS 4
*BERNARD C. LOVEDAY 2	JAMES B. HUDSON 5
LEONARD WYMAN 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

* First peal in seven methods.

IDEN, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*PERCY NASH Treble	†GILBERT J. YOUNGS... .. 4
GEORGE WOOD 2	WILLIAM R. WOOD 5
GEORGE KENWARD 3	GEORGE BILLENNESS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

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

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of York, London, Wells and Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, College Exercise and London Scholars' Pleasure.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Conducted by CRCIL A. VALENTINE.

This is believed to be the first peal by the Guild containing four Surprise methods.

HILPERTON, TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(DEVIZES BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*JESSE FRANCIS Treble	ARTHUR K. HARRISON ... 4
JOSEPH T. DYKE 2	*SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... 5
HORACE TAYLOR 3	GILBERT H. HARDING ... Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal of Minor. First of Minor and quickest peal on the bells. First peal of Minor by the Devizes Branch.

WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, College Pleasure, College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

*THOMAS WILLSON Treble	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	GEORGE LINES 5
WALTER PERKINS 3	CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLARKE.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal of Treble Bob Minor on the bells.

CRONDALL, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Single Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

ALFRED R. ELKINS Treble	ALFRED J. CROUCHER ... 4
GEORGE FISHER 2	HUBERT CHAFFEY 5
ALBERT CROUCHER 3	CHARLES EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
At the Residence of Mr. W. SMITH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 1—2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 5—6
HOBART E. SMITH 3—4	W. STANLEY CLARK ... 7—8

Composed by GEORGE H. BEEVOR, and
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Witness: W. SMITH.

No. 25 C.C. Collection. Stanley Clark has this year rung at the first attempt peals of Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major, as well as the above.

SOUTHFIELDS, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At 130, CLONMORE STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor size 11, in G.

ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... 1—2	JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... 5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3—4	*MISS ELSIE MATTHEWS 7—8

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

* First peal. Miss Matthews, who is only 14 years of age, is the youngest lady to score a peal on eight bells.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
At 58, MANOR STREET, CLAPHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANCES;

Size 16, in B flat.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT... 1—2	JAMES HUNT 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING... .. 3—4	FRANK I. HAIRS 7—8
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 9—10	

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

Witnesses, Mr. and Mrs. HAIRS.

This was the conductor's 200th peal on handbells. It is believed to be the first peal of Stedman Caters on handbells by the above Society.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
At 58, MANOR STREET, CLAPHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANCES;

Size 16, in B flat.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 1—2	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 5—6
JAMES HUNT 3—4	FRANK I. HAIRS 7—8
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 9—10	

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: Mr. & Mrs. and the Misses N. & E. HAIRS.

The above two peals were rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 7—8.

Owing to the great number of peals rung during the Christmas holidays our space would not accommodate all the reports in this issue, and some are, therefore, unavoidably held over until next week.

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WAS IT FIRST CALLED FROM MEMORY AT SAFFRON WALDEN,
AN INTERESTING DISCOVERY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Some very old cuttings from newspapers have come into the possession of a gentleman in Saffron Walden. Amongst them is a record of the ringing of two peals of Grandsire Triples with 148 bobs and two singles. I presume that the peals rung were Holt's one-part. As Holt conducted the peal from manuscript on July 7th, 1751, and these were conducted from memory in 1753 and 1754, I think they must be nearly if not quite the first peals rung under those conditions. No doubt they had to be rung true, as the record shows that great rivalry existed between two societies of ringers in the town at that time. I give a copy of the cutting below. Perhaps some of the "Great ones in Grandsire" can give more particulars.—Yours faithfully,
FREDK. PITSTOW.

[COPY.]

Saffron Walden, January 2nd, 1754.

To inform all real Lovers and Professors of the Art of Ringing. THAT the Society of young Ringers of this town, on Tuesday, the 25th of December last, being Christ-mas-Day, did ring the true Peal of Grandsire Triples, composed of 148 Bobs, with two singles, which they effected in three hours and twenty minutes; and on Tuesday following, being New-Year's-Day, they completed the same in eight minutes less than before (being the only times the same has been rung there since there has been eight bells) to the no small mortification of their antagonists' (some of the Old Society), who instead of instruction, give them all the obstruction in their power. The ringers which rung the same were: Frederick Sell, Charles Baron (who called the bobs), Richard Whitehand, John Banks, William Barrett, junr., John Bush, junr., John Clark and John Salmon.

MARRIAGE OF SERGT. F. A. HOLDEN.

An interesting ringer's wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church, Gillingham, Kent, on Saturday, when Sergt. F. A. Holden, R.M.L.I., was married to Miss Gertrude F. Haigh, of Gillingham. As both the bride's father and the bridegroom are well-known Kentish ringers, the ceremony was witnessed by a large number of ringing friends from the district. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar of Gillingham, the bride being given away by her father, Mr. W. Haigh. As the couple left the Church, the bells rang out to the tune of Grandsire Triples. Afterwards touches in various methods were rung by ringers from Rochester, Chatham, Gillingham, Rainham, Sittingbourne, etc. The happy pair subsequently left for Canterbury with the good wishes of a large number of friends who had assembled at the station to see them off.

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Stedman Cinques	9	"
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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

SAFFRON WALDEN CHURCH.

The interesting discovery with regard to two early performances of Holt's Original upon the bells of Saffron Walden Church, and the fact that this ancient ring is shortly to be augmented to twelve make some few facts about the history of the bells not out of place at this juncture, for it was exactly 160 years ago that these famous peals of Grandsire Triples were rung.

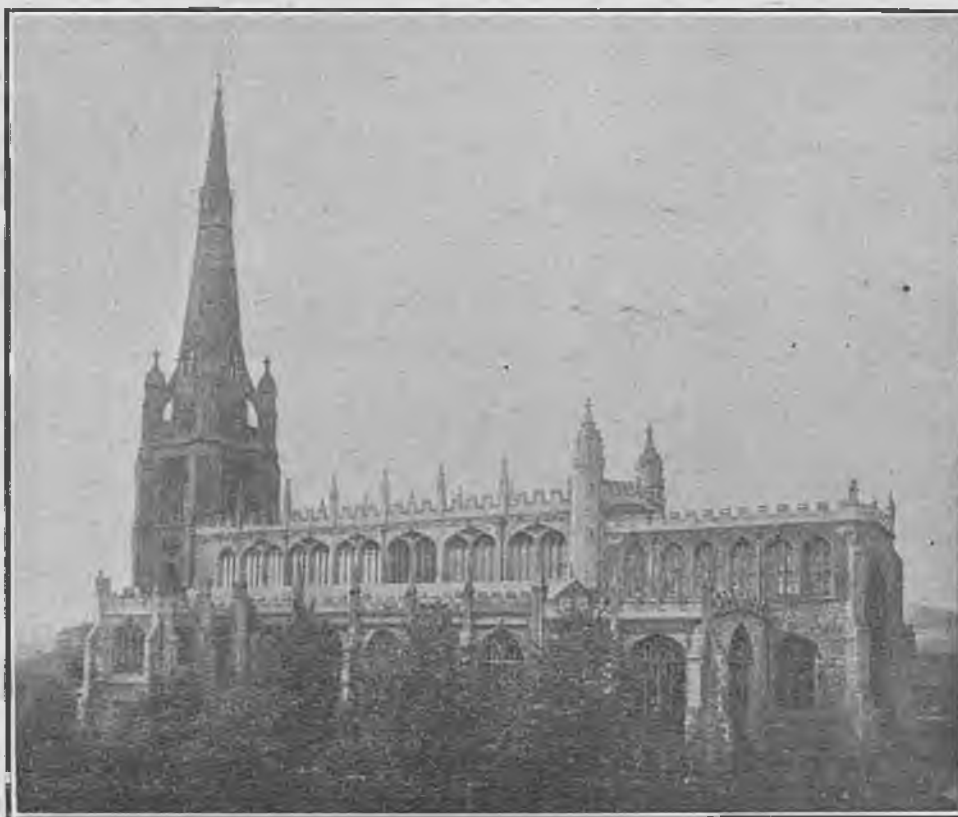
It seems certain that a peal of bells and a company of ringers existed at the church as long ago as 1623, when a bequest was left by a townsman named Thomas Turner for the ringers, and it has been paid annually ever since. Twice in the history of the church there have been two companies of ringers, Seniors and Juniors. The first occasion was at the period of the peals mentioned elsewhere.

payments in connection with the bells. One of the earliest is under the date of 1623-1624, "Pd. to Wm. Parkin for worke about the Bells, and for grease for the bells xxs. vjd." The following entries are also of interest:—

1624-1627	Paide for casting of the bell	£viii 0 0
	Paide for xxij pounds of pewter to put into the bell	£20 viij iiij
1629	Paide to Graye the Bell Founder for casting of the greate Bell	£xv 0 0
	Paide more to him for mettall for the same bell	£0 xv vj
	Paide more to him for casting of brasses	£0 xvi vj
	Paide for expence there given to his man for fetching the waytes and carrying them back	£0 j 0
	Paide to Mr. Cole (the Attorney) for making the covenant between the town and the bell founder	£0 j 0
	Paide for craving a day	£0 0 iiij

In 1632 there is payment for setting the chimes in a new tune, which seems to show there were eight bells at that time. In 1634 the entry:

Payd to Miles Graye for the casting of our great Bell ye 23rd October now waying but 27ct. xxlbs. at 10s. pr. ct.	£13 11 00
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SAFFRON WALDEN CHURCH.

These performances seem to have caused some trouble, for there is no trace of another peal being rung for nearly 20 years, viz., 1771. The second occasion was in the last century, in the early part of which there was an excellent company at the tower, for peals of Bob Major, Treble Bob and Double Norwich (1817) were rung, the last-named being only the third in the method. After this Superlative was practised, and a place was left on the board (which is still in the tower) for the peal, but this was never accomplished, only 1120 ever being completed until the present company rang the first peal in Essex. Between 1820 and 1865 nothing much but Plain Bob was rung by the locals, but since then the band has gradually worked its way up the ladder to its present state of efficiency.

The ancient church accounts contain many records of

There is $\frac{1}{2}$ ct and 15 lbs remaining of mettall, which was left of the old bell.

This is evidence that the original tenor was a heavier bell. In 1648 some bell metal was sold, for there is the entry:—

Recd of John Pa ment for bell metal	£36 14 0
In 1653 the 5th was recast, and the rest rehung by one John Heddon, bell founder, at a cost of £37.	

There are a great many payments to the ringers for ringing on public occasions and to various publicans for "bread and beere" for the ringers. These occasions included a visit of King Charles to Audliend to hunt, in 1635; the day the Lord Protector was proclaimed in 1658; Gunpowder Treason Day; when Parliament began to sit in 1660; when Charles II was voted King, and when he was proclaimed; on Coronation Day (1662); the defeats of the Dutch (1665 and 1666) and the making of peace; for the coming of King William and his crowning; when the rebels in the west were routed; "on ye good news from Ireland" (the Battle of the Boyne), and on numerous other occasions both great and small. Then there are entries from 1709 to 1711 for the recasting of "ye great bell," by a founder at

Sudbury, and for the recasting of the tenor in 1720. An item in 1751 introduces an interesting name, for in that year is the entry: "Pail Charles Baron for helping Jno. Pratt with the bell, 6s." This C. Baron is the man who called Holt's Original a couple of years later.

The present peal of bells was cast and hung in the years 1792 and 1793, and the 6th and 7th have been recast since that time by Messrs. Mears. Now the venerable tower is soon to become possessed of a peal of twelve bells, which should be its crowning glory.

ODD CHANGES.

The discovery made through an old newspaper that a peal of Grandsire Triples with 148 bobs and two singles was called at Saffron Walden, Essex, in the years 1753 and 1754 (on Christmas Day and the following New Year's Day to be exact) raises an interesting point. The composition undoubtedly must have been Holt's Original, as no other peal with only two singles had then been composed, and this was first rung, and conducted, by John Holt from manuscript at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on July 7th, 1751. So far as we are aware these two peals at Saffron Walden are the first in which the conductor of this celebrated composition rang in the peal, and if this is a fact, exceptional interest attaches to the performances. We hope that those who are authorities upon the subject may be able, as Mr. Fred Pitstow suggests, to give us further light on the subject.

The Rev. William Pearson has just achieved a rare distinction. He has now rung 100 peals upon the bells of his own church, a performance which, among incumbents, only the late Rev. F. E. Robinson before him succeeded in doing.

We record with great regret the death of Prebendary Albert Barff, the aged Vicar of St. Giles', Cripplegate, whose kindness and consideration have enabled ringers to enjoy the use of the peal of twelve bells which hang in the ancient tower. Preb. Barff, who was 86 years of age, was entering a Metropolitan train at Hammersmith before it came to a standstill, and was thrown on his head on the platform. He was at once conveyed to the West London Hospital, where, however, he passed away on Sunday.

Prebendary Barff, who was one of the oldest prebendaries of St. Paul's Cathedral, and who has held the living of St. Giles' since 1886, has done a great deal for the restoration of Cripplegate Church, which was one of the few churches in the city to escape the Great Fire of 1666.

THE LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD UNSUCCESSFUL AT EVESHAM.

The attempt made at Evesham on Saturday to beat the Treble Bob Royal record was, unfortunately, unsuccessful, and came to grief after 5620 changes, in 3 hrs. 54 mins. At the last minute one of the original band had to send a substitute, and this considerably weakened the strength of the company. The result was that the ringing was never quite up to long-peal standard, and the bells would have been brought round at 8440, had not the trip occurred which brought an end to the attempt. Three starts had to be made before the bells got well under way, and they went off for the last time at 9.6 a.m. The first part end of the five came up in exactly two hours, and the peal came to grief at one o'clock. The band was: William Palmer (King's Norton) 1, James E. Groves (Birmingham), conductor, 2, Samuel Grove (Birmingham) 3, Edward H. Stoneley (Stoke Golding) 4, William Fisher (Coseley) 5, Adolphus Roberts (Coventry) 6, James H. Shepherd (Swindon) 7, John Neal (Birmingham) 8, Harry Chapman (Manchester) 9, James George (Rugby) 10. The weight of the tenor is 31 cwt. 0 qrs. 21 lbs., and the bells go splendidly. It is hoped to make another attempt for the peal early in the New Year.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN BUTTERY.

A MAN WHO MADE RINGING HISTORY IN LEICESTERSHIRE.

Can storied urn or animated bust

Back to its mansion call the fleeting breath?

Can honours' voice provoke the silent dust,

Or flattery soothe the dull cold ear of death? (T. Gray).

No! flattery is but cold comfort at any time, and its value can be weighed with a grain of sand. But it has soothed the passing of a soul to know that when the eyes have closed for ever on this world, the pen of a friend will do him justice, and write "Finis" to a chequered career.

John Buttery, who died on December 19th, was born in Leicester on February 9th, 1851. While still a boy, he removed with his parents to the neighbouring village of Thurmaston, where his early years were spent. At the age of 12 he rang for the wedding of H.R.H. Prince Edward of Wales—afterwards King Edward VII. Three years later his family returned to Leicester, and the subject of this memoir was articled to a solicitor. He was not, however, destined to run this course, the musty atmosphere of the law being wholly uncongenial to his sunny nature. At this period he became a regular visitor to St. Margaret's tower and its ten bells, and under the tuition of T. Langham, became a devoted adherent to the Art. In those days a peal was an epoch in a ringer's career. It was something to aspire to, to achieve, and to discuss long after, when they met around the festive board. In his opinion, the modern mad race for peals ad libitum was not a good thing, but made peal ringing too cheap and common, robbing it of the glory it once possessed.

In 1868, a peal of Caters was rung at St. Margaret's, in which many well-known local ringers, now gone to dust, made their debut. John Buttery was not chosen for this peal, but he heard it from start to finish, and was first at the belfry door with refreshments when the bells came round. His opportunity came the following year, 1869, when he rang his first peal on the old eight bells of Loughborough Parish Church. Once started, he began to fathom out for himself, and was frequently in correspondence with the late Henry Hubbard and Henry Johnson regarding composition. When the first peal was rung at St. Mark's, Leicester, in 1872, he it was who asserted and proved it false. In that year he called his first peal on St. Mary's bells. From that time he was looked upon as the coming man. The late Edward Biggs had been the principal conductor for 40 years, and John Buttery saw the opening coming for himself, and qualified for it. In 1874 he rang in a peal at St. Mary's, Nottingham, the last called by Edward Biggs; and in 1877 composed and called the "centenary peal," commemorating the long peal of 10,000 Caters rung just a hundred years before. In 1879 he called 5057 Caters on the funeral of Edward Biggs, and the following year placed on record the first peal of Stedman Triples rung in Leicester. In 1885 he put to the credit of the then established Midland Counties Association its first peal of Grandsire Caters, and followed this up in 1887, at Queen Victoria's Jubilee, with its first of Stedman Caters.

Of sturdy build, he was usually found at the heavy end, and in 1891 turned St. Margaret's tenor of 30 cwt. into the first peal of Treble Ten. About this time handbell ringing began to flourish, and the deceased rang 3-4 to Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples. In 1893 he called Hubbard's 5220 Grandsire Caters at St. Margaret's—then the stronghold of local ringing—for H.R.H. Duke of York's (now King George VI) wedding. In 1894 he called Thurston's four-part of Stedman Triples "in hand," and five years later called the first of Stedman Caters rung in hand in the county.

During the interval, the handbell band had been intent on non-conducted ringing, and in 1896 was successful with the second on record of silent Stedman Triples, the deceased ringing 7-8. Ultimately—as all the ringing world knows—Caters and Cingues followed, and he thus rang the extent of the system. Most of his performances possessed some peculiar merit, yet he was ever ready and anxious to "stand down" for some other aspirant. A friend to many, his only enemy was—himself! To him, the writer owes much. He it was who helped him to place his foot upon the first rung of the ladder, and who called his first peal. His cheery, convivial nature had the inevitable result. He had little to give, but, a true Bohemian, he gave his all willingly. One instance comes up at this moment. When on an eventful day, a young couple came up the aisle to the music of wedding bells, it was John Buttery who tendered to the bride of his pupil a spray of winter roses and a card of good wishes. Though more than twenty years have sped, that souvenir remains to remind the writer of one who, whatever his faults, was one of the best of men.

He was laid to rest on the hillside cemetery of Gillroes, just within sound of the bells he loved. Six ringers bore him to his long home: A. Martin, J. Harris, E. Smith, G. Cleal, E. Morris and J. Morris, the last-named four ringing a course of Grandsire Triples over the grave. On the evening of his death, at St. Margaret's practice, a half-muffled short touch of Triples was rung, and after the funeral, St. Mary's bells were rung half-muffled in memory. In like manner on Boxing Day, at St. John-the-Divine's Church, a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, but lost through a shift. And so we leave him, with the great majority, at the goal to which we too must travel, and "that bourne whence no traveller returns," but while bells shall last, the name of John Buttery will not here be forgotten.

W. WILLSON.

Chelmsford Cathedral Tenor Bell.



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NOTICES.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this Society will be held on Saturday, January 3rd, at Eckington. Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 8 bells, tenor 16 cwt., available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting, at which the Rector will preside, in the Parish Room about 6 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Hon. Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

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 6th, 1914, at 8.30 p.m. Alterations to rules will be proposed and the balance sheet will be presented. All subscriptions are due at this meeting.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the Maidstone district will be held at Barming on Saturday, January 10th. The belfry will be opened at 3 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, January 10th, 1914. Bells available at 5 p.m. Business meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, January 10th, 1914. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. Unveiling of a peal tablet to the late Mr. T. Mouncey.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Fareham on Saturday, January 10th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Short service 5.30. Tea at Paragon Restaurant 6 p.m., meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by the 7th inst.—J. W. Whiting, District Secretary, Fareham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at Sawston on Saturday, January 10th. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 at the White Lion.—P. Webb, District Secretary, Ickleton, Saffron Walden.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, January 10th. Service at St. Mary's Church at 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting to follow at Holy Trinity Parish Room. Bells available from 2 p.m.—W. G. Sellick, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held on Saturday, January 10th, 1914. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are also due, and may be paid as early as possible to J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom. Reports are now ready.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on January 15th, and 29th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 6th and 20th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 6th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 20th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 27th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays; St. Magnus at 7.30, the others at 8 p.m. Subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before February 28th.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the Cathedral

on Saturday, January 17th. Bells available from 5. Meeting at 7. Reports ready. Subscriptions due.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, January 17th, 1914. Bells ready at 3. Business meeting 6.30. Subscriptions for this year are now due.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—Northern District.—The annual general meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, January 17th, 1914. The bells at St. Andrew's, Holborn, will be available from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and at St. Sepulchre's from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. Cornford, Honorary Secretary, 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on January 17th, 1914. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea in the Vestry Hall at 5 p.m. to those who inform me by the 15th.—F. Bennett, Secretary, 3, Hart's Lane, New Cross, S.E.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 17th, 1914, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at 8 p.m. All members and friends invited.—F. A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, January 17th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Divine Service 4.30, tea at 5.15, business meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Long Eaton on Saturday, January 17th. Bells ready at two o'clock. Service in Church at 3. Committee meeting at 3.30. Tea (1/- each) at 4.15 in the Co-operative Café. Will those who intend being present for tea kindly notify Mr. N. H. Widdowson, 7, Thorneywood Road, not later than January 15th.—W. E. White, Hon. Secretary.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Wednesday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary.

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NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS.—A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all ringing friends both near and far is the sincere wish of Bertram Prewett, Alderbury, Oxhey Avenue, Watford, 31st December, 1913.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. William John Sevier has removed to 95, Vernon Street, Lincoln.

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LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

INTER-AFFILIATION DISCUSSED.

The members who attended the annual meeting of the Llandaff Diocesan Association at Newport, Mon., on Boxing Day, had the pleasure of having the new ring of ten bells in St. Woolos tower, placed at their service, practically all day, and were much struck with the excellent "go" and tone of the peal. All Saints' bells, too, were made good use of during the day.

At four o'clock a short service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Chas. Bennett) was held in the Church of All Saints', and afterwards the business meeting took place in All Saints' Mission Room, the Vicar presiding.

Mr. Fred Chamberlain, of St. John's, Cardiff, was unanimously elected Master, and the hon. secs. (the Rev. Connop L. Price and Mr. John W. Jones) were re-elected.

It was arranged that the next Glamorgan quarterly meeting be held at Pontypridd, the next Monmouth quarterly meeting be held at Caldicot, and the annual meeting at Llandaff.

The Hon. Secretary then announced the restorations that were proposed or were taking place in the diocese, and grants were made to the following towers: Michaelstone, Caldicot, Usk and Penarth.

The question of inter-affiliation was discussed, and it was decided to request the Central Council at their next annual meeting to discuss and to endeavour to deal with the matter.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Vicar very kindly invited all to tea, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his kindness.—The meeting proved a most successful and enjoyable one.

CHANGE RINGING AND THE PUBLIC.

The idea generally prevails that change ringing has no attraction for the outside public, and that at gatherings not concerned with those interested in campanology displays on handbells are out of place. The recent experience of members of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild, however, goes to prove the contrary, for last week five of them gave two exhibitions of change ringing on handbells at the annual dinner of the technical and commercial staff of Messrs R. and W. Hawthorn, Leslie and Co., engineers and shipbuilders. Mr. B. C. Dixon, a well-known member of the Guild, is one of the drawing office staff of this firm, and it was at his suggestion that this item was included in the programme. The dinner was held in the Prince of Wales room in the County Hotel (which those who were at the Central Council meeting will remember), and the "turns" were much appreciated by the 150 persons present. This is very gratifying, as showing that change ringing can be appreciated by the general public, and there is no doubt that exhibitions of this kind would go a long way to arouse public interest in our art, while if the change ringing could be supplemented by a tune or two, the bells would be even more appreciated at such gatherings.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at St. Thomas'. Ringing commenced at 5.30, and the meeting was subsequently held in the room adjoining, 42 members attending. A satisfactory balance sheet was read.—Mr. H. T. Howell was re-elected chairman, but Mr. R. J. Wilkins would not again undertake the secretaryship. Mr. H. Brownjohn was, therefore, elected to the office, and Mr. C. Gordon was elected on the committee in place of Mr. R. J. Wilkins.—Three honorary and 28 performing members, it was reported, were made during the year.—A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. P. Came, and seconded by Mr. H. Howell, to the retiring secretary.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Emmanuel Church on January 24th.

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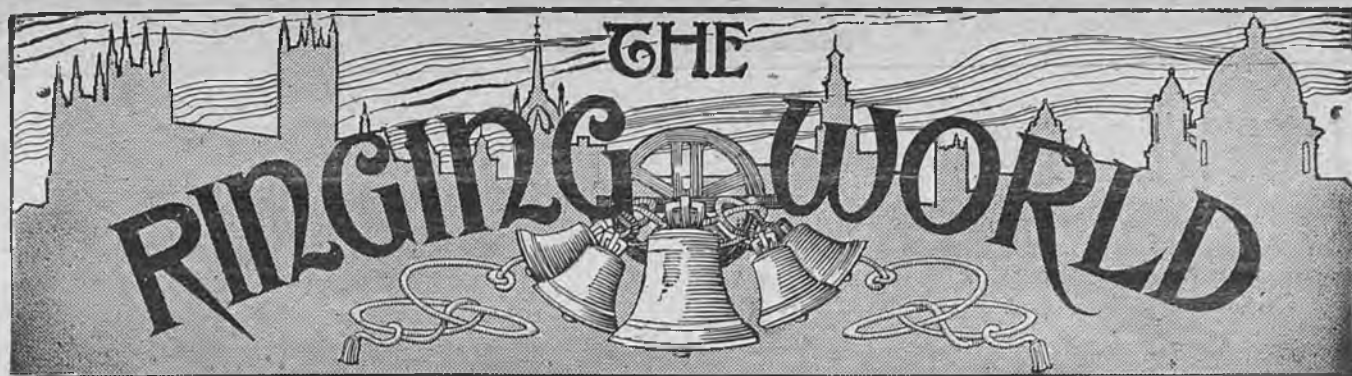
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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

THE RECORDS OF 1913.

As we anticipated, the peals rung in 1913 have surpassed the enormous total reached in 1912, and this leads us to give our readers some details as to what has been achieved. For instance, it is not uninteresting to compare the monthly totals. They are as follows:—

	1912	1913		1912	1913
January ...	180	171	July	136	124
February ...	161	150	August	182	189
March	144	197	September	220	194
April	173	183	October ...	201	207
May	184	245	November	258	261
June	183	131	December	293	300

The December figures may not, even now, be complete, and the total for 1913 may rise still higher. Altogether about 2,350 peals have been, up to now, recorded as rung in 1913, an increase of just over 20 upon the preceding year. It will be noticed that 300 were rung in December—the first time on record we believe that that number has been rung in a single month. What the relative position of the Associations is remains to be seen, when the official analysis appears, but it is fairly safe to say that those Associations which were in the top places in 1912, will again occupy prominent positions, for they have kept up the peal performances with remarkable consistency.

And what applies to the Associations, applies also to the leading ringers and conductors. Several promising men are "coming out," but those who for some years past now have occupied conspicuous positions still continue to hold their own. Among individual performances, of course, that of Mr. Alfred Grimes, stands out pre-eminently, for his 136 peals in twelve months, and 250 in two years, is a world's record. These peals have been rung out of sheer delight for the Art, and although Mr. Grimes has been fortunate in all the circumstances which have enabled him thus to excel the previous best, his enthusiasm is something much to be admired, and his success a matter for hearty congratulation.

Those two well-known ringers, Messrs. W. Pye and Keith Hart, run each other very close for second place, the former having rung 77 peals during the year and the latter 76. Others with over 50 to their credit are Messrs. F. Bennett 71, E. Pye 70, A. H. Pulling 63 (of which 42 have been on handbells), B. Prewett 62, J. E. Davis 57, R. Sanders 55, C. T. Coles 52, W. D. James 51 & I. G. Shade. Mr. K. Hart heads the list of conductors with 61, Mr. A. H. Pulling being next with 59 (41 of these having been on handbells), and Mr. W. Pye next with 53.

Mr. F. Bennett has called 50, and others who have conducted over 20 include Messrs. G. Williams 27, B. Prewett 26, J. Motts 24, W. D. James 24, and C. Glenn 23.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, December 30, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

THOMAS RUSSAM... .. Treble	ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... 7
ALBERT WALKER 2	*WILLIAM PAGE 8
THOMAS H. REEVES 3	SAMUEL GROVE 9
ARTHUR CHAMBERS 4	ALF. PADDON SMITH ... 10
JAMES GEORGE 5	JOHN NEAL... .. 11
PERCY O. LAFLIN 6	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques, and hails from Worcester. The conductor's sixtieth peal of Stedman Cinques. This composition is now rung for the first time.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*GEORGE COOK Treble	*RICHARD KENDALL 6
WILLIAM MESSAM 2	ARTHUR C. OTWAY 7
ALFRED H. WINCH 3	JOHN HOYLE 8
JOHN WHITE 4	ARTHUR DEAN 9
JOHN WYATT 5	EDWARD HULL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

* First peal of Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. C. Otway.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-four Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lbs.

*THOMAS MURRAY Treble	WILLIAM W. SINCLAIR ... 6
ALFRED F. HILLIER 2	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 7
BENJAMIN C. DIXON 3	ERNEST E. FERRY 8
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 4	ROBERT RICHARDS 9
R. ALDER GOFTON 5	*JOHN FOREMAN Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. This peal was rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Miss Emily Matilda Easton, who was buried at Ryton, Co. Durham, the same afternoon. By her kindness of heart and lavished generosity to the Church of England in the Northern Dioceses, she had endeared herself to all classes of the community.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 30, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes.

AT CHARLES' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 23½ cwt., in D.

*THOMAS WESTCOTT Treble	WILLIAM FORD... .. 6
WARREN S. HORNBRIDGE... 2	ERNEST W. MARSH ... 7
†REV. EVERARD S. POWELL 3	REGINALD A. H. DOBSON 8
†WILLIAM HOOPER 4	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT ... 9
WILLIAM D. JAMES 5	FRANCIS PURSE Tenor

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

* First peal. † First peal with bob bell. ‡ First peal on ten bells.

EWERBY.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF SURFLEET TREBLE BOB CATERS. 5001 CHANCES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES ... Treble	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 2	*JOHN T. HOLMES ... 7
WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... 3	*REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 8
GEORGE LADD ... 4	*WILLIAM DICKINSON ... 9
*WALTER H. WOOD ... 5	R. HUGH RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

* First peal in the method. This is the first peal of Treble Bob ever brought round properly at hand.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS. 5057 CHANCES;
Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN GOODMAN, JUNR. ... Treble	WILLIAM GOODMAN ... 6
SAMUEL PEARCE ... 2	REUBEN HALL ... 7
WILLIAM MILLS ... 3	*HORACE HOWELL ... 8
SAMUEL SPITTLE ... 4	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... 9
JOHN GOODMAN, SENR. ... 5	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by the late WM. MICKLEWRIGHT, and
Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUNR.

* First peal of Caters. Rung on the eve of the 60th birthday of Mr. John Goodman, Senr., also as a welcome to the Lord Bishop of Worcester on the occasion of a visit to the Parish Church to address a mass meeting of the C.E.M.S.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, E.C.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK V. MARTIN ... Treble	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 5
THOMAS WALKER ... 2	RICHARD N. RUNHAMS ... 6
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES ... 3	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 7
ARTHUR JONES ... 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUNR. ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung on the eve of St. Thomas' Day.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

†GEORGE E. NAUNTON ... Treble	THOMAS KING ... 5
NORMAN R. BAILEY ... 2	†ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 6
JOHN SPENCER ... 3	WALTER E. AYRES ... 7
*GEORGE E. PADGETT ... 4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal and elected a member before starting. † First peal on eight bells. Thomas King has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... Treble	WILLIAM HAIGH ... 5
*FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 2	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 6
FREDERICK A. HOLDEN ... 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 7
ALFRED H. WINCH ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells. Great credit is due to the ringer of the 2nd as he had had no previous practice in the method.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 16 cwt., in F.

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.	WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... Treble	ARCHIBALD C. KAY ... 5
	ALFRED JOHNSON ... 2	GEORGE JOHNSON ... 6
	FREDERICK G. BURDEN ... 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 7
	CHARLES TRIBE ... 4	ALFRED BLACKMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by C. W. PLAYER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Edgar and F. G. Burden, and as a wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. Frederick A. Holden.

GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

FRANK COLE ... Treble	JESSE GILLET ... 5
JOHN AUSTIN ... 2	JOHN CLARK ... 6
CHARLES H. AUSTIN ... 3	EX-SERGT J. WILLIAMS ... 7
FREDERICK OAKHILL ... 4	GEORGE CONDICK, SENR. ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

SILVERDALE.

THE STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

HOLT'S TEN-PART.	*GEO. DEIGHTON ... Treble	*THOMAS BIRCH ... 5
	†ARNOLD AUSTIN ... 2	WM. FITCHFORD, SENR. ... 6
	HARRY ROBERTS ... 3	CHARLES MORLEY ... 7
	*WM. WRIGHT ... 4	*WM. MYATT ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES MORLEY.

* First peal and first attempt. These ringers only took up change ringing four months ago. † First peal on a bob bell.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs.

PARKER'S TEN-PART, No. 3.	THOMAS SMITH ... Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 5
	JOSEPH J. PRATT ... 2	HENRY H. CHANDLER ... 6
	*J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 3	EDGAR HANCON ... 7
	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 4	WILLIAM HONOR ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH J. PRATT.

* First peal in the method. W. Honor was proposed a member of the above Guild before starting the peal.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 14 cwt., in F.

*LESTER L. GRAY ... Treble	DAVID LEGGETT ... 5
EDWARD JENKINS ... 2	GEORGE ABLITT ... 6
ROBERT H. HAYWARD ... 3	WILLIAM B. REEVE ... 7
GEORGE R. FINCH ... 4	CHARLES E. FISHER ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP, and
Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

* First peal of Major and first attempt.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

MISS KATHLEEN HOLIFIELD	Treble	*G. A. KING	...	5
H. HOLIFIELD	...	G. HOLIFIELD, Senr.	...	6
M. SMITH	...	A. E. LOCK	...	7
F. WEBB, Senr.	...	*W. COX	...	Tenor

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.

*First peal. This is the first peal a lady ringer has taken part in on the Kidlington bells.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

G. PINCOTT	...	Titus BARLOW	...	5
H. ALLRED	...	P. COOK	...	6
J. ALLRED	...	W. PENNINGTON	...	7
H. ALLRED	...	R. ALLRED	...	Tenor

Conducted by R. ALLRED.

Rung as a compliment to Mrs. R. Allred on her 50th birthday.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

GEORGE H. HOWSE	...	ALBERT HARMAN	...	5
EDWARD BRAY	...	ALFRED W. GROVES	...	6
OLIVER SIPPETTS	...	WILLIAM C. HART	...	7
ERNEST GOWER	...	KEITH HART	...	Tenor

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

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary, LEWISHAM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

CHARLES H. WALKER	...	GEORGE HOLIFIELD	...	5
FRANK BENNETT	...	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES	...	6
THOMAS TAYLOR	...	HARRY WARNETT, Senr.	...	7
*GERALD KING	...	GEORGE H. DAYNES	...	Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by H. WARNETT, Senr.

*First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to J. Taylor on his 76th birthday.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALLEN F. BAILEY	...	FREDERICK W. BAILEY	...	5
JAMES M. BAILEY	...	GEORGE WILSON	...	6
*PERCY MAY	...	EDGAR H. BAILEY	...	7
CHARLES F. BAILEY	...	ERNEST S. BAILEY	...	Tenor

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

*First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 29, 1913, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Botolph,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HORACE TOLETT	...	JOHN H. PAICE	...	5
*JOSEPH FARMER	...	HARRY MEETEN	...	6
HARRY EVANS	...	WILLIAM HILLMAN	...	7
ALFRED W. GROVES	...	EDMUND H. LINDUP	...	Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by EDMUND H. LINDUP.

*First peal of Double Norwich.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 30, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE PINCOTT	...	*SAMUEL OAKES	...	5
FRED ABBOTT	...	TITUS BARLOW	...	6
THOMAS WORSLEY	...	JOHN POTTER	...	7
JOHN WELSBY	...	†JAMES DENNER	...	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

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

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

REV. H. E. BULWER'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN WILKINSON	...	HENRY FYLES	...	5
JAMES W. BELL	...	JAMES MARTIN	...	6
JOHN GARDNER	...	JAMES MARSH	...	7
HERBERT H. BARKER	...	WILLIAM GIBBONS	...	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MARSH.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Nicholas, DEPTFORD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 21 cwt.

*SYDNEY ERNEST DAYNES	...	WILLIAM HERBERT DAYNES	...	5
THOMAS HENRY HAWKINS	...	FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON	...	6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Junr.	...	WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES	...	7
GEORGE HENRY DAYNES	...	FREDERICK H. GOOCH	...	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE HENRY DAYNES.

*First peal. Quickest peal on the bells. G. Holifield, Junr., hails from Appleton, Berks.

MIDDLETON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 31, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWES	...	*WILLIAM HARDMAN	...	5
WILLIAM BERRY	...	TOM A. OGDEN	...	6
THOMAS OLDHAM	...	JAMES ARROWSMITH, Senr.	...	7
THOMAS K. DRIVER	...	TOM WELLENS	...	Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

*First peal in any method and rung at first attempt. Rung on the birthday of Miss E. Hardman, sister of the ringer of the 5th. All the ringers belong to the local band.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1913, in Three Hours and Two 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.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs.

WILLIAM OSTLER	Treble	JOHN C. SELF	5
FREDERICK JOE S. SARA ...	2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ...	6
HOBART E. SMITH	3	A. WATSON	7
W. STANLEY CLARK... ..	4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...	Tenor

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE, and
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal. Rung with the bells muffled for the departing year.
Composition No. 6, C.C. Collection.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, December 31, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

JOHN CARTER'S No. 8. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lbs., in D.

BEN CHORLEY	Treble	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ...	5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK ...	2	MAURICE SMITHER ...	6
BERNARD CLARKE	3	ALFRED H. POLLING ...	7
CHARLES HAZELDEN	4	*WILLIAM E. JELLEY ...	Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung with the bells half muffled for the Watch-night Service. This was the conductor's 400th peal.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THE LATE DR. A. B. CARPENTER'S TRANSPOSITION.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT	Treble	ALBERT CALVER	5
JAMES D. DREWETT	2	*FREDERICK TILLEY ...	6
DOUGLAS W. DREWETT ...	3	WILLIAM S. SMITH ...	7
WILLIAM H. JOINER	4	BENJAMIN MORRIS ...	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Stedman with a bob bell.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE... ..	Treble	FRANK BENNETT	5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	2	*MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	6
ALFRED W. GRIMES	3	FRANK I. HAIRS	7
*HAROLD BURTON	4	JAMES E. DAVIS	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of New Cambridge. The author's composition No.

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ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

WESLEY WATSON	Treble	WILLIAM BILLENNESS ...	5
*LEONARD A. PYE	2	ALFRED PYE	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	ERNEST PYE	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method. L. A. Pye, who is 14 years and 10 months old, is the youngest ringer to accomplish a peal in this method.

OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(OLDHAM SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, January 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs.

JOSEPH OGDEN	Treble	LUKE HAMPSON	5
HERBERT BARLOW	2	FRANK CHAPMAN	6
SAMUEL STOTT	3	CHARLES PLATT	7
FRANK TAYLOR	4	HARRY HAMPSON	Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by FRANK CHAPMAN.

Rung on the 30th anniversary of Mr. Luke Hampson's wedding.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, January 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED ROWLEY... ..	Treble	JESSE SCREEN	5
JAMES E. GROVES	2	HARRY S. SMITH	6
HORACE HOWELL	3	THOMAS HUGHES	7
BENJAMIN GOUGH	4	GEORGE WILLIAMS	Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Small, the beloved wife of Mr. William R. Small (who has been connected with the above tower for over 30 years, and has been Hon. Treasurer for the above Guild since its first formation). The deceased lady died on December 26th, and was interred in the family vault at All Saints', West Bromwich, on New Year's Eve.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON-IN-THE-EAST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE	Treble	REUBEN SANDERS	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	ERNEST PYE	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	7
BERTRAM PREWETT	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

LINDOFF'S FIVE-PART.

HARRY PERCIVAL... ..	Treble	WALTER FERN	5
REV. R. P. FARROW	2	PERCY HADFIELD	6
JOSEPH CADLE	3	EPHRAIM W. RANDS ...	7
GEORGE WALKER	4	GERALD GRIFFIN	Tenor

Conducted by EPH. W. RANDS.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GOILD.)

On Saturday, January 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

JOHN CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 16 cwt., in F.	
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... Treble	FREDERICK G. BURDEN ... 5	CHARLES TRIBE ... 6	
GEORGE KENWARD ... 2	CHARLES TRIBE ... 6	GEORGE JOHNSON ... 7	
CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 3	ALFRED BLACKMAN ... Tenor		
ARCHIBALD C. KAY ... 4			

Conducted by CHARLES W. PLAYER.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Charles Tribe.

HELMSHORE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. ENTWISTLE ... Treble	THOMAS P. BRANDWOOD ... 5		
THOMAS WALLWORK ... 2	ROBERT WALLWORK ... 6		
JOHN MCWILTON ... 3	TITUS BARLOW ... 7		
*THOMAS WORSLEY ... 4	JAMES HY. BANKS ... Tenor		

Composed by F. DENCH, and
Conducted by J. H. BANKS.

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

EARLS COLNE.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES FLEUTY ... Treble	WALTER BURST ... 5		
*HARRY ROGERS ... 2	*EDWARD WIFFEN ... 6		
WALTER SADLER ... 3	JAMES FRENCH ... 7		
FRANK CLAYDON ... 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... Tenor		

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. Hunt.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES HUBBARD ... Treble	*HARRY BROUGHTON ... 5		
JOSIAH MORRIS ... 2	GEORGE CLEAL ... 6		
ALFRED BALLARD ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7		
ARTHUR J. BALLARD ... 4	*ALBERT BUTTERWORTH ... Tenor		

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal and proposed members before starting. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Chas. Hubbard, who attained his 70th birthday on New Year's Day.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 0 qr. 14 lbs.

FREDERIC DERBYSHIRE ... Treble	ARTHUR RIDYARD ... 5		
JOSEPH HENRY RIDYARD ... 2	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... 6		
GEORGE WAY ... 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... 7		
JAMES HENRY RIDYARD ... 4	WILLIAM GRUNWELL ... Tenor		

Composed by JOHN O. LANCASHIRE, and
Conducted by JAMES HENRY RIDYARD.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs.

OWEN H. GILES ... Treble	LIONEL H. PAGE ... 5		
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 2	EDWIN J. HARDING ... 6		
CHARLES J. FRAY ... 3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ... 7		
A. F. MARTIN STEWART ... 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... Tenor		

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Martin Stewart.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

*ROBERT HARRIS ... Treble	GEORGE NEWSON ... 5		
†GEORGE HEALEY ... 2	REV. W. W. C. BAKER ... 6		
*THOMAS KENDALL ... 3	ALFRED KING ... 7		
CHARLES WING ... 4	†ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... Tenor		

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and

Conducted by ALFRED KING.

* First peal. † First peal in method. Rung in honour of the birth of a granddaughter to the Rev. W. W. C. Baker and Mrs. Baker.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

PHILIP INNS ... Treble	ROBERT F. TURNER ... 5		
ALFRED KNIGHT ... 2	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 6		
ARTHUR E. PAYNE ... 3	FREDK. W. SAWFOOT ... 7		
CHARLES W. BIRD ... 4	DAVID J. NICHOLS ... Tenor		

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

First peal in the method by all the band (with the exception of J. E. Chapman). First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers are all members of the local company.

WITNEY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lbs.

HERBERT LONG ... Treble	THOMAS BULL ... 5		
CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ... 2	JOHN MONK ... 6		
ERNEST BROWN ... 3	JESSE BROOKS ... 7		
NOBLE SPINDLOW ... 4	GEORGE BROOKS ... Tenor		

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW (KINGSDOWN),

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S. Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE S. RADNEDGE ... Treble	HENRY B. BURT ... 5		
WILLIAM J. PROBERT ... 2	*THOMAS HARRIS ... 6		
*GEORGE H. HILL ... 3	FRED G. MAY ... 7		
FREDK. W. WADE ... 4	ISAAC LONG ... Tenor		

Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

* First peal. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, whose birthday fell on the 4th, and also to record the great pleasure to the ringers of St. Matthew that their Vicar (Rev. F. Glanville) had decided to remain as Vicar of St. Matthew, Kingsdown, after accepting another living in the North of England.

STOKE, COVENTRY.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 3, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT Treble	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 5
JOHN WOODWARD 2	*WILLIAM MAUND 6
WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON 3	FRANK E. PERVIN 7
WILLIAM T. COX 4	*GEORGE WEBSTER Tenor

Conducted by W. H. BRUNSDON.

* First peal in the method. This peal was arranged as a farewell to Mr. W. Maund upon his resignation as a member of the Stoke St. Michael's Society, he having received an appointment at the Church of St. John, Coventry. Also as a welcome to Mr. Woodward, late of Stoke-on-Trent, who has joined the Society.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 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.

FREDERICK CHAPLIN Treble	WILLIAM EAGLING 4
HORACE HAYLETT 2	ALFRED NEWSON 5
SOLOMON MOULE 3	OLIVER BULLMAN Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER BULLMAN.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER BROWN Treble	JAMES ROSE 4
*GEORGE W. MEE 2	WILLIAM KENSEY 5
HARRY J. MEE 3	EDGAR RIVERS Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR RIVERS.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(COTGRAVE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

DAVID BURTON Treble	THOMAS SQUIRES 4
REV. C. J. STURTON 2	RICHARD MANT 5
THOMAS H. KIRKBY 3	WALTER WHITE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

First peal on the bells. The Rev. C. J. Sturton hails from Orston, R. Mant from Waltham, the rest belong to Cotgrave. The first time any of the band have rung two peals in one day.

RUSHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

*BEN. W. 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 in seven months.

SOUTHBROOM, DEVIZES, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

*COMER T. MEAD Treble	GILBERT H. HARDING 4
ARTHUR K. HARRISON 2	†SIDNEY HILLIER 5
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells. The 5th and 6th bells are 301 years old.

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

On Saturday, December 27, 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 Single Court, Fulbeck Bob and Oxford Bob, and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

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

Conducted by CHARLES W. ELSE.

WARRINGTON.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(GRAPPENHALL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure, two of College Single, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

BERTRAM MILLER Treble	*WILLIAM MARTIN 4
*GEORGE BEBBINGTON 2	*HARRY WILSON 5
*JOHN J. ALLENDER 3	†JOHN J. WILSON Tenor

Conducted by J. J. WILSON.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. This is the first peal on the bells by a local band.

HOLBETON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being one 720 of Kent and six of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOSEPH WOODLEY Treble	WALTER H. MARSH 4
WARREN S. HORN BROOK 2	WILLIAM D. JAMES 5
*WILLIAM RICHARDS 3	REV. E. S. POWELL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

* First peal of Minor. The conductor's 50th peal in 1913.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's of Canterbury Pleasure, one of Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob.

TOM SAUNDERS Treble	JAMES FORD 4
*FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUNR. 2	HARRY GOODWIN 5
GEORGE FULLER 3	EDWIN LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

* First peal on an inside bell. The band wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. G. C. Ryley) and also Miss Ryley for their kind hospitality in entertaining them to tea previous to ringing the peal.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14½ cwt., in F sharp.

JOHN BURLS Treble	CORPL. G. GILBERT, R.E. 4
GEORGE A. JONES 2	FREDERICK HAYES 5
GUY R. AMBROSE 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

Corpl. Gilbert was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal. This peal was arranged and rung as a wedding compliment to Lance-Sergt. Fred A. Holden, R.M.L.I., who was married earlier in the day at the Church of S. Mary Magdalene, Gillingham. Tenth peal as conductor.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, London, Burton, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR CATTERMOLE ... Treble	GEORGE KEMP 4
EDWARD YOUNGS 2	WILLIAM CLOVER 5
LEONARD LAST 3	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

WESTHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being six Six-Scores each of Stedman, St. Simon's, April Day, Old Doubles and Plain Bob, and twelve Six-Scores of Grandsire.
Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM MYALL Treble	JAMES WOOLNOUGH ... 3
JOHN COLE 2	JAMES SPALDING 4
JOHN LARTER Tenor	

Conducted by J. LARTER.

First peal on the bells.

DESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Four Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

PEAL OF MINOR, 7200 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each St. Clement's, College Single, Grandsire, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

*LOVELL RICHARDS ... Treble	VICTOR GEARY 4
*WILLIAM SMITH 2	EDWARD GEARY 5
GEORGE H. GEARY 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* Longest peal. Longest peal on the bells. The ringers take this opportunity to thank the Rector for his kind hospitality after the peal, also the steeplekeeper for having everything in readiness beforehand.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Comprising seven 720's each of Canterbury, Newcastle, Lancashire, Stamford, Chester, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 11½ cwt.

FREDERICK PARR ... Treble	GEORGE BURNHAM 4
HARRY GREAVES 2	WILLIAM H. TURTON ... 5
THOMAS A. HOWES SMITH 3	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor

Conducted by C. SEVERN.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of Double Court, 720 of College Single, and five 720's of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

MISS CISSIE PLAYLE ... Treble	EDWARD H. HAWKINS ... 4
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN 2	GEORGE W. PLAYLE 5
ALFRED A. PLAYLE, R.N. 3	ROBERT G. MILES Tenor

Conducted by R. G. MILES.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(COTGRAVE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently.
Tenor 17 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs., in E.

*WILLIAM CLARKE ... Treble	DAVID BURTON 4
WALTER WHITE 2	THOMAS SQUIRES 5
REV. C. J. STURTON 3	RICHARD MOUNT Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. The Rev. C. J. Sturton's 50th peal.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM SMITH Treble	JOHN BASS 4
WILLIAM SHORT 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5
THOMAS J. SALTER 3	JOSEPH PIGOTT Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung after meeting short for Superlative.

MATHON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one 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, Plain Bob, College Single and Oxford Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

CHARLES POWELL ... Treble	DAVID HORNE 4
E. WILLIAM TURNER 2	ANDREW LAYTON 5
CHARLES LAYTON 3	GEORGE GORDON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

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

WITHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 Double Court, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt., in E.

*WALTER H. CHALK ... Treble	*JAMES CHALK 4
†ARTHUR CHALK 2	WILLIAM CHALK, JUNR. ... 5
†CHARLES P. CHALK 3	FRED CHALK Tenor

Conducted by FRED CHALK.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods. ‡ First peal of Minor with a bob bell.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 30, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 18½ cwt.

LEWIS WISEMAN... .. Treble	† BERNARD PETTITT 4
† WILLIAM CLARK 2	* SIDNEY HALE 5
* FRED WISEMAN 3	* WILLIAM RUFFLE Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS WISEMAN.

* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. † First peal of Minor. Lewis Wiseman's first peal as conductor. This is the first peal ever rung in this tower by a local company. S. Hale was elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH H. PARSONS Treble	JOHN BASS 4
WILLIAM SHORT 2	JOSEPH PIGOTT 5
THOMAS J. SALTER 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of College Exercise, and two 720's each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 11½ cwt., in G.

ALBERT E. WOOD Treble	FREDERICK BASHFORD 4
FRANK HAWKINS 2	* EDWARD SNELLING 5
OSCAR GILBEY 3	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal in four methods. The quickest peal on the bells.

WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN OF BEVERLEY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 24 lbs.

HARRY THORPE Treble	WILLIAM G. THORPE 4
REV. C. J. STURTON 2	SIDNEY PROCTOR 5
WALTER WHITE 3	THOMAS SQUIRES Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

This is the first peal on the bells which have recently been recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, the "go" and tone being excellent.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of Woodbine and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lbs., in E flat.

SAMUEL PETTER Treble	* CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 4
FREDERICK A. LICENCE 2	CHARLES HAZELDEN 5
HENRY A. BLACKMAN 3	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal on six bells. The ringers of the treble, 2nd and 3rd belong to the local society, and the 4th, 5th and tenor to Holy Trinity Society, Guildford.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES WAGHORN Treble	ANDREW MARSHALL 4
ALBERT RELFE 2	EDWIN LAMBERT 5
GEORGE FULLER 3	FRANK PATTENDEN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK PATTENDEN.

EASTCHURCH, ISLE OF SHEPPEY.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. WOOD Treble	WILLIAM J. WALKER 4
FREDERICK HOLLANDS 2	THOMAS JULL 5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. E. A. Dennis, one of the local ringers, and Miss Cissie Ellum, organist at the above church, and daughter of Mr. Ellum, the schoolmaster at Eastchurch, which was solemnized on New Year's Day at All Saints' Church.

HANDBELL PEALS.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. J. NAUNTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

GEORGE E. NAUNTON 1	JOHN SPENCER 4
* ALBERT J. NAUNTON 2	* WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN 5
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON 3	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 6

NORMAN R. BAILEY 7-8

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON, and

Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

Umpire: ERNEST W. HALL.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal on handbells by all except the conductor.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON, N.E.,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

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

ALFRED W. GRIMES 9-10

Composed by H. REEVES, and

Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

Umpire, MR. E. E. GRIMES.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal in hand, also by the Association.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT 97, EDENBRIDGE ROAD, BUSH HILL PARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

MISS ELSIE MATTHEWS.

The latest addition to the peal ringing ranks of the ladies is Miss Elsie Matthews, whose first peal rung on handbells, at her home at Southfields, we recorded last week. She is the daughter of Mr. John D. Matthews, late Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and only attained her fourteenth birthday in August last. By ringing 7-8 to a handbell peal of Bob Major she has gained the distinction of being the youngest lady to ring a peal on eight bells.

She commenced ringing about a year ago, when her father purchased a peal of handbells, and without any outside help started to coach his three children, aged respectively 14, 13 and 11. Practice, however, was very limited, and sometimes weeks passed without the opportunity presenting itself. However, about six months ago, the four rang three courses of Bob Major. Some three months



MISS ELSIE MATTHEWS.

since, with the help of Miss Elsie Bennett and Mr. F. Hairs, an attempt was made for a peal with Mr. Matthews and his daughter. This was lost after 25 courses, and another attempt recently was lost after ringing a quarter. Just before Christmas two fathers and two daughters made an attempt, Mr. and Miss Matthews and Mr. and Miss Bennett, but this also unhappily came to grief. On the last Saturday in the year, however, with the assistance of the brothers Shepherd, Miss Matthews reaped the reward of perseverance and scored her first peal. An effort was made to ring two peals in the day. One in the afternoon was lost after nine courses, and then, after tea, the first peal was rung. Another attempt was then made, but came to grief after 1 hr. and 40 mins. good ringing, through no fault of the young lady. We hope soon to see her in a peal in the company with her brothers, who only need a few more good practices to make them really competent.

We are informed that a collection of change ringing literature has been added to the library of the Bishopsgate Institute, including "The Clavis," "Sottenstall," and other works.

ODD CHANGES.

To mark their appreciation of the regular way in which Miss K. Holifield has assisted them in the ringing for Divine service at St. Nicholas' Church, Abingdon, the Abingdon ringers, on Christmas Day, presented her with a gold brooch. The hope was expressed that she would long continue to assist them in the belfry.

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Notice has been issued by the Honorary Secretary of the Central Council (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies) that notices of motion for the annual meeting, to be held at Winchester on Whit-Tuesday, must reach him not later than May 2nd, and that affiliation fees are now due.

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A large clock, chiming Westminster quarters, has just been erected in the Canon Evans' Memorial Tower, Walmersley Church, Lancashire, by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, who have also received instructions for a large clock for Tarleton Church, Lancashire.

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Mr. John W. Steddy, of Edenbridge, will be glad to know if any reader in London and district is aware of the record of any peals rung by his great grandfather, John Steddy, about 1780 to 1820. "My father," adds Mr. Steddy, "has told me that his grandfather used to walk from Ashford, Kent, to London to ring peals, but I could never find any record of peals rung, only those recorded in Ashford tower of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major."

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There are but few ringers who have taken part in as many as 60 peals of Stedman Cinques, but Mr. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, has just reached this total—a record which, even in these days, is something to be proud of. Of these 60 peals he has conducted 24. It is rather remarkable, too, that in St. Martin's tower, where the bulk of the number has been achieved, he has rung each of 13 bells to a peal twice, and called a peal off every one of them. This, of course, has been possible by the recent recasting of the 2nd. Mr. Walker's peals at St. Martin's number 64 altogether, ranging from Triples to Maximus, the first being in 1899.

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A peal of London Surprise, rung by a boy of less than 15 years, is another illustration of the ability which some young folks display in acquiring the Art of ringing. On New Year's Eve Leonard Pye, son of Mr. Alfred Pye, who is one of the four well-known brothers, rang the 2nd at Romford to a peal in this intricate method, and thus became the youngest ringer with a peal of London to his credit. He rang splendidly from beginning to end, and did not make the slightest sign of a trip until the eleventh course. Indeed, his ringing would have done credit to a much older and more experienced hand, and he is proving thus early a worthy member of a great ringing family.

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In view of the fact that the peal rung on handbells by the Cumberland Youths at Clapham on Saturday week was the first handbell peal of Stedman Caters by this old society, it is interesting to recall the fact that the first peal of Stedman ever rung in hand was a peal of Triples by the Cumberlands. This was on December 10th, 1853, and the ringers were John Cox, Thomas Powell, Henry W. Haley, and Thomas Britten. John Cox was the conductor, and the time was 2 hrs. 40 mins.

The bells of Wye Church, Kent, are to be retuned and rehung. The peal of eight (tenor 21 cwt.) are now at Messrs. Warner and Sons' Foundry for the restoration, and the church authorities, with an eye to the future, are having the new steel frame constructed for ten bells, so that two trebles may be added as soon as funds allow.

Mr. A. H. Pulling, of Guildford, has set up another record, by being the first to ring 200 peals on handbells.

Mr. J. Houghton writes to say that there was an error in the footnote to the peal of Superlative rung at Finedon on December 13th. It was not his 60th peal in the method, as he has one more to ring before he reaches the half century.

The first peal in seven methods at Thurmaston, Leicester, was not that reported in our issue of December 19th, but was rung on January 18th last, by members of the M.C.A., conducted by Ernest Morris.

The Rev. H. Law James informs us that the quickest peal on tower bells was one of Stedman Triples, which he conducted, at Quedgeley, on July 18th, 1906. This occupied only 2 hrs. 22 mins. The tenor is a bell of 9 cwt. For the information of a correspondent we may say that the quickest peal on eight handbells occupied 1 hr. 44 mins.

In reference to the Spitalfields Foundry staff peal of Caters at Shoreditch we are asked to say that it was not claimed as the first by a foundry band, but it was believed to be the first by employes of a bell foundry. At the same time the inquiry is made as to whether there had previously been a peal on ten bells by workmen in one employ. Perhaps some of our readers can tell us.

DUDLEY GUILD MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at Blakenhall, Staffordshire, when members attended from the towers of Bilston, Blakenhall, Bradley, Dudley, Sedgley, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton, Wednesbury, Willenhall, West Bromwich, etc. The Guild service was conducted in church by the Vicar (the Rev. W. T. Milligan), who gave a very interesting address from the words of St. Paul: "I magnify my office." At the commencement of his address, the reverend gentleman said how pleased he was to again welcome the members of the Guild at Blakenhall, and stated that it would be the last time that he would have the pleasure of welcoming them there as Vicar, as he was shortly leaving to take up the Vicariate of Tong. He expressed his sorrow that the members were not able to ring the beautiful peal of bells during the afternoon and evening owing to serious illness opposite the church, which was, no doubt, a great disappointment to all present.

After service, an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where a bountiful "knife and fork" tea awaited the visitors, kindly provided by the Vicar and his ringers. Afterwards the business meeting was held, at which the Vicar presided, supported by the ringing master (Mr. S. Spittle). Several new members, including one life member, were added to the roll, and Dudley was the place selected for the annual meeting. Several peals were arranged to be attempted during the next quarter.—At the close of the meeting a vote of thanks, proposed by the Master, and seconded by the Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. Sheppard), was unanimously passed to the Vicar for conducting the service in church and presiding at the meeting; to the donors of the tea; to the organist for assisting to make the service bright; to the ladies who prepared the tea and so kindly served it, and to Messrs. A. Fallon and D. Jones for making the necessary arrangements for a very happy meeting.

The Vicar, on behalf of all included in the vote, suitably responded.

The best wishes of the meeting were offered to the Vicar for success in his new sphere of labour, and a hope expressed that God would bless his labours and grant unto him peace and happiness to the end of his days.

After the business of the meeting was concluded, the company were delightfully entertained by the handbell ringers from St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, under the conductorship of Mr. Herbert Knight. It was a very happy thought of Mr. Knight to bring his band and so fill up a gap caused by not being able to ring the tower bells. Their performance was a surprise and a great treat.—At the

close of their programme, the Master proposed, and Mr. D. Jones seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to them, and this, it goes without saying, was unanimously accorded.

POET LAUREATE AND THE BELLS.

The following poem written by the new Poet Laureate and sent to the King, was published in "The Times" at His Majesty's special request:—

CHRISTMAS EVE.

pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
(Peace of good will to men.)

A Frosty Christmas-eve / when the stars were shining
Faced I forth alone / where westward falls the hill
And from many a village / in the water'd valley
Distant music reached me / peals of bells a-ringing:
The constellated sounds / ran sprinkling on earth's floor
As the dark vault above / with stars was spangled o'er.

Then sped my thought to keep / that first Christmas of all
When the shepherds watching / by their folds ere the dawn
Heard music in the fields / and marvelling could not tell
Whether it were angels / or the bright stars singing.

Now blessed by the towers / that crown England so fair
That stand up strong in prayer / unto God for our souls:
Blessed be their founders / (said I) and our country-folk
Who are ringing for Christ / in the belfries to-night
With arms lifted to clutch / the rattling ropes that race
Into the dark above / and the mad rousing din.

But to me heard afar / it was heav'nly music
Angels' song comforting / as the comfort of Christ
When He spake tenderly / to His sorrowful flock:
The old words came to me / by the riches of time
Mellow'd and transfigured / as I stood on the hill
Hark'ning in the aspect / of the eternal silence.

ROBERT BRIDGES.

REAL PROGRESS.

A YEAR'S ACHIEVEMENT AT HAWKHURST.

At the commencement of 1913 no one would have thought of prophesying that method ringing would become firmly established in Hawkhurst (Kent) where "stone" held almost undisputed sway, but happily the band now tap out Grandsire Triples very nicely. About twelve months ago there was a split in the camp, but it was the best thing that could have happened. Some wanted to start change ringing, and others supported the call changes, but ultimately the followers of the latter left the company. Then came a struggle, but after a few months' practice, Grandsire Doubles were mastered. It was, however, in the last half of the year that the real improvement set in. One or two change ringers happened to take up residence in the vicinity, and Grandsire Triples was attempted and rung successfully. Long touches were hardly advisable owing to the bad going of the tenor, but this matter was aired in the columns of the local Press, and the result was that the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Walbrand-Evans) gave instructions for the bell to be thoroughly overhauled. This has been done by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and, as the remaining seven require a little attention, it is expected that this firm will be entrusted with this work also. After the tenor had been renovated, the ringers were determined to try a quarter-peal of Grandsire, which they accomplished on New Year's Eve, in 46 minutes, those taking part being: Messrs. A. Stevenson, F. Chapman, junr., J. Blake, J. H. Durrant, O. Waghorn, A. Wellard, G. Billenness (conductor), and F. Chapman, senr. Other members of the band are: Messrs. T. Ashenden, G. W. Kemp and G. Maskell, who, like the rest, are doing well in method ringing.

A PRESENTATION.

The company held their annual meeting on New Year's Day.—The Vicar presided, and Mr. F. Chapman, senr., was re-elected captain. A new office was created by the election of Mr. T. Ashenden as secretary. The most welcome part of the proceedings was that the company unanimously resolved to join the Kent Association, and they hope to ring a peal very shortly for that organisation.

In the evening the ringers gathered round the festive board at the "Eight Bells," where the annual dinner was held under the chairmanship of the Vicar.—Toast and song were the order, after the inner man had been satisfied.

The loyal toast was first honoured, followed by "Ministers of all Denominations," "Army, Navy and Auxiliary Forces," "Agriculture and Trade of Hawkhurst," "Chairman," "Host and Hostess."

But the most important toast was "Success to the Bell Ringers," proposed by the Chairman, who complimented the ringers on their achievements. He coupled the name of the captain (Mr. F. Chapman, senr.), and concluded by presenting Mr. G. Billenness with a brief bag, from the ringers, to mark their appreciation of his services in the tower.—Both gentlemen suitably replied.

The happy evening concluded at midnight by singing "God save the King" and "Auld Lang Syne."

Chelmsford Cathedral Tenor Bell.



The new ring of 12 bells (Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs.) for Chelmsford Cathedral was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans on Saturday, September 27th, 1913.

MESSRS. JOHN WARNER & SONS, Ltd., of the
Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London, have in hand
the restoration of the following ring of 12 bells:

YORK MINSTER (Tenor 50½ cwt.)

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The January meeting of the Sheffield District Society was held on Saturday last at Eckington, and proved very successful. Upwards of 25 ringers were present from Barlborough, Beighton, Doncaster, Eckington, North Wingfield, Ranmoor, Rotherham, Staveley and Worksop. The bells, which have just been retuned and rehung by Messrs. Warner and Sons, were kept going with short intervals during afternoon and evening, the methods rung including Collego Single Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major.

A short business meeting was held in the Schools at 6 p.m., presided over by the Rector (the Rev. W. R. Hewson, R.D.), who is an hon. member of the society.

The Secretary reminded those present that, at the request of members at the annual meeting at Ranmoor in May, he had issued an appeal for subscriptions towards the cost of the restoration of the Eckington bells. The result, while the responses were not so numerous as one might have expected, was, he thought, very creditable to those who had subscribed, donations having been received from: Killamash, 2ls.; Bolsover, 13s. 6d.; Doncaster, 10s.; Ranmoor, 10s.; Barnsley, 7s. 6d.; Beighton, 7s.; Eckington, 7s.; Staveley, 6s. 8d.; Norton, 6s.; and Worksop, 6s. In all it gave him great pleasure to hand over the sum of £4 15s. 6d.

The Rector, in responding, expressed the pleasure that it gave him to meet the members of the society, and to accept their handsome donation towards the restoration of the tower bells, which, he assured them, was very acceptable, and did much credit to the society. He should always be pleased to welcome ringers to Eckington, and especially members of the society, whom he considered now had a prior claim on the bells, and he hoped that many members would come over and give a helping hand to the local company as often as possible, especially for Sunday ringing. He believed that a peal had not yet been scored, but hoped that one would soon be accomplished, and he should always be pleased to grant facilities for peal attempts on a Saturday with reasonable notice. He thought that their own company were mostly young and enthusiastic, and he hoped that they would make good progress in the Art. He mentioned that he had had a pew in the church specially reserved for them, and he earnestly hoped that they and all other ringers would make a point of attending the services to which they called others.

He then gave an interesting resume of the work which had been done both on the tower and bells, and of the difficulties which they had met with and overcome. After again thanking the society for their donation, he invited any of those present to express their opinions as practical ringers upon the work which had been done on the bells.

Mr. G. Halksworth, president (Doncaster), in reply, remarked that he had examined the bells and fittings with interest, and in a word, he considered that they had got their money's worth. The bells were now a very musical peal, and the "go" was excellent, while the fittings were all that could be desired, and in his opinion the steel framework would not have the least injurious effect on the tower itself. He hoped that many peals would be scored on the bells, and that the local company would make good use of the peal, and would attend as many meetings of the society as possible, where they would be sure of a helping hand. He concluded by proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding at the meeting, and for granting the use of the bells, and to the local company for making all arrangements.—This was seconded by Mr. J. P. Tarlton (North Wingfield), and was carried with acclamation.—The election of two new members concluded the business.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Billingshurst on Saturday week, but only a small number of ringers were present. The methods practised were Grandsire, Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob Major. Tea was held at the King's Arms Hotel, and in the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. J. Stanley), Mr. F. B. Tompkins (Master of the Association) presided. Members were present from Arundel, Pulborough, Slinfold, Shipley, two local independent members, Mr. Penfold, of Pevensey, and the divisional secretary (Mr. H. Evans).—After the tea, the usual business was transacted.—Mr. W. H. H. Lambert was elected a member to the Chichester branch, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells. The tower was then again visited.

INTER-AFFILIATION.

To the Editor.

Sir.—It is pleasant to read the able letter of Mr. Parsons re the above, in a recent issue, the more so as he thinks the subject ripe for action. I am rather afraid, though, that he sees mountains, but in that event he should remember what the Yankee said: "There is always a way round." My sole idea is to have the feeling whosoever I be (without having to become a member) that I am one already and as such welcome. This can only be attained by a properly worked scheme of inter-affiliation, which, of course, at the outset would entail a considerable amount of work. We must remember at present it is only the privileged who can attain to membership of many societies, but if a scheme, such as proposed, comes into being, I would go so far as to

prophesy that ten out of every twenty ringers would gladly pay the extra 6d., if only to say they belong to such a Catholic institution. In regard to peals also, these would at all times be considered as those of the society in whose jurisdiction they were rung, unless the majority of those present wished otherwise. Every ringer would have to belong to some properly acknowledged ringers' society, and such society would have to be affiliated before the member could get an inter-affiliation card.—Truly yours,

Newport, Mon.

FREDK. ATWELL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday week the annual meeting of the Stroud and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Painswick, when thirty-three members from the different towers attended. As a last mark of respect to Mr. George Wright, who was one of Mr. Wm. Estcourt's famous band of Painswick Youths, deeply muffled touches were rung, the first touch of Grandsire Triples being rung by the Painswick Youths. By the kind invitation of the Vicar, all were entertained to tea at the Temperance Hotel.

A business meeting followed, at which the Vicar presided. The Hon. Secretary gave a report of the working of the branch for 1913. Twelve meetings had been held at the different towers, with an average attendance of 24. Fifteen new members had been elected, making a total of 79 performing and four honorary members. The accounts for the year were examined and passed as most satisfactory.—All the retiring officers and committee were re-elected. Mr. Albert Wright was heartily thanked for conducting all the peals rung by the branch during the year, and regret was expressed that owing to the death of his father he could not be present.—Five new members were elected, and Leonard Stanley was selected for the quarterly meeting in March.—The Vicar was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his kindness and hospitality.—A service was then held in the church, at which the Vicar gave an appropriate address. The tower was again visited, and open touches rung on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells.

SURFLEET TREBLE BOB CATERS.

BY THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

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34652	7	56243
25643	3 5 8	64532
62543	7	64325
34526	3 5 8	36425
53426	7	43625
62435	3 5 8	43256
46235	7	24356
53264	3 5 8	32456
25364	7	42563
56342	SI 6	54263
64523	1 6	25463
42635	1 6	56234
42356	1 6 7	63542
34256	7	34625
23456	7	34256
35264	1 6	23456
Then call 3, 5, 9, and the		
bells come round three		
rows before the ninth		
lead end.		
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First rung at Ewerby, Lincs, on January 3rd, 1914.

DEVON RINGERS' HOLIDAY EXCURSION.

Boxing Day demonstrated that ringers' powers of enjoyment do not depend solely on results, as a more disappointing and at the same time a more delightful day could scarcely be imagined. Eleven Plymouth change ringers proceeded to Ashburton, where, with the assistance of the Rev. E. S. Powell, of Holbeton, a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted. All went well for two hours, and then a serious trip brought ringing to a premature end. Bob Major at Berry Pomeroy was on the programme, but the Great Western Railway were also having a holiday, and the second peal accordingly had to be abandoned. A walk of three miles brought the party to Buckfastleigh, where, with the permission of the Vicar, the lively little ring of six were set going to Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Afterwards, the ringers were fortunate enough to find a train that brought them to Tolnes in good time for an excellent tea, and then, by the kindness of Mr. E. Manley, they were enabled to enjoy a ring on the grand peal of eight, probably the finest in the county. Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob were tapped in splendid style, and the bells dropped in a manner that evoked favourable comment from the local men, who, like most Devonians, are experts at raising and falling, but unfortunately rather despise half-pull ringing. Songs and handbells relieved the monotony of the railway journeys, and Plymouth was reached after one of the pleasantest trips in the annals of Plymouth ringers.

250 PEALS IN TWO YEARS.

MR. A. W. GRIMES' REMARKABLE PERFORMANCE.
A WORLD'S RECORD.

When, in 1912, Mr. Alfred W. Grimes rang 114 peals in the year, it was looked upon as an extraordinary performance, but in 1913 he has achieved an even more remarkable record, for between January 1st and December 31st he rang no fewer than 136 peals, which easily constitutes a world's record for one man. In the two years he has thus been in exactly 250 successful attempts, and nothing approaching this has ever been previously accomplished.

It is true that Mr. Grimes is exceptionally well placed for indulging in his hobby, for at the present time there are facilities for ringing in and around London, which have at no time been excelled. But even London would not have provided him with all the opportunities which would have been necessary for this great record, and we find that the peals in 1913 were rung in no fewer than 11 counties, viz., Middlesex, Suffolk, Surrey, Kent, Cambridge, Huntingdon, Cornwall, Devonshire, Sussex, Hertford and Essex. The performances were, moreover, spread over 71 different towers, and the peals were called by 22 different conductors, of whom Mr. William Pye was the chief, he having conducted 47 of them. The societies under whose auspices the peals were rung were the Middlesex, the College Youths, the London County, Norwich, Kent, Surrey, Essex, Hertford, Ely, Sussex, Devonshire, and the St. Margaret's, Westminster.

The handbell peals, which numbered 24, included the record (6,063) of Stedman Cinques "in hand," the first peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells in Cambridgeshire, the first peals of Kent Treble Bob Royal and Major for the Kent County Association (both of which Mr. Grimes conducted), and an "all conducted" peal of Bob Major. The most noteworthy performances on tower bells included the first peals of Cambridge, Bristol and London in Cornwall, the first peal of London in Devon, the first peal of Cambridge Maximus in Cambridgeshire, the first peal of Bristol in the City of London, the first peal of Cambridge Royal in Essex, and the first peal of Brighton Surprise ever rung—



MR. A. W. GRIMES, who has beaten all Records.

truly astonishing record for one twelvemonth, that almost takes one's breath away. Further, it is not uninteresting to add that during the year, Mr. Grimes rang two peals in a day on nine occasions. He also took part in 25 unsuccessful attempts.

It will probably be a long time before Mr. Grimes' performance is beaten, and all we can say is that the man that does it will have a very busy time.

Appended are Mr. Grimes' peals for 1913, and the preceding year:—

	1913				1912			
	Tower	Cond.	Hand	Cond.	Tower	Cond.	Hand	Cond.
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	2							
Cambridge Surprise Royal	5				3			
Cambridge Surprise Major	16	1			12			
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1				1			
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1				4			
Kent Treble Bob Royal	5	2	1	1			1	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	6	3	1	1	1	1	1	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major	3	1			2			
Stedman Cinques	5				4		2	
Stedman Caters	9				8		8	
Stedman Triples	3				11		4	
London Surprise Major	8				1			
Bristol Surprise Major	16				18			
Superlative Surprise Major	12				6	1		
Brighton Surprise Major	1							
Norfolk Surprise Major	1				4			
Waterloo Major					1			
Double Norwich Major	14	2			11	1		
Duffield Major	1							
Bob Maximus								1
Bob Royal							4	2
Bob Major	2	1	2				2	
Grandsire Caters							2	
Grandsire Triples			2		1		1	
Minor in three Methods	1							
	112	10	24	2	88	3	26	3
Total 1913	136							
Total 1912	114							

Grand Total... 250

The previous record was made in 1889 by Mr. J. W. Washbrook, who in that year, at the height of his ringing career, rang 127 peals, including four records, viz., 10,080 of Double Norwich, 12,041 Stedman Caters, 13,265 Grandsire Caters and 15,041 Stedman Caters, the last-named being rung on December 31st. It was in the same year also, that Mr. Washbrook accomplished that remarkable performance of conducting his four-part peal of Stedman Triples, which was composed without being figured out. It was rung at Broughing, Hertis, and the figures were taken off outside by Mr. N. J. Pitsoy.

THE NEW BELLS OF ST. WOOLOS. DEDICATION AT ANCIENT WELSH CHURCH.

There was a large congregation at St. Woolos Church, Newport, on Monday afternoon, Dec. 22nd, on the occasion of the dedication by the Lord Bishop of Llandaff of the new ring of ten bells at this remarkable edifice, which dates back to the sixth century. The old eight bells have been recast at a cost of £400, borne by an anonymous donor, and two members of the congregation have generously given one bell each so as to complete a ring of ten. The new bells and the recasting of the old ones is part of the general scheme of restoration which the Vicar (the Rev. D. H. Griffiths) and churchwardens (Mr. J. E. Davies and Mr. F. W. Raikes) have, with a committee, taken in hand, and which is estimated to cost about £5,000.

The dedication service was very impressive, and at the conclusion of the dedicatory prayers the bells were rung in rounds for a few minutes.

In the course of his address, the Bishop alluded to the fact that some of the eight older bells had been in St. Woolos for at least 200 years, and had probably been recast from the metal of still older bells.

After the service, the bells were immediately rung as the congregation dispersed, and were kept going until 5.30. An adjournment was then made for tea, which was in readiness at the Mission Room.

Several speeches were made, and everyone expressed himself as delighted with the fine peal which St. Woolos now possesses. Undoubtedly it is one of the finest rings of bells in the country. The tenor weighs 21 cwt. 2 qrs. 20 lbs. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and has been admirably carried out, everyone being delighted with the great improvement effected on the old peal and the excellence of the tone and "go." Ringing was kept up until 9.30, and afterwards a pleasant hour was spent. Ringers attended the proceedings from various places, including London, Loughborough, Lydney, Swindon, Cardiff and Caerleon.

"LITTLE BOB'S" INQUIRY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—If we are not to take "Little Bob's" letter as a huge joke, that is, if he is as anxious to learn something as he professes to be, I would advise him to get "Snowdon's Treatise on Treble Bob, Part I." He will learn many a thing worth knowing, and he will have at hand an hour's entertainment whenever he likes. OWD BOB.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The second annual meeting of the Biggleswade Branch was held at Biggleswade on Saturday, when 15 members attended from Sandy, Potton, Old Warden and Clifton, and visitors from Hitchin. The business meeting was held in the tower, the chair being taken by Mr. Blood (late secretary).—The Hon. Secretary read his report, which showed fair progress. Four peals have been rung in the district, and the monthly and quarterly meetings fairly well attended.

The report, which was adopted, was considered satisfactory, and the following officers were elected to serve for another year: President, the Rev. S. R. Bagshaw (Biggleswade); hon. secretary and treasurer, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake (Sandy); committee, Messrs. A. O. Bailey (Potton), J. Tott (Evertou), W. J. Mayes (Old Warden), C. A. Pratt (Clifton), H. Rowlett (Biggleswade). The next monthly meeting is to be held at Sandy on the first Saturday in February.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. R. S. Bagshaw) for the use of the tower and bells was carried unanimously, and a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding concluded the meeting.

Ringling was indulged in before and after the meeting in various Minor, Triples and Major Methods, including Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Little Bob Major, and all enjoyed the privilege of using this lovely peal of bells.

BEDFORD DISTRICT.

A bright and enthusiastic meeting of the Bedford District of this Association was held at Wootton. A variety of methods were rung, ranging from Bob Doubles to Surprise Minor methods. On the suggestion of the hon. sec. (Mr. J. W. Barker) it was decided to send a letter of congratulation to Mr. Stapleton for successfully conducting the first peal of Surprise Minor in the county. It may be noted that the chief supporters of that resolution are members of a band who were endeavouring to obtain the coveted honours for themselves.

DEATH OF A LIVERPOOL RINGER.

Mr. Henry Coley, of Liverpool, whose death we regret to announce, passed to his rest on the last day of the old year in the 52nd year of his age, after having been in feeble health for some time. He was a member of the St. Nicholas' Parish Church company for about 14 years, although he practically ceased to take an active part in ringing when the Sunday ringing was stopped in 1894. He rang his first peal, one of Grandsire Caters, at St. Nicholas', in 1882, and had taken part in twenty or thirty peals of Triples, Major, Caters and Royal in the standard methods, most of which were rung at the city churches in Liverpool. He, however, took part in the first peals of Bob Major and Stedman Triples at Ormskirk, Stedman Triples at Liscard and Treble Bob Major at Peel, Isle of Man, in 1888; and the first of Bob Major at Bromborough, and of Stedman Triples at Wootton, in 1889, and was always a safe and steady ringer.

The interment took place at Smithdown Road Cemetery on Saturday last in the presence of a large number of ringers and friends. The service was conducted by the Rev. P. Latimer Davies, and the lesson was read by Mr. F. W. Moore, an old ringing friend of the deceased. As a last tribute of respect to their departed friend, a quarter-peal (1278 changes) of Grandsire Caters was rung with the bells muffled at St. Nicholas' Church by the local company: T. Jennion 1, T. Hammond, junr., 2, G. R. Newton (conductor) 3, G. Woodhall 4, W. Booth 5, E. Caunce 6, G. Fisher 7, E. Breese 8, W. Davies 9, J. Owen 10.

DEATH AFTER COLLAPSE IN THE TOWER.

We regret to record the death of Mr. G. W. Coombs, a member of the St. Paul's, Hammersmith, Guild, which took place after a short illness. The deceased was 44 years of age.

A peal was in progress on December 10th, when the pulley block of the treble came unfastened. Mr. Coombs was in the street below, and hearing the bells stop, hastened up to the tower to ascertain the cause. When passing the ringing-room he was informed that it was being attended to by Mr. Skevington, the captain, but Mr. Coombs proceeded further, and when near the bells called for assistance. Several members went to his help, and he was found to be in a state of collapse. A doctor was summoned, and it was thought at first that Mr. Coombs had struck his head. He was conveyed home in a cab, and appeared to be progressing until the 14th December, when he had a relapse, and death resulted from hemorrhage of the brain on December 18th.

He had been a member and steeplekeeper of the St. Paul's Guild for about eight years, and was a member of the London County Association. He had taken part in 13 peals, ten on the tenor and three on the treble, the methods including Grandsire, Bob Major and Oxford Bob Triples. He will be greatly missed by his brother ringers. He leaves a widow and daughter, and much sympathy is felt for them in the loss they have sustained.

The funeral took place at Hammersmith Cemetery, and a wreath was sent by the members of the Guild in the shape of a frame with a white bell hanging in the centre.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

HURSLEY, HANTS.—On November 9th, for Confirmation service, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: A. Warren 1, O. H. Giles 2, A. Marks 3, J. A. Pannell 4, R. G. Hunt 5, W. T. Tucker (conductor) 6.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On October 31st, 720 Grandsire Doubles: F. Hutchinson 1, O. H. Giles 2, W. T. Tucker 3, C. Ayliff 4, G. Grant 5.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, November 9th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: R. Davies 1, F. Burnett (conductor) 2, C. Groves 3, M. Ellimore 4, H. Stabington 5, H. Ingram 6, E. King 7, A. T. King 8.

HULL, YORKS.—On November 4th, at All Saints' Church, for choral evensong, a quarter-peal of Minor, with the tenor covering: J. Hedges 1, C. Jackson 2, E. Cutsforth 3, D. Meadley (conductor) 4, A. B. Cook 5, T. Whitfield 6, T. Harrison 8.—On Nov. 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Hedges 1, H. Jenkins 2, C. Jackson (composer and conductor) 3, E. Cutsforth 4, D. Meadley 5, A. B. Cook 6, T. Whitfield 7, T. Harrison 8.—At Holy Trinity Parish Church, on Nov. 10th, for the election of the Mayor and Sheriff, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 50 mins.: F. Dale 1, T. Stockdale 2, C. Jackson (composer and conductor) 3, G. F. Williams 4, F. Morrison 5, J. Highfield 6, T. Morton 7, G. T. Miller 8, D. W. Brown 9, J. Chamberlain 10; and a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), and touches of Stedman.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 6th, 1456 Bob Major, in 55 mins.: G. Packham 1, A. Absalom 2, G. Walder 3, F. Stoner 4, T. Garson 5, G. Lewry 6, W. Vincent 7, W. Walder (conductor) 8. Longest lengths of Major by the local branch, and also by all the band.

STARSTON, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 4th, in 23 mins., 720 Oxford Treble Bob: E. Whiting (conductor) 1, H. Piercy 2, G. Gower 3, Rev. E. C. Hopper 4, T. Reeve 5, E. Lubbock 6.

LENTON, NOTTS.—For evening service, at Holy Trinity, on Nov. 23rd, 630 Grandsire Triples: F. Holchouse 1, W. Wagstaff 2, C. Mott 3, L. Chadburn 4, E. Blagden 5, J. Tuke 6, S. Wesley (conductor) 7, R. Hill 8.—On Nov. 27th, in honour of the wedding of R. Hill, a member of the company, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Holchouse 1, W. Wagstaff 2, S. Wesley (conductor) 3, C. Mott 4, E. Blagden 5, J. Tuke (first quarter with bob bell) 6, L. Chadburn 7, F. Bradley (first quarter) 8.

LINCOLN.—At St. Peter at-Arches Church, on Nov. 23rd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: *J. H. Bellamy 1, *Cook Wells 2, George Fliatham 3, F. Burden (London) 4, George Chester 5, Ernest Vickers 6, J. A. Freeman (conductor) 7, J. W. Mussen 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.—At St. Iltyd's Church, on Nov. 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: *N. Evans 1, D. R. James 2, R. Gregory 3, R. Evans 4, W. Smith 5, *R. Bunstons 6, J. Cox (conductor) 7, *T. James 8. * First quarter-peal of Stedman.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—On Nov. 25th, at St. Nicholas' Church, 1080 Bob Royal: F. Pestell 1, G. W. Harwood 2, G. Clayton 3, O. Harding 4, G. Orford 5, R. Christian 6, H. Wright 7, D. Hayward (conductor) 8, W. Lee 9, G. H. Hammonds 10.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On Nov. 30th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bristol Surprise Major (1280 changes): H. Little 1, G. Jordan 2, T. Jordan 3, F. M. Butler 4, W. Prior 5, T. J. Watts 6, W. T. Prior 7, W. Watts (conductor) 8.

CIRENCESTER.—On Thursday, Nov. 13th, at Holy Trinity, Watermoor, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original: W. Curtis 1, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 2, W. G. Cook 3, H. C. Bond 4, G. Capewell 5, A. Painter 6, J. J. Jefferies 7, W. J. Carter 8. The peal was arranged to celebrate the 21st birthday of W. J. Carter, and also to celebrate the birth of a son to the conductor.—On Nov. 27th, for the Confirmation service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Curtis 1, H. Lewis 2, J. C. Eden 3, S. Hicks 4, F. J. Lewis 5, H. T. Gardner 6, H. C. Bond (conductor) 7, W. J. Finch 8.—On December 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Curtis 1, F. W. Bond 2, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 3, S. Hicks 4, H. C. Bond 5, G. Capewell 6, W. J. Carter 7, W. J. Finch 8. The above are the longest lengths inside by A. Painter, S. Hicks and W. J. Carter.

OLDHAM.—On Nov. 29th, at St. Mary's Church, for the Men's Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 48 mins.: F. Wild 1, H. Hampson 2, J. Ogden 3, J. Schofield 4, E. B. Shaw 5, S. Stott (conductor) 6, C. Marsland 7, H. Fielding 8, S. M. Butterworth 9, H. Barlow 10.

CHIPPING, LANCs.—On Dec. 11th, 720 Bob Minor: R. Kenyon 1, F. Timbrell 2, J. T. Kenyon 3, J. Seed 4, E. Timbrell (conductor) 5, W. T. H. Timbrell 6. Rung on the occasion of a visit to the parish of Queen Alexandra and Princess Victoria.

GREAT WALTHAM.—On Dec. 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: G. Usher 1, J. Tarbun 2, E. W. Davis 3, W. Rowland (conductor) 4, W. Wellington 5, A. Tarbun, junr., 6, G. W. Piper 7, C. Matthews 8.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 30th, 1260 of Grandsire Triples, for men's service, and as a birthday compliment to the conductor: J. Millman (first quarter) 1, W. H. Newell 2, F. Walker 3, H. Golding (composer and conductor) 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, W. Floyd 7, W. Clunge 8. Also for morning service, 596 Grandsire Triples, and for evening service, 518 in the same method.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Dec. 14th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 48 mins.: C. Faulks 1, H. Faulks 2, W. Peart 3, S. Spittle 4, J. Mills 5, H. Sheppard 6, A. Mills 7, J. Goodman, senr. (conductor) 8, J. Goodman, junr., 9, W. Monk 10. Arranged for Messrs. A. Mills and W. Peart, who hail from West Bromwich, All Saints' and it is their longest length on ten bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday morning, Oct. 12th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: R. Kilby 1, G. M. Kilby 2, G. Chalkley 3, W. G. Matthews 4, H. Kilby (conductor) 5, T. Langdon 6.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 12th, 720 of College Single (34 Bobs and 26 Singles): A. French 1, F. Sear 2, R. Kilby 3, T. Langdon (conductor) 4, G. M. Kilby 5, H. Kilby 6.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 14th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes): Alf. Macra 1, P. A. Poulson 2, C. Carter 3, E. Hunt 4, G. Flatt 5, W. Everett 6, T. Fitzjohn (conductor) 7, F. A. Salter 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect after the funeral of the Mayor of Thetford.

KIDLINGTON.—Oxford Guild.—On Oct. 18th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, a course of Kent Treble Bob Major, the first by all except the ringer of the 6th: F. Webb 1, Miss K. Holifield 2, G. E. Stone 3, A. E. Lock 4, H. Holifield 5, G. Holifield, senr., 6, G. Holifield 7, W. Judge 8.

BLACKPOOL.—At the Church of the Sacred Heart, R.C., a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1344 changes): C. Challoner 1, J. Bolton 2, T. Conway 3, O. Eastham 4, C. Rhodes 5, Joe Ridyard (conductor) 6, P. Whiteside 7, J. Atkinson 8. This is the first quarter-peal of Major rung on the bells in any method, and the first quarter-peal in the method by all the ringers except the conductor.

ERDINGTON.—On Oct. 19th, at the Abbey (R.C.), for morning service, 420 Stedman Triples: E. Stringer, junr., 1, G. Parsons 2, W. Stringer 3, J. Seaborne 4, E. Stringer 5, B. Witchell 6, T. J. Salter (conductor) 7, Bro. Wolston 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by the same band, conducted by B. Witchell.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Giles' Church, on Oct. 19th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise: S. J. Millward 1, W. Rogers 2, T. Tebbutt 3, A. P. Hensman 4, H. Rainbow 5, J. Hensman 6, Fred Wilford 7, W. Farey (conductor) 8.—For evening service, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Blundel 1, A. P. Hensman (conductor) 2, E. Harriss 3, J. Dean 4, H. Rainbow 5, T. Tebbutt 6, J. Hensman 7, J. White 8. This latter touch was rung as a birthday compliment to Joseph Dean.

BOLTON.—On Sunday, Oct. 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: P. Ince 1, T. Bleakley 2, G. Pincoff 3, J. Nuttall 4, P. Nuttall 5, P. Crook (conductor) 6, W. Pinnington 7, John Stubbs (first quarter-peal) 8. Rung on the occasion of the baptism of the son of the conductor.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On Oct. 19th, for evening service, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Woodward 1, G. Bloor 2, S. Churton (conductor) 3, J. Woodward 4, J. Simister 5, E. Gandon 6, C. H. Page 7, H. Austin 8.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 19th, for C.E.M.S. service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: H. Holloway 1, J. W. Truin 2, H. W. Cotton 3, R. Holloway 4, F. Skevington 5, A. E. Smith (longest length with a bob bell) 6, J. R. Mackman (conductor) 7, C. Edwards 8. Mr. Skevington hails from Hammersmith.

WELSHPOOL.—Hereford Guild.—On Oct. 19th, for morning service, 756 Stedman Triples, and for evening service 504. L. Hewett 1, A. Jones 2, W. Maddox 3, T. Meredith 4, O. Williams 5, W. Short (conductor) 6, A. Grice 7, J. Beadles 8.

WORDEN, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 19th, 240 Stedman Doubles, 360 Grandsire Doubles, and 240 Grandsire Minor: W. Short (conductor) 1, T. Meredith 2, L. Hewett 3, G. Williams 4, A. Grice 5, J. Beadles 6.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—At the Parish Church, on Oct. 19th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Beconsale 1, J. Edser, senr., 2, W. Shepherd 3, A. Shepherd 4, G. Spencer 5, A. E. Gray 6, E. J. Harding (Portsmouth), conductor, 7, R. J. Polley 8.

OATLANDS, SURREY.—At the Parish Church, on Oct. 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Sparrow 1, A. F. Shepherd 2, H. R. Stevens 3, F. Smith 4, J. B. Hessey 5, G. Spencer 6, E. J. Harding (conductor) 7, A. Beconsale 8.

BARNES, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Ashford 1, H. Cook 2, M. Jacobs 3, G. Jutson 4, W. Halls 5, H. Stevens 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, J. Willmott 8.

RUGBY.—St. Andrew's Society.—On Oct. 20th, at the Parish Church, in 52 mins., a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major: *B. W. Haywood 1, H. O. White 2, *C. E. Joynes 3, W. Mallins (conductor) 4, W. Tayler 5, J. A. Fenton 6, C. W. Wheeler 7, J. George (composer) 8. *First attempt for a quarter-peal. Rung on Laurence Sheriff's Day, and as a farewell to B. W. Haywood, who was leaving Rugby for Coventry.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.—On Oct. 21st, in 48 mins., at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes): A. Halton 1, J. H. Sholicar 2, G. Woodhall 3, T. Hammond, junr., 4, J. Gardner 5, J. R. Park 6, G. R. Newton (conductor) 7, E. Counce 8. Rung in honour of Trafalgar Day.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 22nd, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): T. Braunsdon 1, W. Stenning 2, C. Stephenson 3, W. Vincent (conductor) 4, C. Starley 5, T. Garson 6, J. Fiest 7, D. Davey 8.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.—As a wedding compliment to W. J. Bullock, on October 2nd, 2880 Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 40 mins.: J. Naylor 1, E. Downes 2, J. E. Lewis (conductor) 3, J. K. Armstrong 4, A. Downes 5, R. Weaver 6.

DEVIZES.—At St. James' Church, Southbroom, on Oct. 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins.: Hy. Brownlee West 1, C. D. Mead 2, W. J. Bolwell 3, Sidney Hillier (conductor) 4, A. Little 5, Geo. England 6.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Oct. 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: H. Coburn 1, H. Jarman 2, W. Hill 3, E. Coburn 4, Isaac B. Holmyard (Midsomer Norton) 5, A. Day 6, B. Jarman (conductor) 7, D. Dellar 8.

BUILTH WELLS, BRECONSHIRE.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 25th, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1260 changes), in 46 mins (600 Canterbury Pleasure and 660 Grandsire), the first quarter-peal in two methods on the bells: F. S. Sparkes 1, F. R. Sparkes 2, W. H. Bicknell 3, E. Hayton 4, R. E. Sparkes (conductor) 5, F. Rainbow 6.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—Hereford Guild.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, for evening service, on Oct. 26th, 1260 Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: E. T. Allaway 1, J. Hanley 2, J. Garbett 3, A. Garbett 4, J. L. York 5, W. Short (conductor) 6, W. Saunders 7, T. Garbett 8. Also 504, for morning service, by same band. This ringing was done during Mr. Short's visit as instructor to the Guild.

DAWLEY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 26th, 120 Grandsire Doubles, 240 Stedman Doubles: also 360 Bob Minor. The following took part: W. E. Merrington, W. Short (conductor), C. H. Watiss, A. Woodvine, J. Garbett, J. Hanley, W. Saunders.

REDDISH, STOCKPORT.—Chester Guild.—For evening service, on Oct. 26th, at St. Elizabeth's Church, the last 700 of Holt's Original: A. Barnes (conductor) 1, Edith R. Barnes 2, J. E. Barnes 3, G. Shawcross 4, T. Smithson, senr., 5, F. Needham 6, H. Smithson 7, J. Barnes 8.

CHELSEA.—At St. Luke's Church, on Oct. 26th, in 53 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: W. J. Barber 1, W. J. Dean 2, G. Watkin 3, E. J. Ridler 4, A. Newman 5, H. Burton 6, E. Reeve 7, W. Essery 8, H. Mance (conductor) 9, F. Gibbard 10.

SOUTHGATE.—Middlesex Association.—On Oct. 26th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: A. G. Crane 1, A. R. Glascock 2, F. Sharp 3, J. E. Miller 4, H. Armstrong 5, J. Armstrong (conductor) 6, F. G. Tegg 7, G. Fletcher 8.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.—On Sunday, October 26th, at Holy Trinity Church, for evensong, 720 London Surprise Minor: H. Sherwood 1, F. Atkinson 2, H. Cooke 3, W. Wookey 4, G. J. Lungley 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6. First 720 of Surprise Minor by H. Sherwood, who belongs to Pateley Bridge, Yorks.—On October 27th, at St. Cuthbert's, 360 Grandsire Triples.

PUTNEY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 26th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 47 mins.: H. Whanslaw 1, W. Honeyball 2, A. Jones 3, T. Bolton 4, O. Collis 5, J. Kent 6, G. W. Honeyball 7, J. Herbert (conductor) 8.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Nov. 9th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: *G. W. Honeyball 1, J. Herbert 2, J. Kent 3, Alfred Jones 4, *O. Collis, junr., 5, W. T. Elson 6, Arthur Jones (conductor) 7, *H. Whanslaw 8. *First quarter in the method.

MIDSOMER NORTON.—On Sunday, Nov. 30th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: E. Chivers 1, J. Hambleton 2, I. B. Holmyard 3, F. Speed (conductor) 4, E. Chivers 5, R. Jones 6, W. Keavill 7, G. Seymour 8.

STOCKPORT.—At St. George's Church, on Nov. 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Erin Caters, in 54 mins.: T. Jackson 1, E. A. Jackson 2, H. Meakin 3, H. Jackson 4, Geo. Astbury (composer) 5, J. Mottershead 6, W. Jackson (conductor) 7, G. D. Warburton 8, J. W. Bayley 9, G. Marshall 10.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.—The following touches of Bob Major have been rung by the ringers of St. Mary's: 464, 448, 784, 608 and 672. A quarter-peal was lost after ringing about 1,000 changes, also 672 Grandsire Triples. The following ringers took part in the touches: P. Pain, M. Pink, C. Price, I. W. Pain, G. Wilkins (Walthamstow), E. Squibb, A. Pain, F. Chaffey, O. Twist, H. Kilby (Willesden), J. B. Williamson (Cambridge) and H. Jennings, conductor.—On Sunday, Nov. 2nd, 1913, for morning service, 560 Bob Major, and for evening service, 567 in the same method: P. Pain 1, M. Pink 2, E. Squibb 3, G. Wilkins 4, I. W. Pain 5, C. Price 6, F. Chaffey 7, H. Jennings (conductor) 8.—On Nov. 3rd, after the induction service of the Rev. C. W. H. Weekes, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: M. Pink 1, F. Chaffey 2, E. Squibb 3, G. Wilkins 4, I. W. Pain 5, C. Price 6, H. Jennings (conductor) 7, A. Pain 8.

NOTICES.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the Maidstone district will be held at Barming on Saturday, January 10th. The belfry will be opened at 3 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, January 10th, 1914. Bells available at 5 p.m. Business meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, January 10th, 1914. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. Unveiling of a peal tablet to the late Mr. T. Mouncey.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held on Saturday, January 10th, 1914. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are also due, and may be paid as early as possible to J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom. Reports are now ready.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on January 15th, and 29th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 20th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 20th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 27th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays; St. Magnus at 7.30, the others at 8 p.m. Subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before February 28th.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 17th. Bells available from 5. Meeting at 7. Reports ready. Subscriptions due.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, January 17th, 1914. Bells ready at 3. Business meeting 6.30. Subscriptions for this year are now due.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—Northern District.—The annual general meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, January 17th, 1914. The bells at St. Andrew's, Holborn, will be available from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and at St. Sepulchre's from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. Cornford, Honorary Secretary, 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on January 17th, 1914. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea in the Vestry Hall at 5 p.m. to those who inform me by the 15th.—F. Bennett, Secretary, 3, Hart's Lane, New Cross, S.E.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 17th, 1914, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at 8 p.m. All members and friends invited.—F. A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, January 17th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Divine Service 4.30, tea at 5.15, business meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Long Eaton on Saturday, January 17th. Bells ready at two o'clock. Service in Church at 3. Committee meeting at 3.30. Tea (1/- each) at 4.15 in the Co-operative Café. Will those who intend being present for tea kindly notify Mr. N. H. Widdowson, 7, Thorneywood Road, not later than January 15th.—W. E. White, Hon. Secretary.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at Lewisham on Saturday, January 17th, 1914. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. Canon Hough, at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall 5.15 p.m., 6d. per head. Will those who require tea please send me notice not later than Tuesday, January 13th. Subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at All Saints', Sheffield, on Saturday, January 17th, 1914. Tower open at 4 p.m.—J. Evinson, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, January 17th, 1914, for practice. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting to be held at the White Cross Hotel, Fartown, at 7 p.m.—F. Hopwood, Secretary, 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Smethwick Old Church, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service in the church at 5 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the Vicar at 5.30. Business meeting after. Will all those intending to be present please let me know on or before January 14th.—E. J. Dowler, Honorary Branch Secretary, 9, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—The quarterly meeting of the society will be held on Monday, January 19th, 1914, at the church of St. John the Divine, Vassell Road, Brixton Road. Tower open from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 54, Thurlow Park Road, West Dulwich, S.E.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Samlesbury on January 24th. Bells at 3.30, meeting at 5.30.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, January 24th. The bells (10) of St. Wulfram's Church available at noon, service in the Chapel at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Dairy Company's Cafe, Westgate, at 4.45. Business meeting to follow. Visitors will receive a hearty welcome.—S. Proctor, Secretary, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, January 24th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shotton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Tuebrook on Saturday, January 24th. Bells ready at 4.—Walter Hughes, Hon. Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western Division.—A bye meeting will be held at Dagenham on Saturday, January 24th, 1914. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at the "Cross Keys" at 5.30 at 6d. each to members notifying me by Wednesday, 21st January. Hornchurch bells available after tea. Subscriptions for 1914 are now due.—H. Rumens, Hon. District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Leeds on Saturday, February 7th. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m. For full particulars see circular.—Clement Glenn, Honorary Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Wednesday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary.

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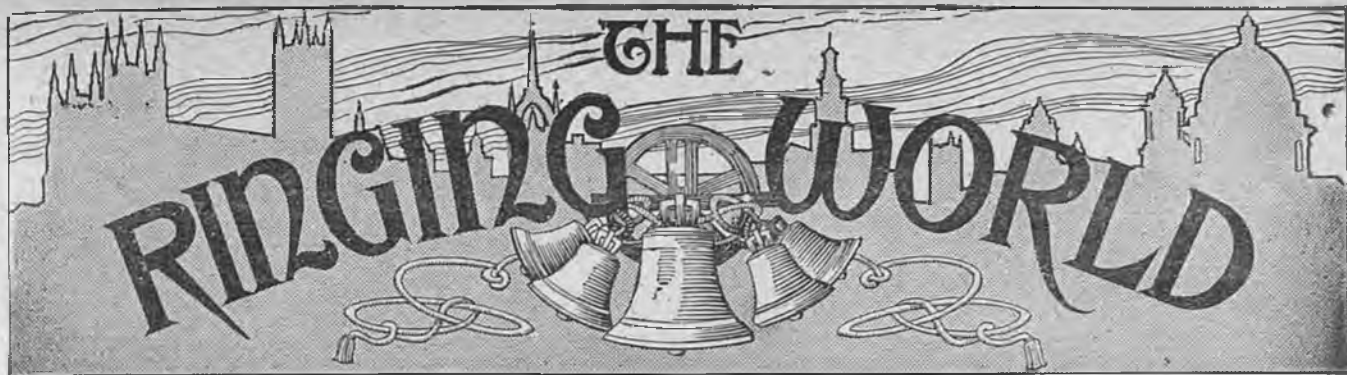
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A SUGGESTION FOR ASSOCIATIONS.

A practical suggestion is contained in a letter in another column, in connection with the proposed establishment of a system of inter-affiliation. Mr. A. E. Parsons throws out the hint that, now that the Llandaff Association have set the ball rolling, as it were, other associations whose annual meetings are to be held before Whitsun should discuss the question, so that their representatives can go to the Central Council meeting prepared with the official views of the organisations they represent. This would greatly facilitate the settlement of the question when the Council have it before them, and those who support the proposal will then be prepared with practical suggestions. It is only first hand knowledge of what the individual associations think of a subject of this kind that can put the Central Council into a position to deal with it. To get the object, which the proposers have in view, carried into effect it is useless to go to the meeting of the central body armed merely with generalities. There must be a definite purpose in view as to the line to be taken to ensure that action will follow the acceptance of the principle—if the principle be accepted.

But it is on the question of principle that the Associations would do well to consider the matter first. Only too often members of the Council are asked to express an opinion on some important subject without being in a position to know what the general opinion is of the members whom they represent. Such a position, for example, arose at the last meeting on the question of admitting the ladies to representation on and membership of the Council. The result was the postponement of the question for a year so that the Associations could be consulted. In regard to the question of inter-affiliation, the same thing would doubtless have to happen, unless the representatives can first have the opportunity of testing the opinion of their respective societies.

There are quite a considerable number of annual meetings to be held before Whitsun Tuesday, and there are thus facilities for gauging, at any rate to a large degree, the feelings of ringers themselves, and the not less important views of officials, who, as responsible for the finance of the Associations, must have their opinions seriously considered. The whole subject is one which should be well ventilated before action is taken, as its success, if put into operation, very largely depends upon the unanimity with which it is accepted. The meetings of the Associations are, therefore, the first place at which it should be discussed, and we hope that the suggestion made by Mr. Parsons will be carried out by all those societies who have the opportunity before the next Central Council meeting, which is at Winchester.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

MISS EDITH K. PARKER Treble	FRANK BENNETT 7
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 2	JAMES PARKER 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	FREDERICK PITSTOW 9
HAROLD P. BURTON 4	JAMES HUNT 10
FRANK I. HAIRS 5	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 11
FREDERICK J. PITSTOW 6	HARRY FLANDERS Tenor

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

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 53 cwt., in B.

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. C. Chandler.
Joint Hon. Sec. of the Association, and to Mr. R. Sanders. This is
the first time this composition has been rung.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Tuesday, January 6, 1914, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANCES;

SAMUEL SUMMERHILL Treble	WALTER BRITTAN 6
ALBERT E. BLUNDELL 2	JOSEPH BATES 7
BENJAMIN GOUGH 3	GEORGE HUGHES 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 4	WILLIAM FISHER 9
ALFRED ROWLEY 5	HORACE BELCHER Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD, and
Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

This peal was specially arranged and rung to commemorate the
83rd birthday of Mr. Joseph Bates, a ringer at the above Parish
Church for 60 years. He was heartily congratulated by his colleagues
at the finish of the peal. It is nearly 50 years since he had the honour
of accomplishing a peal, and it is a most remarkable performance for a
man of 83 years of age. He was proposed a member of the above
Society and Guild previous to starting for the peal.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN CORRIGAN Treble	*JONATHAN PRESTON 6
JAMES JONES 2	GEORGE GARRISON 7
WILLIAM J. MEERS 3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 8
GEORGE F. SWANN 4	†WILLIAM DAVIES 9
MORRIS J. MORRIS 5	*CHARLES ALLEN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman Caters
away from the tenor. First peal on ten bells as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

STORER W. WEST Treble	JAMES PAGETT 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	*ALGERNON P. STONE 6
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY 3	E. HARRY STONELEY 7
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON 4	ALBERT WAGG Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

* First peal in the method.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 8½ cwt., in A.
JOSEPH SHARP Treble	WILLIAM C. HART 5
EDGAR HANCOX 2	EDWARD W. BRAY 6
ERNEST GOWER 3	KEITH HART 7
ARTHUR GOWER 4	GEORGE H. HOWSE Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 8½ cwt., in A.
EDWARD J. MALLARD Treble	GEORGE H. HOWSE 5
WALTER ALCOCK 2	EDWARD W. BRAY 6
ERNEST GOWER 3	KEITH HART 7
GEORGE PENFOLD 4	CHARLES GATLAND Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

Rung to commemorate 30 years' ringing by G. H. Howse.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 30, 1913, in Three Hours,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 8½ cwt., in A.
EDWARD J. MALLARD Treble	ERNEST GOWER 5
EDWARD W. BRAY 2	GEORGE H. HOWSE 6
*WILLIAM WHITE 3	KEITH HART 7
ARTHUR GOWER 4	CHARLES GATLAND Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. Rung in honour of the silver weddings of Messrs. R. J. Howse and G. W. Smith, former members of the Christ Church Guild.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 8½ cwt., in A.
EDWARD J. MALLARD Treble	ERNEST GOWER 5
GEORGE H. HOWSE 2	KEITH HART 6
EDWARD W. BRAY 3	JOSEPH SHARP 7
EDGAR HANCOX 4	CHARLES GATLAND Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH SHARP.

G. H. Howse's 36th peal rung in 1913.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 1, 1914, in Three Hours,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

DAVIES' VARIATION.	Tenor 22½ cwt.
JOHN ANDERSON Treble	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 5
JOHN F. BIRD 2	JOHN FOREMAN 6
THOMAS MURRY 3	R. ALDER GOFTON 7
NORMAN C. FLECK 4	JOHN S. RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mark,

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

Tenor 23 cwt.

LESLIE WILLIAMS Treble	E. MATRICE ATKINS 5
EDGAR VALLANCE 2	JOHN OLDHAM 6
FRED KILBORN 3	JAMES HARRIS 7
WILLIAM WILLSON, Junr. 4	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

First peal on eight bells by F. Kilborn and first attempt. He was elected a member previous to the peal.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 24 cwt., in D.
*COMER D. MEAD Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 5
GILBERT H. HARDING 2	ARTHUR K. HARRISON 6
JESSE FRANCIS 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
SYDNEY HILLIER 4	WILLIAM BAXTER Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal on eight bells.

OSSETT, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 6, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

*HENRY BRETTON Treble	*GEORGE BENNETT 5
*AUSTIN AUDSLEY 2	*FREDK. J. COLE 6
HERBERT ROWLEY 3	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 7
*HERBERT GEE 4	*JOE BENNETT Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by J. W. MOORHOUSE.

* First peal. J. W. Moorhouse hails from Wakefield, H. Rowley from Horbury, the remainder are local men.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, January 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the R.C. Cathedral of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 15 cwt., in F.
THOMAS J. BRATTON Treble	THOMAS HUGHES 5
THOMAS MILLER 2	THOMAS BLOORE 6
THOMAS RUSSAM 3	THOMAS H. REEVES 7
THOMAS COLLINSON 4	THOMAS VERRY Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. REEVES.

This is believed to be the first "Thomas" peal of Stedman Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to Thomas J. Bratton, also on the 24th anniversary of the death of Henry Johnson.

MITCHAM.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

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

Tenor 16 cwt., in F.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT Treble	ALBERT CALVER 5
JAMES D. DREWETT 2	ROBERT GRIMWOOD 6
ALFRED CLAYTON 3	JOHN WEBB 7
BENJAMIN MORRIS 4	FRANK HOLDER Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by FRANK HOLDER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 4th and 5th.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(DARLEY DALE SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, January 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt., in F.

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

Composed by J. FLEMING, and
Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method by an entirely local band.

BILSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Thursday, January 8, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALBERT LITTLE Treble	EDGAR SMITH 5
FRANK PERRENS 2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 6
DANIEL JONES 3	JOSEPH PIGOTT 7
WILLIAM FISHER 4	JAMES ADAMS Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

LLANBRADACH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 8, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM BURGESS Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
BENJAMIN THORP 2	JOSEPH E. SYKES 6
FREDERICK B. STEDMAN 3	GEORGE COOK 7
WILLIAM KATHRO 4	*WILLIAM BLACKMORE Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

* First peal and first attempt.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 8, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. COOKE, R.N. Treble	GEORGE GILBERT, R.E. ... 5
FREDK. A. HOLDEN, R.M.L.I. 2	VICTOR JARRETT, R.E. ... 6
*ALFRED PLAYLE, Sto. R.N. 3	PERCY GIBBS, King's Own 7
†FREDK. SOUTER, Essex Regt. 4	JAMES BENNETT, R.M.L.I. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. First peal ever rung by an Army and Navy band of ringers. The ringers of the 3rd and 4th were elected members of the Association before starting.

STANSTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 9, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BRISTO SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN LUCKEY Treble	WALTER PRIOR 5
GEORGE JORDAN 2	THOMAS J. WATTS 6
THOMAS JORDAN 3	WILLIAM T. PRIOR 7
FRANK M. BUTLER 4	WILLIAM WATTS Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and
Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Jordan.

NEWHEY.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE OLDHAM SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FRANK WILD Treble	HARRY HAMPSON 5
JOSEPH OGDEN 2	HERBERT BARLOW 6
SAMUEL STOTT 3	LUKE HAMPSON 7
SAMUEL M. BUTTERWORTH ... 4	CHARLES H. MARSLAND Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON, and
Conducted by SAMUEL STOTT.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

BRIDGNORTH, SALOP.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN OVERTON Treble	BERTRAM HEAD 5
*WALTER HAYWARD 2	WILFRED OVERTON 6
GEORGE CASE 3	HORACE W. OVERTON 7
JOHN ELCOCK 4	ERNEST FOXALL Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED OVERTON.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. The tenor and treble of the above peal have just been rehung by Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham, and both bells give every satisfaction.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE CHESHUNT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-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., in E.

DAVID TUCKER Treble	HENRY G. ROWE 5
GEORGE MAXIM 2	HENRY CORNWELL 6
WALTER G. DARLINGTON ... 3	MORACE SIMMONS 7
FRANCIS JELF 4	ROBERT SMITH Tenor

Conducted by HENRY CORNWELL.

First peal as conductor and first attempt. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt., in F.

GEORGE L. DORRINGTON ... Treble	FREDERICK J. HARDY ... 5
ROBERT W. GREEN 2	ALBERT TURNER 6
JOSEPH BARRY 3	THOMAS LANGDON 7
ARTHUR E. BUNN 4	HENRY C. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

†THOMAS LEYBOURNE ... Treble	*JOHN W. SMITH 5
FREDERICK LAVERICK 2	JOHN G. HALL 6
*WILLIAM LETTY 3	*WILLIAM T. HOLMES ... 7
ALEXANDER MACFARLANE ... 4	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM T. HOLMES.

* First peal in the method. † First peal away from the tenor. First peal in the method as conductor.

THORNABY-ON-TEES.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*RONALD CHISHOLM Treble	WILFRED ADDISON 5
*JOHN SINCLAIR 2	*GEORGE CATTLE 6
†FREDERICK BARKER 3	JOHN H. BLAKISTON 7
REV. R. L. B. OLIVER 4	EDMUND MILBURN Tenor

Composed by JAMES PLATT, and
Conducted by FREDERICK BARKER.

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

IRTHLINGBORO, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE DOWNING Treble	ALFRED H. MARTIN 5
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN 2	JAMES T. WARD 6
WALTER PERKINS 3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 7
CHARLES W. BIRD 4	JAMES HOUGHTON Tenor

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

This was the conductor's 50th peal of Superlative.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND (R.C.)

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt., in E.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... Treble	THOMAS MILLER 5
JOHN CARTER 2	JAMES E. GROVES 6
*ALFRED J. HESSIAN 3	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 7
JOHN NEAL 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

* First peal of Cambridge, also the first peal of Cambridge for the above Guild and the conductor's 200th peal.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

BENJAMIN GOUGH Treble	WALTER PRESTIGE 5
THOMAS HILL 2	CHARLES TYLER 6
MISS SARAH PIGOTT 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 7
HORACE HOWELL 4	ALFRED ROWLEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

COLN ST. ALDWYNS, GLOS.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 11, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. CARTER Treble	VICTOR R. WILLIAMS 5
FREDERICK OAKHILL 2	JAMES PARKER 6
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 7
GEORGE CAPEWELL 4	*CHARLES MUSTOE Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

First peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SHALFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

*J. TURRELL Treble	*G. STEER 4
*A. HOOK 2	W. TREWIN 5
T. STREETER 3	†R. CROWHURST Tenor

Conducted by R. CROWHURST.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. J. Turrell was elected a member of the Guild before starting.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 4 Six-Scores of Stedman and 38 of Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH T. DYKE Treble	JESSE FRANCIS 4
COMER D. MEAD 2	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 5
ARTHUR K. HARRISON 3	WILLIAM BAXTER Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal on the bells.

SEAL, CHART.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob, three of Plain Bob, and two of Grandsire, called differently. Tenor 10 cwt., in G.

ERNEST G. SAXBY Treble	ARTHUR WENTAN 4
ARTHUR BURR 2	JAMES FORD 5
HERBERT H. HARDING 3	DENIS J. GOLDSMITH Tenor

Conducted by DENIS J. GOLDSMITH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Burr.

ALLENMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

*BENJAMIN TAYLOR, JUNR ... Treble	ALFRED KITSON 4
GEORGE TAYLOR 2	WILLIAM H. YOUNG 5
†JAMES TAYLOR 3	*JOHN SMITH Tenor

Conducted by W. H. YOUNG.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to an old parishioner, John Perkins (aged 93), a great friend to the ringers.

SEEND, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lbs.

*CHARLES RAISON Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 4
JOSEPH E. WILLSHIRE 2	SYDNEY HILLIER 5
HORACE TAYLOR 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

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

MONKS ELEIGH, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Bob Minor. Tenor 18 cwt., in E.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	†WALTER GOODAY 4
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 2	*ROBERT KEEBLE, R.E. 5
ARTHUR KEEBLE 3	WILLIAM STIFF Tenor

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods.

MEOPHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Grandsire, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN AVIS Treble	†HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 4
GEORGE A. JONES 2	FREDERICK HAYES 5
JOHN BURLS 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods on a bob bell. First peal in seven methods on the bells. Rung as a birthday peal for Mrs. J. Avis, and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Holden, who kindly entertained the band at the conclusion. The band wish to thank the Rev. A. C. F. Owen for the use of the bells.

ALLENSMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 4, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

B. TAYLOR Treble	A. KITSON 4
G. TAYLOR 2	G. HARRIS 5
J. TAYLOR 3	J. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by G. HARRIS.

Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who was leaving for Wolverhampton, and who carries with him the best wishes of the band for his success in his new sphere.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 5, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALBERT E. NEWICK Treble	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ... 4
GEORGE DURLING 2	ISAAC EMERY 5
REGINALD BROUGH 4	EDWIN BARNETT, SENR. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SENR.

First peal on the bells after being augmented to six by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

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

On Monday, January 5, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob, and four of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs.

WALTER BRITTEN Treble	CYRIL WRIGHT 4
FREDERICK KELLY 2	WILLIAM ALEXANDER ... 5
ARTHUR SKINNS 3	SIDNEY PROCTOR Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

This peal was rung to celebrate the coming of age of Mr. H. A. Watson, a member of the local band.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 8, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Primrose, Hull, Annable's London, Norwich, Bourne, Cambridge and Netherseale. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDK. C. M. SKINNER ... Treble	FREDK. SEAGER 4
GEORGE SNELLING 2	BERTIE F. TURNER 5
CLARENCE GOOCH 3	JOHN SNELLING Tenor

Conducted by B. F. TURNER.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his 19th birthday.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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	WILFRED BOOTH Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED BOOTH.

First peal on the bells.

LOWICK, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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 14 cwt.

RICHARD DUNKLEY Treble	LEONARD WYMAN 4
BERNARD C. LOVEDAY 2	THOMAS JERVIS 5
ALFRED KNIGHT 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

This peal was especially arranged and rung in honour of the 21st birthday of Alfred Knight, which occurred on the previous day.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 45 Six-Scores with 9 different callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

JAMES MORLEY Treble	ALBERT E. ANCOMBE ... 4
LUKE VERRALL 2	ALBERT C. EDWARDS ... 5
WM. H. BANKS 3	HARRY FUNNELL Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT EDWARDS.

This peal was rung on the occasion and in honour of the marriage of Mr. J. H. Cox (one of the local ringers) to Miss A. M. Barrow, and was started as the happy pair were leaving the church.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*WILLIAM PEACOCK Treble	†EDMUND J. HOBBS 4
*CYRIL SINFIELD 2	HENRY FLEET 5
REV. ALBERT RUST 3	HORACE H. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by EDMUND J. HOBBS.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. First peal ever rung by a Husbome Crawley Company.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

(ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

*WILFRED ASHTON Treble	CHARLES R. LILLEY 4
*WILLIAM C. BROOKES 2	WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE ... 5
THOMAS M. BELTON 3	ALFRED E. FULLOCK Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday peal to W. C. Brookes.

HARLESTON, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of Double Court, two 720's of Oxford Bob, one each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN T. HENSMAN Treble	THOMAS LAW 4
JOSEPH C. DEAN 2	WILLIAM J. ALLEN 5
FRANK ROLLINGS 3	FRED. HOPPER Tenor

Conducted by FRED. HOPPER.

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

HANDBELL PEALS.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 2, 1914, in One Hour and Forty-five Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Called in to ways.

ARTHUR K. HARRISON ... 1-2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 3-4
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 5-6	

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

Umpire JOHN STAFFORD.

Witness: FRED. MOORE, to whom the band are indebted for the use of the bells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, January 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Size 18, in G.

†BERNARD CLARKE 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	*CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. PULLING, MISS HOOD.

† First peal away from 7-8. * First peal of Grandsire on handbells.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 9, 1914, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF E. S. BAILEY, ROBERTS ROAD.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

JAMES M. BAILEY 1-2	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5-6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3-4	CHARLES SAMPSON 7-8

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

Umpire: ALLEN F. BAILEY.

BREWOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Friday, January 9, 1914, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF J. PERRY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores called differently.

*A. H. BAILEY 1-2	J. PERRY 3-4
*J. COPE 5-6	

Conducted by J. PERRY.

Witnesses: T. PERRY and J. C. DUMBELL.

* First peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
IN THE COMMON HALL AT THE ABBOT'S HOSPITAL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANCES;

Size 21, in D.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 1-2	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	MAURICE SMITHER ... 7-8

*CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 9-10

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpires: S. RADFORD and C. HAZELDEN.

Witnesses: JOHN HEATHORN and PHILIP PALMER (Master of the above hospital).

* First peal of Caters in hand and first attempt. This peal was arranged and rung on the eve and in honour of the 90th birthday of Mr. John Heathorn. The numerous listeners congratulated the ringers on the splendid peal they had rung.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob, at Holloway, on December 26th, 1913, was conducted by Albert Turner, and not H. Kilby. It was the latter's first peal of major and the former's first as conductor.

A. H. PULLING'S 400 PEALS.

	Tower.		Handbells.	
	Rung	Cond.	Rung	Cond.
Bob Minor	3	3		
Seven Minor Methods	2	2		
Seven Treble Bob Minor Methods	1	1		
Seven Surprise Minor Methods	1	1		
Bob Major	22	17	25	22 A
Bob Royal	3	2		
Kent Treble Bob Major	3	2		
Kent Treble Bob Royal	4	3		
Grandsire Triples	28	21	22	21
Grandsire Caters	1		9	9
Stedman Triples	60	37	65	62
Stedman Caters	11	5	79	79 B
Stedman Cinques	1		1	1
Double Norwich Major	21	13 C		
Superlative Surprise	16	12		
Cambridge Surprise	2	2		
New Cambridge Surprise	1			
Guildford Surprise	1	1		
Bristol Surprise	9	9		
London Surprise	8	8		
Norfolk Surprise	1	1		
	199	140	201	194

	Rung.	Conducted.
Total Tower	199	140
Total Handbells	201	194

Grand Total ... 400 334

A includes one silent.

B includes 7,023, 7,777, 14,031 and 19,738 record.

C includes 7,396.

HOLLOWAY.—On Dec. 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), in 44 mins.: *C. Ottley 1. *J. Hurrell 2. *H. Brooks 3. *A. Turner 4. *A. Hart 5. E. Brett 6. G. Charge 7. *J. Cornford (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

TWYFORD, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: L. Walker 1. L. Lampard 2. W. Carter 3. S. Wateridge 4. C. Russell 5. W. Young 6. T. Spratt (conductor) 7. A. Ings 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of one of the local band.

LEE, S.E.—On Sunday, Dec. 7th, for evening service, at St. Margaret's Church, a quarter-peal (1280 changes) of Cambridge Surprise Major, in 43 mins.: F. V. Martin 1. T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2. C. H. Hughes 3. R. N. Runham 4. Rev. H. S. T. Richardson 5. C. W. R. Grimwood 6. A. B. Peck 7. A. D. Barker 8. First quarter-peal of Surprise upon the bells.

STEPNEY, E.—On Sunday, Dec. 14th, for evening service, at the Church of St. Dunstan, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Caters, in 52 mins.: T. V. Martin 1. T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2. C. H. Hughes 3. E. Gibbs 4. J. Scholes 5. R. N. Runham 6. S. Farmer 7. W. Truss 8. A. D. Barker 9. E. Hall 10.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday evening, Dec. 14th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes): A. J. Lambert 1. J. D. Drewett 2. A. J. Perkins (conductor) 3. B. Morris 4. R. Grimwood 5. T. Steers 6. C. Bance 7. W. S. Smith 8. Has the 6th eight courses in 5th's place; 2, 3, 4, 5 each two courses in relative order in 6th's place; the 5th at home the last three courses.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

MR. G. R. PYE.

In a recent issue, a footnote to a peal intimated that it was Mr. George R. Pye's 600th. In these days of high scores this, perhaps, does not attract quite the same attention that it would have done a few years ago, but an individual total of 600 peals is a distinction still noteworthy, and one that less than a dozen ringers, even now, can lay claim to. Moreover, Mr. Pye's 600 peals include some of the most famous records, and, in addition, comprise those wonderful performances of peals in methods like Superlative, New Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise rung on handbells.

Mr. Bob Pye, as he is familiarly known, is, as all the Exercise is aware, one of the family of talented ringing



MR. GEORGE R. PYE.

brothers who have done not a little to make ringing history. Born on June 30th, 1872, at the house at Chadwell Heath, Essex, where he still lives, Mr. Pye took up the Art in his early 'teens, beginning on the peal of five at Little Heath in 1888. It was nearly three years later, however, before he rang his first peal, this being Grandsire Triples at Romford on March 30th, 1891. His first as conductor was rung at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on December 31st, 1894, and on February 1st, 1896, he rang and conducted his first peal of Stedman Triples. This was at Barking.

With his brothers, he had found that if he desired to get on he must make opportunities for himself and he rose with the others, to the top of the campanological ladder purely on the strength of their own personal skill and endeavour. Handbell peals as well as tower bell ringing had their fascination, and it will be noticed that Mr. Pye's 600 peals include no fewer than 122 rung "in hand" from

Grandsire Triples to Stedman Cinques, from Treble Bob to London Surprise, while he took part also in the handbell record of Stedman Cinques (6063), and the peal of Stedman Caters rung while crossing the Irish Sea.

Of the record performances on tower bells, Mr. Pye has taken part in several, including the memorable 18,027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough, when the band more than "rang the clock round." In addition he took part in the 11,111 record of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham, the 14,112 record of London Surprise Major at King's Norton, and the 15,264 record of Bristol Surprise Major at Hornchurch. His other long lengths include 10,464 Treble Bob and 15,072 Double Norwich at Erith. The tower bell peals have been rung in 172 belfries in 28 counties, sufficient evidence of the amount of travelling which Mr. Pye has done in pursuit of his hobby.

But peals are not by any means the only phase of ringing which claim his attention. Since 1898 he has been a member of the Romford company, whose tower is about three miles from his home. At this church he is a regular service ringer, and he walks the distance mostly twice on a Sunday. When we hear some folk complaining that those who ring most peals usually do least service ringing, there is to be found in Mr. Bob Pye a striking contradiction of the allegation. To turn up regularly to ring at a tower three miles from home would be a task that would test the sincerity of purpose of all but the most enthusiastic and conscientious. At Romford Church Mr. Pye has rung 67 peals, the methods by the local men rising from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise Major. Mr. Pye is a member of a large number of ringing societies throughout the country, and the peals he has rung are as follow:—

	Tower Bells.		Handbells.	
	Rung.	Condt.	Rung.	Condt.
Grandsire Triples	10	2	4	2
Grandsire Caters	3	1		
Stedman Triples	60	19	31†	8
Stedman Caters	52a	3	34	5
Stedman Cinques	40b	2	19g	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	16c	2	6	2
Kent Treble Bob Royal	17		5	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	4		1	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1			
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1			
Bob Major	4	1		
Double Norwich Major	39d	9	4	2
Double Oxford Major	1			
Duffield Major	1			
Superlative Surprise Major	88	13	7†	
Cambridge Surprise Major	12	1		
Cambridge Surprise Royal	12	1		
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	3			
New Cambridge Surprise Major	8	2	3	
New Cambridge Surprise Royal	3			
New Cumberland Surprise Major	1			
Bristol Surprise Major	48e	6	3	
London Surprise Major	53f	4	5	
On Six Bells	1			
	478	66	122	21

Total 600, conducted 87.

† Including one non-conducted; a including 18,027; b including 11,111; c including 10,464; d including 15,072; e including 15,264; f including 14,112; g 6063.

Two other ringers, in addition to those we mentioned last week, rang over 50 peals in 1913, viz., Messrs. W. H. Fussell and E. M. Atkins.

ODD CHANGES.

In connection with the recent appeal for the Upton Snodsbury Bells Fund the Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Holden) acknowledges with many thanks 13s. 6d. per Mr. L. Longney, Hawford, Worcester.

It is really a remarkable performance for a man of 83 to ring a peal, yet last week Mr. Joseph Bates, of Wednesbury, scored a peal of Grandsire Caters, at his own church, at that advanced age. The peal was in honour of his birthday, and he was heartily congratulated by his colleagues at the finish. It is nearly 50 years since Mr. Bates accomplished a peal, and Mr. Wm. Rock Small is the only other surviving member of the band. Mr. Small would have taken part in the peal last week, but for the bereavement he has just sustained by the death of his wife, after more than 50 years of wedded life.

Our inquiry in last week's issue as to whether the Spitalfields Foundry staff peal was the first on ten bells by workmen in one employ has soon been answered. It has brought a reply from Mr. R. T. Holding, junr., of Crewe, who writes that the members of the Christ Church, Crewe, Society rang a peal of Grandsire Caters on June 1st, 1912. All were employed by the London and North-Western Railway Company, and all were, also, regular Sunday service ringers.

It is a rare occurrence, indeed we may say unique, for a Vicar and his wife to take part together in service ringing, but the Rev. A. Rust, the honorary secretary of the Bedfordshire Association, and Mrs. Rust are frequently to be found in the belfry of their parish church at Husborne Crawley, and on New Year's Eve they took part in 720 of Bob Major rung with the bells half-muffled: Mrs. Rust 1, C. Sinfield 2, E. Hobbs 3, Rev. A. Rust 4, H. Fleet 5, H. Smith (conductor) 6. We wonder whether such a performance has been previously achieved? The tenor at Husborne is 18½ cwt., and the treble, which Mrs. Rust rang, 6½ cwt.

The Services, which, doubtless, not a few young ringers enter, have scored their first peal. It was rung at Gillingham, under the auspices of the Kent Association, on Thursday of last week, the band being made up of four members of the Army, and four of the Navy and Royal Marines. They are at present stationed as follows: Warrant Officer W. A. Cooke, R.N., H.M.S. "Albion," Pembroke Dock; Lance-Sergts. Holden and Bennett, R.M.L.I., Chatham; Corpl. Gilbert, R.E., Aldershot; Musician Jarrett, R.E., Chatham; First Class Stoker Playle, H.M.S. "Endeavour," Sheerness; Pte. Gibbs, King's Own Regt., Dover; Pte. Souter, Essex Regt., Chatham. It is hoped to permanently record the peal in the church, and the band are looking forward to meeting again at some near date for a peal of Kent Treble Bob.

The peal which we quoted last week as being the quickest that has been rung on tower bells was the quickest on eight. Mr. J. R. Newman, hon. secretary of the Worcestershire Association calls attention to the fact that the quickest peal on tower bells of any number was rung at Stone, Worcestershire, on September 12th, 1909, in 2 hrs. 17 mins., conducted by Mr. R. Matthews. It was a peal in seven Minor methods. The tenor at Stone is 5½ cwt.

Each district of the London County Association is holding its annual meeting on Saturday, the Northern District at St. Andrew's, Holborn, with the business meeting at the Two Brewers, 74, Shoe Lane, E.C., and the Southern District at Fulham.

The Borough of Glossop Association has had a successful year financially, and are carrying forward £3 9s. 0½d., an increase of 15s. 2d. To-morrow the annual dinner and social, preceded by a service at Old Glossop Church, is to be held.

A board recording the non-conducted peal of Stedman Cinques rung by the College Youths at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on February 22nd, 1913, will be unveiled by the Rector, the Rev. J. H. Ellison, M.A., M.V.O., on Saturday, January 24th, at 4.30 p.m.

INTER-AFFILIATION.

A SUGGESTION TO ASSOCIATIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read Mr. Atwell's letter on the above subject in your last issue, and although we are at one in our views on the need for action, I must take exception to his remark that "I see mountains." Mountains, or even mole hills, had no place in my mind. When I wrote, therefore, I could not possibly have written conveying such an idea. On the contrary, I endeavoured to minimise any difficulty, and believe a simple and concise scheme can be formulated, if only the various societies will take the matter up. I am hoping to open a discussion at the Easter annual meeting of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, and a resolution of recommendation to the Central Council may be passed.

Seeing the Llandaff Association has led the way in adopting this course, may I respectfully suggest that the many societies holding their annual meetings at Easter will see their way to discuss the matter.

I believe there are two definite ways by which the idea can be controlled, or worked, which I cannot here outline. I suggest a name for the purpose, "The National Union of Church Bell Ringers." Such a name, I think, suggests a common brotherhood. Imagine such a brotherhood, what a pillar of strength it should be to our church, which surely will need many pillars of strength in the near future, judging from recent events at Westminster. The clergy, too, should foster a union such as this, and give it unlimited support. I trust many will express themselves on the subject through your columns.

Old Hill, Staffs.

A. E. PARSONS.

THE SALISBURY GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

On Saturday the annual meeting of the Devizes branch of the Salisbury Guild was held at Devizes. During the afternoon ringing took place at the churches of St. John the Baptist and St. James-the-Great, Southbroom, and subsequently tea was provided, by the kindness of the Rector of Devizes, in St. John's Parish Room, to which no less than 47 ringers sat down and thoroughly enjoyed the repast.

The business meeting was held afterwards, at which were present the Rev. J. A. Sturton (chairman), the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett (Master of the Guild), the Rev. P. W. G. Fillen (Rector of Devizes), the Rev. H. H. Mogg (Vicar of Bishop's Cannings), Mr. H. Brownlee West (hon. branch secretary), and ringing members from Trowbridge, Bradford, Melksham, Market Lavington, Southbroom, Devizes St. John and St. Mary, Bath, Chilton, Holt, Cheverell Magna, Beechingstoke, Poulshot, Potterne, and Bishop's Cannings. The annual report was read by the secretary. It recorded that eleven meetings had been held during the past year, with a gross attendance of 266 ringers, showing an average of 24. During the year two towers had seceded from the Guild, but on the other hand six additional towers had joined, and the membership for 1913 stood thus: Change ringers, 83; round ringers, 117; total, 200, as against 111 three years ago. Seventeen peals had been rung by the members during the year. The balance sheet for the year was also presented. It showed that after paying all expenses there was a very respectable balance to be carried forward to 1914. The report and balance sheet were unanimously approved of.

The chairman and hon. secretary were both thanked for past services, and with one consent asked to continue in office for another year. Three new members were elected, and the following meetings decided upon, viz., January 31st at Market Lavington; February 21st at Bishop's Cannings; and April 18th at Melksham.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Rector of Devizes for the tea, the use of the bells and parish room; and to Canon Gardner and the Rev. H. H. Mogg for the use of the bells at Southbroom and Bishop's Cannings respectively.—Ringing was then continued at St. John's and St. James' for the remainder of the evening, bringing to a close a most successful and satisfactory meeting.

Chelmsford Cathedral Tenor Bell.



The new ring of 12 bells (Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs.) for Chelmsford Cathedral was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans on Saturday, September 27th, 1913.

MESSRS. JOHN WARNER & SONS, Ltd., of the
Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London, have in hand
the restoration of the following ring of 12 bells:

YORK MINSTER (Tenor 50½ cwt.)

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.**

What proved to be a very successful annual meeting of the Portsmouth district was held at Fareham on Saturday last. In spite of the wet weather, a good number of ringers attended from Titchfield, Portsmouth, Portsea, Fareham, Shedfield, Curdridge, Swanmore and Gosport, and there were also visitors from Stoneham and Eling. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob were rung, including a special 504 Stedman Triples, as a wedding compliment to Mr. F. Tull, one of the ringers of Fareham Church, who was married during the week. The ringers were: J. Whiting (Fareham) 1, L. Pogo (Titchfield) 2, J. Symonds (Portsea) 3, F. Burnett (Portsmouth) 4, A. Mears (Curdridge) 5, H. Reynolds (Gosport) 6, E. J. Harding (Portsea), conductor, 7, H. Ingram (Portsmouth) 8. The most notable performance of the afternoon was a course of Kent Treble Bob Major, in which Miss Carden rang the 2nd, this being her first course of Treble Bob Major. Miss Carden is one of the band at Titchfield, a six-bell tower, and she is to be complimented upon the way in which she rang her bell.

After attending evensong in the church, conducted by the Vicar, the ringers, to the number of 44, sat down to a substantial meat tea at the Paragon Restaurant.

The business meeting followed, a communication being read from Mr. A. T. King, of Southsea, expressing sorrow at not being present, as he was, unfortunately, laid aside with illness. Mr. Whiting (the hon. secretary) was requested to convey to Mr. King the ringers' sympathy, and hopes for a speedy recovery. The Rev. C. E. Matthews (Titchfield), Master of the Guild, was re-elected president of the district, and Mr. J. W. Whiting was re-elected district secretary. Mr. E. J. Harding was elected assistant hon. secretary, and, with Mr. W. Linter, was elected to represent the district on the Diocesan Committee. Mr. J. Symonds was appointed auditor. Two full members from Titchfield, two from Portsmouth and three from Portsea were elected, as well as four probationers from Portsmouth.

It was decided, if convenient, to have the quarterly meetings for the ensuing year as follows: Easter Monday at Curdridge; Saturday, July 18th, Newport; Saturday, Sept. 26th, Shedfield; Saturday, January 9th, 1915, Gosport.

The balance sheet was adopted, and considered satisfactory, the income being £16 4s., and expenditure £9 3s., leaving a balance of 27 1s.—Mr. Symonds, the auditor, said the way in which the accounts were kept reflected much credit upon the hon. secretary.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews gave a very interesting account of his visit to Carisbrooke tower. He showed some sketches which he had made of peal boards recording peals that had been rung over a hundred years ago by the Union of Carisbrooke and Newport Youths, and said that he hoped before long the bells would be recast. He also hoped that by the time the district arranged another meeting at his own tower (Titchfield) the two new trebles would have been added, making a peal of eight (applause).

The usual votes of thanks were accorded to the chairman (the Rev. C. E. Matthews), Mr. Geo. Williams (hon. secretary of the Guild) for being present, to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for the service.

After the business had been transacted the bells were again set going to standard methods.

A GLOUCESTERSHIRE PEAL AUGMENTED.

The bells of St. Lawrence's Church, Barnwood, Gloucester, have just been augmented to eight. The former ring of six, five of which were cast by A. Rudhall, of Gloucester, in 1898, were taken in hand by Messrs. John Taylor and Son, the well-known firm of bell founders, of Loughborough, and the result of their work is a splendid octave, the old treble having been recast and two new ones added. The local ringers, assisted by members of St. Michael's, Glos., rang the first 504 of Grandsire Triples at a preliminary practice before the dedication: A. A. Waite (conductor) 1, J. Gillett 2, J. A. Waite 3, H. Mitchell 4, G. A. Smith 5, A. G. Waite 6, H. Newman 7, A. E. Waite 8. At the dedication service, representatives attended from Gloucester, Painswick, Witcombe, Sandhurst, Cheltenham, Leckhampton, Prestbury, and Wolverhampton, Mr. Denison Taylor also being present. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung, the conductors being A. A. Waite, J. Austin, T. Yeend, J. A. Waite. Opinions were expressed freely, and it was obvious that the general feeling was that the bell hangers had acquitted themselves in fine style. The Vicar and churchwardens have taken great interest in the work of the restoration, especially Mr. Wood, whose ability as architect has served in good stead. He also made personal visits to Loughborough.

MORE METHODS NAMED.

To the Editor.

Sir,—For the information of all concerned, will you kindly state in your journal that the extents of Nos. 27, 29 and 37, Thir's place Delight Methods, have recently been rung at Norbury, Cheshire, and have been named "Dislev," "Rostherne" and "Wilmslow" respectively?—Yours faithfully,

Stockport, January 9th, 1914.

A. T. BEESTON.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.**ANNUAL MEETING AT BIRMINGHAM.**

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at the Tamworth Arms Hotel, Birmingham, on Tuesday of last week, when a large number of members turned up to support the presiding ringing master, Mr. J. S. Pritchett, who was in the chair.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. A. Paddon Smith) having explained that for convenience in working it was desirable that the duties of secretary and treasurer should be combined, the whole of the officers were re-elected en bloc, with the exception of the treasurer.—Mr. John Carter was unanimously elected a vice-president of the Guild, as some slight recognition of his many benefactions to the Guild, and his eminent services to the Exercise in general.

The balance sheet was duly adopted, and showed that another prosperous year had been enjoyed by the Guild, the bank balance showing an increase of £2 5s. over the balance last year.

A proposition that is always received with acclamation, and is always carried without a single dissentient is: "That the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner be held as usual this year."—It was decided to hold it on February 28th next, at Ye Olde Royal, where so many excellent dinners have been held in the past, and it will doubtless be attended with all the customary success.

Several new members were made, and various tower elections ratified. The following addition was made to rule 5: "That any member whose subscriptions are more than two years in arrear, shall be considered to have withdrawn from the Guild."

The Chairman referred in feeling terms to the heavy blow Mr. Wm. Rock Small had suffered by the death of his wife, and the secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Small, on behalf of the members, expressing their deepest sympathy with him in his great trouble.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at King's Norton in April.

Mr. Neal (late treasurer) having been thanked for his services, a vote of thanks to Mr. Pritchett for presiding brought the business to a close.

A little later (although time was very short), Mr. Harry Withers brought forth his dulcimer, and the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony.

LICHFIELD VETERAN'S DEATH.**FIFTY-FIVE YEARS A RINGER AT THE CATHEDRAL.**

With deep regret we record the death of Mr. Edwin Gallimore, a veteran Lichfield ringer, who passed away on January 3rd, after a painful illness, cancer in the throat being the immediate cause of death. The deceased was 74 years of age in July last, and had been a ringer at the Cathedral for 55 years, during 35 of which he was captain and tower keeper. He had served under five Deans, and during the episcopate of four Bishops, failing eyesight causing his retirement about two and a half years ago. Practically, he was connected with the Cathedral all his life, having sung in the choir both as boy and man. Being of robust constitution and portly figure, he rang the tenor for a number of years, but was equally at home at the heavy or light end, and had rung about a dozen peals of Grandsire Triples and Caters, taking his place in any position, on treble, tenor or working bell. His eldest son and a grandson are following in his footsteps, both being enthusiastic ringers. The deceased ringer was interred at St. Michael's churchyard on Tuesday, January 6th, being carried to his last resting place by six of his old comrades—Messrs. J. Key, F. Sedgwick, C. Barrett, F. J. Cope, A. Bowler and O. Sawyer. The bells of the city churches, St. Chad's, St. Michael's and St. Mary's were rung muffled on Sunday and Monday evenings, and half-muffled touches of Grandsire Triples at the Cathedral were rung after the interment. Floral tributes were sent by his brother ringers and other friends.

CUMBERLAND YOUTHS' HANDBELL PEALS.**THE ACCURACY OF FOOTNOTES.**

How necessary it is to be careful when appending footnotes to peals is once more emphasised by some corrections which Mr. W. H. Fussell sends us. He writes:—

Peals of Stedman Caters have been rung by the Royal Cumberland Youths Society on handbells (retained in hand) as follows: January 4th, 1855, at the York Arms, Ship Street, Strand, W.C., a 5000, in 2 hrs. 55 mins., composed and conducted by John Cox. October 21st, 1857, at Mr. Carr's, Waltham Abbey, a 5000, in 3 hrs. 3 mins., composed and conducted by John Cox. This latter peal also affects a certain recent county record. With regard to the Shoreditch peal of twelve, the same ring of bells are involved with reference to all the earlier performances thereon. The additional bells or recasting of one or more of them does not nowadays infer a fresh set of bells throughout. With regard to most of the early performances in many of the London towers, the "footnotes" lead one to suppose that all the bells were new. So keen was the antagonism between the College Youths and Cumberlands of a century ago that it was only necessary to find an old bell recast or a new one added to a ring in order to secure another "first peal" on the bells.

Mr. Fussell writes that Miss Hilda Wilson rang her first peal on eight peals when under 14 years of age, while Miss Matthews was more than 14. The former's was a tower bell and the latter's a handbell performance.

VETERAN RINGER'S BIRTHDAY.**MR. JOHN HEATHORN COMPLETES HIS 90TH YEAR.**

The senior member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, Mr. John Heathorn, celebrated his 90th birthday on Sunday. Mr. Heathorn, who is a much respected member of the St. Nicolas' company, has been for some years an inmate of Abbot's Hospital, Guildford, founded in 1619 by Archbishop Abbot for the benefit of twelve brothers and ten sisters after reaching the age of 60 years. Mr. Heathorn still has an occasional pull upon the neighbouring church bells.

In honour of the veteran ringer's birthday, a handbell peal of Stedman Caters was rung on Saturday in the Common Hall of the Hospital, which is beautifully panelled with magnificent oak and hung with fine old oil paintings. It is not often that a handbell peal is listened to by such a numerous company as that which heard this particular peal. In addition to Mr. Heathorn and the Master of the Hospital, who were the official witnesses of the peal, Messrs. S. Radford and C. Hazelden being the umpires, the company included two sisters of the master, some of the brothers and sisters of the Hospital, Mr. Heathorn's son, daughter, niece, and some of his grandchildren, and Mrs. Hazelden and her niece. A splendid peal was rung, upon which the band were heartily congratulated. The time was slow on account of the size of the bells (21 in D). Regret was felt that Mr. S. Radford was unable to take part owing to the early start that had to be made. Mr. W. Shepherd was also to have been one of the band, but unfortunately missed his train, but this enabled Mr. C. H. Dobbie to ring his first peal of Caters in band.

On Sunday, his birthday, Mr. Heathorn climbed the steps to Holy Trinity ringing chamber, and rang the 2nd to a touch of 112 Grandsire Triples. In the old gentleman's rooms afterwards, two members of the St. Nicolas' and two of the Holy Trinity Societies rang a 1260 Grandsire Triples on handbells. The quarter-peal was one composed by Mr. Heathorn, and the length was extremely appropriate, for the 90 leads may be taken as symbolical of the 90 years of his life. We hope he may still be spared many years to enjoy the sound of the bells he loves so much.

ONE HUNDRED 504's.

During 1913, one hundred touches of 504 Grandsire Triples were rung on the bells of Curdridge Parish Church, Hants. Mr. W. Linton (Swanmore) rang in about a score of these, and two of his sons in one each. Mr. A. Millard (also of Swanmore) rang in two, Mr. F. Tull (Fareham) took part in one, and all the rest of the ringing was done by the local band. Two 672's were also rung in the year.

ROYSTON SOCIETY'S PERFORMANCES.

During the year 1913 the Royston, Herts. Society, with visiting friends, rang 105 complete 720's, viz.: London Surprise 5, Norwich Surprise 2, Cambridge Surprise 11, Woodbine Treble Bob 9, Oxford Delight 1, Violet 2, Duke of York 2, Kent 9, Oxford 13, in three Treble Bob Methods 3, St. Clement's 1, Double Oxford 1, Double Court 2, Single Court 2, Oxford Bob 5, College Single 8, Canterbury Pleasure 1, Plain Bob 30. The following ringers took part: E. Bonnett 72 (conducted 17), W. L. Darlow 61 (conducted 9), R. G. King 103 (conducted 54), S. E. Roberts 66 (conducted 9), R. Wilkerson 87 (conducted 8), H. Bonnett 54, A. Gilbert 49, H. Wilkerson 49, W. B. Manning 36. Visiting ringers: A. Wilkerson 19, L. G. Mallion 12, A. E. Austin 4, P. Webb 6, W. Mansfield 3, R. Howard 2, H. Tysoe 1, A. Bowell 1 (conducted 1).

The St. John's, Leytonstone, company and visiting friends, during 1913 rang the following 87 complete 720's: Plain Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 10, Oxford Treble Bob 3, Surprise Methods: Cambridge 14, York 10, London 8, Beverley 6, Carlisle 5, Lincoln 5, Chester 4, Durham 3, Wells 3, Canterbury 3, Ipswich 3, Worcester 2, Chelsea 1, Leytonstone 1, Norwich 1, Chichester 1, Coventry 1, and Ely 1. The following ringers took part: W. Theobald 81, W. Miller 78, H. Torble 64, J. Mould 48, G. Dawson 45, A. Fiddis 35, S. Sharpe 34, A. Prior 34, F. Doran 26, W. Doran 17, H. Saffell 13, G. A. Black 11, A. J. Neale 8, G. Harden 4, R. Sanders 3, G. T. Clayton 2, C. W. Clarke 2, W. Truss 2, F. C. Newman 2, J. Scholes 2, G. L. Joyce 1, H. Fowler 1, L. Pye 1, A. Pye 1, W. A. Pye 1, W. Pye 1, T. Cranfield 1, D. Elliott 1, A. Scrambler 1, H. Gowers 1, and F. G. Newman 1. The 720's were conducted by: W. Miller 56, J. Mould 14, H. Torble 5, S. Sharpe 4, W. Theobald 3, G. Dawson 1, W. Pye 1, C. W. Clarke 1, G. Hayden 1, D. Elliott 1.

In honour of the induction to the Vicarage of Gargrave, Yorks, of the Rev. A. C. Blunt, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples at the Parish Church, but to the great disappointment of the ringers, it came to grief after 2 hrs. 25 mins. ringing: J. Langstroth 1, W. H. Birtwhistle 2, H. J. Lofthouse 3, C. Langstroth 4, W. Townson 5, A. R. Jones (conductor) 6, J. Wane 7, H. Birtwhistle 8. The company were successful in September in ringing a farewell peal to the outgoing incumbent, and had hoped to welcome the new Vicar with a peal performance.

NOTICES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on January 29th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 20th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap-side, on the 20th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 27th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays; St. Magnus at 7.30, the others at 8 p.m. Subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before February 28th.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 17th. Bells available from 5. Meeting at 7. Reports ready. Subscriptions due.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, January 17th, 1914. Bells ready at 3. Business meeting 6.30. Subscriptions for this year are now due.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—Northern District.—The annual general meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, January 17th, 1914. The bells at St. Andrew's, Holborn, will be available from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and at St. Sepulchre's from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. Cornford, Honorary Secretary, 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on January 17th, 1914. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea in the Vestry Hall at 5 p.m.—F. Bennett, Secretary, 3, Hart's Lane, New Cross, S.E.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 17th, 1914, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at 8 p.m. All members and friends invited.—F. A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Smethwick Old Church, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service in the church at 5 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the Vicar at 5.30. Business meeting after.—E. J. Dowler, Honorary Branch Secretary, 9, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Long Eaton on Saturday, January 17th. Bells ready at two o'clock. Service in Church at 3. Committee meeting at 3.30. Tea (1/- each) at 4.15 in the Co-operative Cafe.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at Lewisham on Saturday, January 17th, 1914. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. Canon Hough, at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall 5.15 p.m., 6d. per head. Subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, January 17th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Divine Service 4.30, tea at 5.15, business meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—The quarterly meeting of the society will be held on Monday, January 19th, 1914, at the church of St. John the Divine, Vassell Road, Brixton Road. Tower open from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. — F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 54, Thurlow Park Road, West Dulwich, S.E.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Samlesbury on January 24th. Bells at 3.30, meeting at 5.30. — E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, January 24th. The bells (10) of St. Wulfram's Church available at noon, service in the Chapel at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Dairy Company's Cafe, Westgate, at 4.45. Business meeting to follow. Visitors will receive a hearty welcome. — S. Proctor, Secretary, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, January 24th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shotton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Tuebrook on Saturday, January 24th. Bells ready at 4.—Walter Hughes, Hon. Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western Division.—A bye meeting will be held at Dagenham on Saturday, January 24th, 1914. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at the "Cross Keys" at 5.30 at 6d. each to members notifying me by Wednesday, 21st January. Hornchurch bells available after tea. Subscriptions for 1914 are now due.—H. Rumens, Hon. District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Deanery Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Queen Camel on Saturday, January 24th, 1914. Service in the Parish Church 4.15 p.m. Tea in the Schoolroom 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers and friends cordially invited.—T. G. Vincent, Wraxall, Shepton Mallet.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch. — The annual meeting of the above will be held at Burnham on Saturday, January 24th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, at the Clarence Hotel. Tea 9d. each. Business meeting to follow.—J. Harris, Hon. Local Secretary.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on Saturday, January 24th, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. All Saints (10), St. Andrew's (8) and Benges (6). All members and friends will be made welcome. Particulars as to tea, etc., will appear next week.—W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, January 24th, 1914. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.—A. King, Honorary Secretary, 6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Rammoor on Saturday, January 31st, instead of February 7th, as given in the fixture cards. Church of St. John the Evangelist, 8 bells, tenor 15 cwt., available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, January 31st, 1914. Further particulars will be announced next week.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will take place at Reigate on Saturday, January 31st. St. John's, Redhill (8 bells) open for ringing from 3 to 4 p.m.; Reigate Parish Church (10) open from 4.15 to 5.15 p.m. Service at Reigate at 5.15 (taken by the Rector); tea at 6 in the Parish Hall. Business meeting after, to be followed by ringing till 9.30.—Cyril F. Johnston, Honorary Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the South and West District will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Champion McGill) at Isleworth, on Saturday, January 31st. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea, by kind invitation of Mrs. McGill, in the Hartland Road Mission Hall, at 5.30, business meeting following. Richmond tower will be open in the evening from 7 till 8. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1914 became due on January 1st. — H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Handsworth on Saturday, January 31st. Bells available at 3. Short service with address at 5.30. Tea 9d., at the Coffee Tavern (opposite church) at 6. Those intending to be present please send word not later than Tuesday, 27th. — H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Leeds on Saturday, February 7th. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m. For full particulars see circular.—Clement Glenn, Honorary Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Wednesday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary.

PEAL BOOKS.—Price 3s. 6d., post free, 300 pages. The first peal written in (with weather-proof ink) free of charge, if particulars of same are enclosed with order.—J. Beams, Fir Tree Road, Banstead, Epsom, Surrey.

SITUATION WANTED.

GROCERY AND PROVISION.—Situation required as assistant or first hand; married; age 35; 14 years' ref.; disengaged; or any place of trust not objected to; change-ringer on 6 or 8 bells.—F. Blood, Hitchin Street, Biggleswade, Beds.

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.

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 Mr. Ponton's, Admiral Duncan, Nicholas Street, Bristol. Headquarters of the Bristol Ringers.

ROUND THE FESTIVE BOARD.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

Following an old custom the Salehurst company of the Sussex Association met at the Church at half-past nine on New Year's morning, and rang at intervals throughout the day, several touches of Grandsire Triples being brought round.

In the evening they held their annual supper at the Old Eight Bells Inn.—The Vicar (the Rev. C. E. Ward) presided, and there were also present Mr. F. T. Willsher, people's warden (in the vice-chair), and Messrs. F. Hudson, W. Franks (Battle), W. Thomas, T. Goodsell, and the ringers. An excellent repast was provided by Host and Hostess Kirby, and afterwards the chairman gave the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, which were musically honoured.

Mr. P. Booth, captain, proposed the health of the Vicar and churchwardens, regretting that their warden, Mr. J. Hodson, was unable to be with them as usual, owing to illness.—The Vicar, in responding, congratulated the ringers on the satisfactory way in which they had carried out their duties.—Mr. F. Willsher also replied.—Mr. Hudson proposed "The Salehurst Church Bell Ringers." He complimented the ringers upon the way in which they discharged their duties.—Mr. T. Booth (captain) responded.—Mr. W. Robinson gave "The Visitors," and Mr. Franks, in acknowledging the toast, said he felt all had worked very harmoniously together, and he congratulated the Salehurst men on the success they had achieved.—Mr. F. Hudson also replied.—The toast of "The Host and Hostess" was also submitted.

During the evening, Mr. F. Willsher contributed a recitation, while songs were rendered by Messrs. W. Franks, W. Robinson, E. Mills, T. Booth, G. Peacock and F. Morgan, and an extremely enjoyable evening was spent.

After the peal at Tyldesley, rung in honour of the 50th birthday of Mrs. R. Allred, and recorded in another column, the ringers were entertained to supper by Mr. and Mrs. Allred, who were thanked for their kind hospitality. During the evening songs, etc., were rendered. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells for the peal.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Bridgwater branch was held at Bridgwater on Saturday last, 45 members being present. Service was held at St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Rev. E. de St. Croix, who gave a splendid address from the words of 1 Cor. 14, v. 7 and 8. After service, tea was partaken of at Trinity Parish Room by the kind invitation of the Rev. E. de St. Croix, and the business meeting was then held.—The Secretary gave an encouraging report of the branch's work during the past year, and was able to show a good balance sheet. Both were received by the members with great satisfaction.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. E. de St. Croix, branch chairman; Mr. A. E. Coles, representative on general committee; Mr. W. G. Sellick, junr., branch secretary; Mr. A. E. Moulton, assistant secretary.—Six new members were elected.—Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar of St. Mary's for the use of the bells, the Rev. E. de St. Croix for his excellent address and kind invitation to tea, to the ladies who assisted, and the organist and choir for their services.—The members then returned to the tower, where touches in various methods were brought round during the evening.

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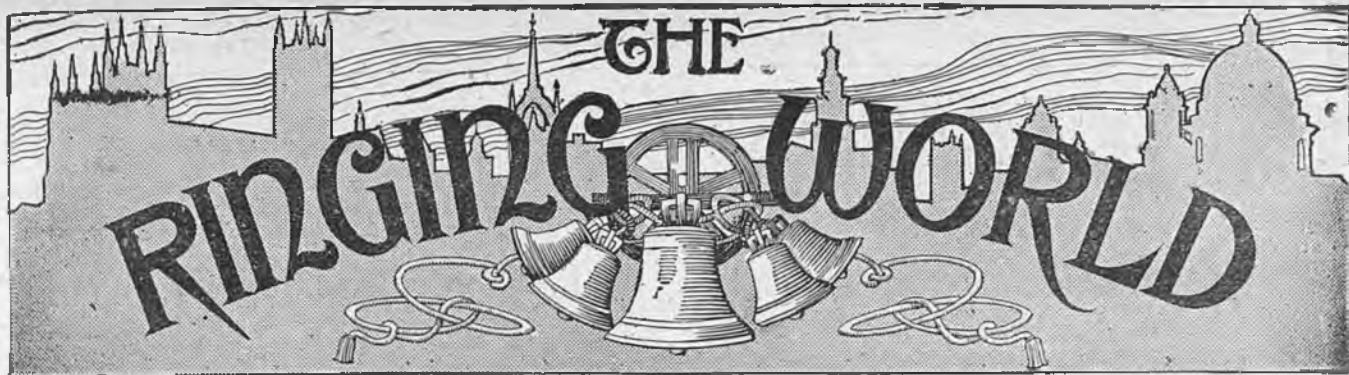
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Yours faithfully, F T. BECK,

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MODERN WORK.

BELL RESTORATION.

A letter from Mr. E. P. O'Meara in another column opens up an interesting and important question in regard to bell restoration, and is the outcome of incidents, which have come to his knowledge, whereby church authorities have been put to unnecessary expense through lack of expert advice in dealing with the renovation of bells. His suggestion is that something should be done to enable church authorities to call in ringers of engineering experience to advise what is best to be done and to pass the work when it has been completed. Those responsible for restorations would thus have the advantage of a trustworthy opinion before embarking upon any expensive outlay, and would be saved the annoyance, to say nothing of the waste of money, of finding, after they had discharged the bill, that the condition of their bells was little, if any, better than before the overhauling.

There can be no question, we think, that cases do occur where the ringers' point of view is hardly considered, and it is also quite true that ringers, except in isolated cases, are unable to give anything in the nature of that "engineering" advice which Mr. O'Meara holds to be essential. Undoubtedly great advantages might be derived, if the suggestion which he puts forward could be carried into effect, but one of the difficulties even if a service such as this could be organised, would be that of getting into touch with those responsible for the various restorations all over the country. Are there in all districts sufficient men with the adequate knowledge of practical ringing and with engineering experience to give the advice and carry out the supervision necessary to make the scheme effective?

Some associations, we believe, have their "Committees of Advice," but even these are not always men who combine the two qualities above mentioned.

The subject, however, is another of those points which Associations would do well to consider, with a view to rendering even more efficient help than they do at present. The question of getting early information as to proposed restoration is an essential in these matters, and the delicate point of getting the Association brought into consultation might be overcome with the exercise of tact. That this already happens in numerous cases is well known, but we do not think that Associations take their part in this work to the extent that they might. Bell restoration is, of course, a special subject. It is peculiarly one of those matters where a little knowledge is a dangerous thing. The advice that can be relied upon is doubtless that of the kind which Mr. O'Meara refers to, and those Associations who possess men thus qualified in their ranks might render excellent service to the churches and to ringing by going out of their way to bring the authorities and the independent experts into touch.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble	FREDERICK PITSTOW 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	*MATRICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 8
BERTRAM PREWETT 3	HARRY FLANDERS 9
CHARLES T. COLES 4	JOHN H. B. HESSE 10
REUBEN SANDERS 5	ALFRED W. GRIMES 11
WILLIAM J. NODDS 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

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

* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, January 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS Treble	*FRANK STUBBS 6
FREDERICK E. SMITH 2	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7
GEORGE DAVIES 3	†JAMES L. WRIGHT 8
SAMUEL WESLEY 4	THOMAS W. GORE 9
FRED DAVIES 5	WILLIAM J. THYNG Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE HOLLIS.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters. This was the conductor's
tenth peal on the bells.

LONDON.

THE ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOT,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS, 5004 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WALTER G. MATTHEWS ... Treble	ALBERT V. SELBY 6
JAMES R. MACKMAN 2	WILLIAM A. GARRARD 7
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 3	CORNELIUS CHARGE 8
HENRY G. MILES 4	WILLIAM E. GARRARD 9
ERNEST G. STIBBONS 5	FREDERICK J. REDKNAP ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and
Conducted by WM. E. GARRARD.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 6, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven-and-a-Half
Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

ROBERT FISHER, SENR. ... Treble	SAMUEL HALL 6
ROBERT FISHER, JUNR. ... 2	JOHN BARKER 7
JOHN E. GUNMERSON 3	J. HILTON 8
ALEXANDER SHAW 4	HENRY MEADOW 9
JOHNATHAN F. HALL 5	WILLIAM MAJOR Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT FISHER, SENR.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. G. H. Roberts, one
of the local ringers, to Miss M. Harrison.

NORTHOWRAN.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED HARDWICK Treble	*HARRY STOTT 5
JOSEPH HUTCHINSON 2	FRANCIS WOODHEAD 6
WILLIAM B. SMITH 3	WILLIAM E. H. ASH 7
JOHN B. JACKSON 4	ALBERT JAGGER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. H. ASH.

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

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 12, 1914, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs., in A flat.

CHARLES CHURCH Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2	GEORGE FLEMING 6
*GEORGE PRYKE 3	ALBERT FLEMING 7
FREDERICK SHIPP 4	GEORGE FARNISH Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FLEMING.

First peal of Major. This composition was a variation of B. Annable's.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

EDMUND SCHOFIELD Treble	HARRY BUCKLEY 5
ROBERT BUCKLEY 2	*CLIFTON FIELDING 6
GEORGE STAFF 3	JOHN H. C. MASSEY 7
JOSEPH GREENWOOD 4	ANDREW SIDEBOTTOM Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. C. MASSEY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

STONEHOUSE, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(CHARLES' SOCIETY, PLYMOUTH.)

On Wednesday, January 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*CAPT. C. F. JERRAM, R.M.L.I. Treble	WILLIAM D. JAMES 5
WARREN S. HORN BROOK 2	FRANK HOCKADAY 6
REGINALD A. H. DOBSON 3	ERNEST W. MARSH 7
WILLIAM G. HISCOTT 4	FRANCIS PURSE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

* First peal.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 14, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. John, Waterloo Road,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
ROBERT W. GREEN 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES 3	FRANK I. HAIRS 7
ERNEST E. GRIMES 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK J. HOLDEN and

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. A. N. Hardy, who was sailing the following day for Buenos Ayres. Unfortunately at the last minute he could not stand in the peal owing to pressure of time.

HOLBEACH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 15, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*ARTHUR E. CAMPLING ... Treble	WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... 5
†FREDK. W. BENNETT ... 2	GEORGE LADD 6
†JOHN B. HALLIFAX 3	†R. HUGH RICHARDSON ... 7
ARTHUR J. FARR 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, and

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Bob Major. This is the first peal on the bells.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 15, 1914, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 0 qr. 17 lbs., in E flat

ARTHUR EDWARDS Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 5
ROBERT H. HAYWARD 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 6
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON ... 3	JAMES MOTTS 7
GEORGE DENT 4	HENRY F. COOPER Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Thursday, January 15, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

SAMUEL WOOD Treble	THOMAS JAKEMAN 5
CHARLES BOWER 2	HARRY CHAPMAN 6
JONATHAN BROADBENT 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 7
BENJAMIN GILL 4	SAMUEL BOOTH Tenor

Composed by DANIEL WOODS, and

Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 15, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At Christ Church, Blackfriars,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS KING Treble	ERNEST E. GRIMES 5
WILLIAM HEWITT 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 6
*ARTHUR H. PALMER 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7
RICHARD N. RUNHAM 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. This peal was arranged for A. H. Palmer, who hails from Boston.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 16, 1914, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH SYKES Treble	THOMAS HAMLIN 5
BENJAMIN THORPE 2	ALBAN SLATTER 6
WILLIAM STEDMAN 3	WILLIAM KATHRO 7
CHARLES H. PERRY 4	TOM PAGE Tenor

Conducted by B. THORPE.

Rung after meeting short for Bob Major.

ROTHERHAM.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR HAGUE Treble	THOMAS COLIN RYDER... 5
MISS WINIFRED M. HAGUE 2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 6
JOHN W. J. COTTAM 3	CLEMENT GLENN 7
*LEONARD BRIGHTMAN... .. 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES

B. ANNABLE'S BOB MAJOR COMPOSITION.

STEPHEN J. PERKINS... .. Treble	FREDERICK BUTCHERS ... 5
JIM BEACH 2	EDWIN LAMBERT 6
*GEORGE FULLER... .. 3	ALBERT RELFE 7
ANDREW MARSHALL 4	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

*First peal of Major. First peal in the method by all the band, and first for the Kent County Association. Messrs. Lambert, Beach and Butchers hail from Horsmonden, and Fuller, Marshall and Relfe from Lamberhurst; S. J. Perkins belongs to the local band.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(DARLEY DALE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt., in F.

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

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and

Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

BULWER'S No. 7.

Tenor 14 cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT Treble	WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON... 5
HARRY ARGYLE 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 6
*WALTER HORTON 3	WILLIAM T. COX 7
WILLIAM J. SMITH 4	DOUGLAS HAROLD ARGYLE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON.

* First peal of Stedman; also the first in the method on the bells since the dedication of five new bells by the Bishop of Coventry in January, 1892.

ILKLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM DIXON Treble	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 5
ROBERT W. JENNISON 2	WILLIAM D. HILLARY ... 6
THOMAS BANCROFT 3	JOHN M. KELL 7
*JAMES STOTT 4	SMITH MURCATROYD ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by J. M. KELL.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

CHARLES SAMPSON Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
ALLEN F. BAILEY 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY... .. 6
GEORGE WILSON 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 7
EDGAR H. BAILEY 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band, and the first for the Association by an entirely local company.

ASHSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

DAVID ANSCOMB Treble	ARTHUR C. OTWAY 5
WILLIAM COOK 2	ERNEST HOLLAWAY... .. 6
WILLIAM H. CORBETT 3	ARTHUR DEAN 7
GEORGE A. COOK... .. 4	RICHARD KENDALL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

The ringer of the 6th was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

*DANIEL REDHEAD Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD 5
ARTHUR E. PAYNE 2	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 6
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN 3	JAMES NICKERSON 7
ROBERT F. TURNER 4	DAVID J. NICHOLS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell to Mrs. and Miss L. Kingsford who are shortly leaving the parish.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ERNEST STONE Treble	REV. C. CAREW COX ... 5
REV. E. V. COX 2	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS... .. 6
*E. HARRY STONELEY 3	ARTHUR CHAMBERS... .. 7
MORRIS J. MORRIS 4	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor

Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.

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

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5568 CHANCES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

EDWARD CAUNCE... .. Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5
THOMAS JENNISON... .. 2	JOHN ALLEN 6
GEORGE WOODHALL 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
HENRY FYLES 4	JOHN TURNER Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

This peal, which has the and never in 5-6 at a course end, is the longest length in the method by the band and on the bells.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

VARIAION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs., in A.

REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON	Treble	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE	5
EDWARD EVANS	2	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	6
DANIEL PRENTICE	3	JAMES MOTTS	7
WILLIAM MOTTS	4	CHARLES A. WARD	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Charles A. Ward, who attained his majority on the 13th inst.

WHITBY, YORKS.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 18, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

T. STEEL	Treble	W. A. BRECKON	5
A. COATES	2	G. P. HILL	6
J. T. WATERS	3	F. S. HODGSON	7
W. R. KNAGGS	4	M. STAPLEY	Tenor

Conducted by W. A. BRECKON.

* First peal.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

ACCRINGTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5340 CHANCES;

Comprising 720 each of Duke of York, Woodbine, Coventry, College Exercise, Violet, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, 120 each of Duke of York and Woodbine, and 60 of Plain Bob.

A. SCHOLES	Treble	*W. ASHWORTH	4
*W. SCHOLES	2	*J. HEAP	5
*J. T. GREEN	3	*J. BRACKNELL	Tenor

Conducted by A. SCHOLES.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the tenor, who sails for India in February. Longest length on the bells.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM CLARKE	Treble	*HOWARD TOMKINS	4
†HERBERT C. EDWARDS	2	REUBEN UNDERWOOD	5
HERBERT TOMKINS	3	JAMES TOMPKINS, JUNR.	Tenor

Conducted by H. C. EDWARDS.

* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal as conductor. First peal by all except the ringers of 2nd and 4th. All are members of the local band.

STONE-IN-OXNEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Thursday, January 15, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by CHARLES W. PLAYER.

* First peal away from treble. Rung to celebrate the birth, on the 72th inst., of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Saxby, of Margate.

GEDNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 16, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILLIAM HANNAH	Treble	*THOMAS HANNAH	4
*JOHN T. M. FLETCHER	2	*ERNEST WELLS	5
HARRY V. FLETCHER	3	JOHN B. HALLIFAX	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN B. HALLIFAX.

* First peal of Minor and were proposed members of the Guild previous to starting.

STAMFORD.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 7 lbs., in F.

*WILLIAM ALLEN	Treble	WILLIAM G. THORPE	4
*WILLIAM H. WORRAKER	2	†ALBERT C. DARNELL	5
THOMAS BLACKBOURNE	3	SIDNEY PROCTOR	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT C. DARNELL.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. The ringers of treble, 2nd, 3rd and 5th are members of the local band. T. Blackbourne, who rehung Wells Cathedral bells, had not, previous to the above, rung a peal for over ten years.

WICKHAMBREAUX, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER MAXTED	Treble	JABEZ WALTER	4
HARRISON SMITH	2	WILLIAM NORRIS	5
SIDNEY WALTER	3	STANLEY WHITE	Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY WHITE.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Edwin Kelsey, Rector's warden for over 20 years, who was buried at the above church the day previous. This is the first muffled peal on the bells and by all the ringers, who belong to the local band.

BENGEO, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ARTHUR PHILLIPS	Treble	ALBERT CARTER	4
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE	2	HENRY WALLACE	5
ERNEST A. OVERALL	3	BARNARD PATMORE	Tenor

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES JOHNSON	Treble	RICHARD T. SHARP	4
GEORGE CHESTER	2	JAMES S. BETTS	5
JOHN H. BELLAMY	3	WILLIAM CLARKE	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES S. BETTS.

First peal by the ringer of the treble, who is in his 68th year, and who has been parish clerk at St. Botolph's for 34 years. First peal upon the bells, which have been recently recast and augmented from five to six by Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough. The "tone" and "go" of the bells are perfect. The four towers in Lincoln, possessing a peal, were represented by the band.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure and four of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor to cwt.

HERBERT G. PRATT Treble	WALTER KERRISON ... 4
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... 2	JOHN SPENCER 5
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

HOO, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBORGH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire Minor, two 720's of Kent, one of Oxford Treble Bob.

RICKS PAINE Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 4
FREDERICK HAYES 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 5
JOHN BURLES 3	WILLIAM HAIGH Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM HAIGH.

First peal on the bells on record.

GORLESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's.

*HARRY WRIGHT... .. Treble	DENISON HAYWARD... .. 4
WILLIAM A. ARNOTT ... 2	GEORGE ORFORD 5
†ARTHUR WEBBER 3	*WILLIAM LEE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE ORFORD.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Minor. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. Robert Christian.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

BERTRAM PREWETT... .. 1—2	GEORGE R. PYE 7—8
ERNEST PYE 3—4	JAMES HUNT... .. 9—10
WILLIAM PYE 5—6	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 11—12

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpires: M. F. R. HIBBERT and J. BARRY.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,
IN THE PARISH ROOM, DINSDALE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

*ALLEN F. BAILEY... .. 1—2	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 5—6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 3—4	JAMES M. BAILEY 7—8

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: F. W. BAILEY.

* First peal away from 7—8. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. S. Bailey.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 14, 1914, in Two Hours and One Minute,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF S. H. SYMONDS, 5, CHURCH STREET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... 1—2	ARTHUR SYMONDS ... 3—4
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 5—6	

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

First peal in three methods by all on handbells.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT 43, HEATH ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

CHALLIS F. WINNEY... .. 1—2	HUBERT EDEN 7—8
HENRY HODGETTS 3—4	GEORGE N. PRICE ... 9—10
WILLIAM HODGETTS... .. 5—6	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW 11—12

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpires: THOMAS L. SIMMONS and WILLIE ROUGHTON.

ROTHERHAM.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT 20, GERARD ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

MISS WINIFRED M. HAGUE 1—2	ARTHUR HAGUE 5—6
CLEMENT GLENN 3—4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 7—8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

We publish the following peal, rung last May, in order that it may be duly credited to the Association:

BRIXWORTH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

JAMES WARWICK... .. Treble	EDWARD INNS 3
JAMES MALLARD 2	GEORGE INNS 4

GEORGE GOLSWORTHY Tenor

Conducted by JAMES WARWICK.

First peal by all.

LANCASHIRE MEETING AT MANCHESTER.

The annual meeting of the Manchester branch of the Lancashire Association was held at the Cathedral on Saturday last. About fifty members attended, and Mr. Jas. Barratt presided over the business proceedings. He wished all present a happy and prosperous year, and expressed regret at the inability of Mr. John Eachus to be present, owing to the serious illness of his wife, who, he trusted, would have a speedy recovery.—Seven members of the Whitefield and three of the Stretford companies were elected members of the Association, and Prestwich was the place appointed for the next monthly meeting.

After a long discussion as to the advisability of holding regular monthly practices for higher methods, it was decided to hold the first at St. John's, Miles Platting, a fortnight hence.

General agreement was expressed in favour of admitting ladies on the Central Council.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the authorities and local ringers for the use of the bells, and to this, Mr. Churchwarden Higginbottom responded on behalf of the Cathedral authorities, expressing pleasure in granting the privilege.

MR. ERNEST C. LAMBERT'S 100 PEALS.

Minor, 25 (conducted 13); Bob Triples, 1; Grandsire Triples, 24 (13); Canterbury Major, 1; Bob Major, 9 (7); Kent Treble Bob Major, 7 (3); Double Norwich Major, 8; Superlative Surprise Major, 2; Cambridge Surprise Major, 2; Stedman Triples, 18; Stedman Cutters, 3; total, 100 (conducted 36). Rung in eight counties and 54 towers.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

THE FINANCIAL POSITION.

For the first time for nearly twelve years the Midland Counties Association held its meeting at Long Eaton on Saturday last, when about thirty members put in an appearance from Beeston, Burton, Cotgrave, Derby, Hinckley, Leicester, Long Eaton, Lockington and Loughborough. The Parish Church of St. Lawrence has a peal of eight bells in good going order, with a tenor of about half-a-ton, and these, as well as the six bells at Sawley, were placed at the disposal of the visitors.

In the afternoon the members attended a short service at St. Lawrence's Church, at which the Vicar, the Rev. G. T. McLean, gave a helpful address on the subject of church work.

The committee meeting, followed by the tea and general meeting, was held in the Co-operative Hall.—Unfortunately, owing to a funeral which he had to attend, the President (Sir Arthur Heywood) was prevented from being present at the last minute, while Mr. J. W. Taylor, vice-president, was called away on urgent business. In their absence Mr. E. Demison Taylor was voted to the chair, and was supported by the Rev. G. T. McLean (Vicar of Long Eaton), Messrs. T. Jackson and A. W. Thornley (churchwardens), the Rev. C. J. Sturton (Orston, Notts), the hon. secretary (Mr. W. E. White), hon. treasurer (Mr. W. C. Wakley), and others.

The Chairman voiced the thanks of the Association to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, and for the service arranged for them. To this the Rev. G. T. McLean and Mr. T. Jackson briefly replied.

The Hon. Secretary then made a statement with regard to the finances of the Association, which, he said, were in an unstable condition, as the expenses exceeded the income each year by something like £5. The cost of printing had gone up, making a large increase in the price of the report, which was the largest item in the balance sheet, and it was difficult to see how the expenses could be reduced.

Two suggestions were made as to ways in which the income might be improved on; first, that there should be a booking fee charged to ringers of peals; and, second, that each band of ringers should endeavour to induce their incumbents, and, if possible, the wardens to become honorary members. It is hoped this latter course will be followed by many of the branches of the Association.

On the proposition of Mr. J. H. Swinfield, seconded by Mr. C. E. Hart, the auditors were unanimously re-elected.

The Secretary read the list of peals rung by the Association during the last quarter of 1913. These amounted to 51, including a peal of Double Norwich Caters at Chesterfield, and the first peal by the Association of Little Bob Major at Darley Dale. The total for 1913 came to 136.

One honorary member, three life, and 18 ringing members were elected, on the proposition of Mr. Wallace, seconded by Mr. Swinfield.—Notice was given of propositions to alter rules 4A and 13 at the Easter meeting at Burton-on-Trent.—A vote of thanks to Mr. Taylor for presiding, proposed by Mr. W. C. Wakley, closed the meeting.

Ringing was kept up till a late hour, the methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Major on the tower bells, besides Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal in hand.

DERBY DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Derby District of the Midland Counties Association was held in St. Andrew's belfry, Derby, on Monday of last week, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, Mr. W. Wallace; representatives on the committee, Messrs. Draper and E. Clarke; hon. district secretary, Mr. J. Lord (36, Howard Street, Derby).—The Chairman suggested that an attempt should be made to arrange a social evening among the ringers of the town, so that they might see more of each other. He thought a good programme could be arranged both with music and handbells. After discussion it was left to the committee to go into the matter.

THE CUMBERLAND HANDBELL PEALS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—As the conductor of the handbell peals of Stedman Caters, recently rung in London by the Royal Cumberland Youths, I should like to say that I do not know who was responsible for the footnote which Mr. Fussell corrects in your last issue. When the peals were rung, all the company knew that peals of Stedman Caters had previously been rung "in hand" by the society. In fact, I believe there is a board, recording this early performance, in Shoreditch tower. As, however, we were uncertain of the date, I left the report in other hands to be forwarded, and it is strange that such a curious error should have crept in.—Yours truly,

A. H. PULLING.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Southern district was held on Saturday last at All Saints', Fulham. There was an attendance of about 40, and touches in various methods were rung on the fine ring of ten during the afternoon and evening.—At the business meeting, held in the tower, all the officers were unanimously re-elected, as follows: Mr. H. S. Ellis, Master; Mr. H. Mance, treasurer; Mr. P. A. Smith, secretary; and Mr. C. H. Hughes, steward.—It was decided to hold the next meeting on the third Saturday in March.—Short touches on tower and handbells concluded the evening.

THE OXFORD GUILD.

SONNING DEANERY BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Sonning Deanery branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers was held on Saturday week at Wokingham. At evensong, said at All Saints' Church, the Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, gave an appropriate address.

Tea followed in the Church House, Miss Grace Simmons and Mrs. T. W. Heelas kindly attending to the arrangements.

Some 80 members were present, and at the business which followed, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, chairman of the branch, presided, there being also present the Revs. C. W. O. Jenkyn, E. E. Broome (hon. secretary), G. F. Coleridge (Rural Dean), P. H. Ditchfield (Rector of Barkham), B. Long (Rector of Wokingham), Mr. A. E. Reeves (Guild secretary), and others.

The Hon. Secretary reported a credit balance in hand of £5 5s. 7d. Two hon. members had died—the Rev. E. A. Gray, late Rector of Woodley, and Mr. T. R. Harman, while Major Harris had left the district. Their members showed an increase of one on the year, and now stood at: Life members, 5; honorary members, 32; change ringers, 118; probationers, 10; and life subscribers, 10; total, 175. Seven peals had been rung during the year, and twelve combined practices held, at which the attendance varied from 4 to 27. Mr. Jos. White was heartily thanked for his valuable work in this connection, for these combined practices had proved most helpful.

The officers were elected as follows: Chairman, Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis; hon. secretary, Rev. E. E. Broome (for the 23rd year in succession). Representatives to Guild Committee: Messrs. Gough, J. White, Wright, J. Moth and J. Rance. Combined Practices Committee: Messrs. F. K. Lush, J. White, E. Lambert, H. Bungay and J. Rance.

THE GUILD PROGRESSING.

The Chairman said the Guild, generally, was progressing. Assuming no falling back upon last year in the accounts of some branches not yet to hand they would have some £41 in hand, but they had decreased their reserve fund. He referred with appreciation to the Poet Laureate's poem on "The Christmas Bells," and quoted it with effect, remarking that the Editor of "The Ringing World" had very wisely and appropriately published the poem.

Mr. A. E. Reeves remarked that the Guild was "alive," as shown by new branches joining, but the peals rung had fallen to 81, as compared with 121 in 1912.

The Rural Dean thanked the Rector and workers of All Saints' for their kindly hospitality.

The Master of the Guild referred to the next festival to be held at Slough, when the important question as to whether the festival should in future be held always at Oxford, would come up. He knew Sonning Deanery, East Berks and South Bucks were strongly opposed, but let them consider it fairly in the light as to which was best for the Guild—for all its members to be able to meet at the greatest convenience to all—not from the sectional point of view. The Poet-Laureate was one of the great men who had caught the spirit of the bells, and doubtless his observations at Yattendon, where he was an earnest church worker, had contributed to his inspiration.

WOKINGHAM BELL FOUNDERS.

The Rev. P. H. Ditchfield, the well-known antiquarian, in thanking the ladies, went on to deal in the most interesting manner with the historical old bell foundry at Wokingham, which went away back to the 14th century. Bells were made in Wokingham, he said, from 1375 to 1400, "Bell Lane" surviving still. That maker's name was unknown, but his bells were to be found all round, at Arbourfield, Didcot, etc. They were known by their stamp—the lion's head, afterwards changed to the lion and the fleur-de-lis. Another stamp in the 15th century of the Wokingham bell maker was a horse. Bells of this mark were found at Winchester, Dorchester, and elsewhere.

An inscription in Latin was on the bells, to the effect that "I always protect those whom I call." There still existed 16 bells of Roger Landon, another Wokingham bell maker. His mark was a bell between his initials R and L. In 1480, a new lion's head and the name John Mitchell appeared, and records showed that the Corporation of Henley paid for six of these bells. In 1495 Mitchell died, and the foundry was removed to Reading. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the noted bell founders, were descendants of the old 14th century, Wokingham bell makers. Mr. Ditchfield, in conclusion, referred to the rhyming rules of the old belfries, and quoted the following:—

This is a belfry that is free
For all those that skilful be,
And if you please to chime or ring,
It is a very pleasant thing.
There is no music played or sung
Like unto bells when they're well rung.
So ring your bells well if you can,
But silence is best for every man.
But, if you ring in spur or hat,
Sixpence you may; be sure of that,
And if a bell you overthrow,
Pray pay a great before you go.

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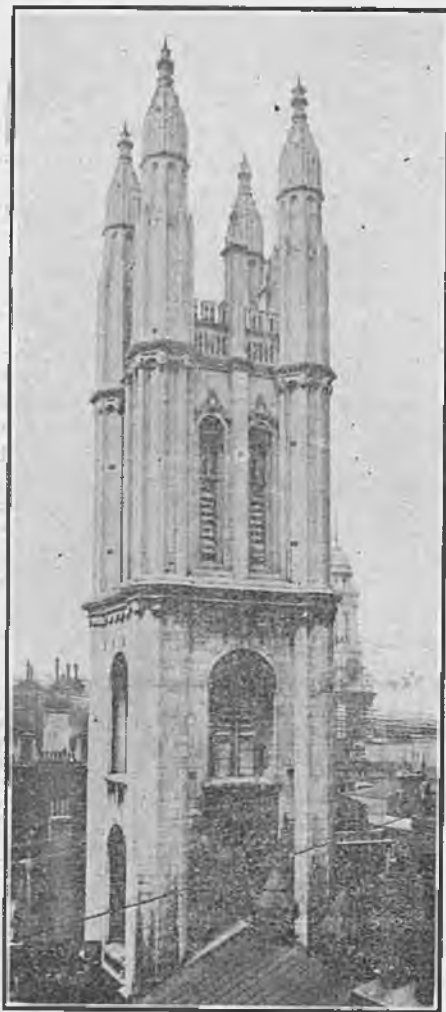
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BELLS OF FAMOUS CHURCHES.

ST. MICHAEL'S, CORNHILL.

By J. R. JERRAM.

In view of the interesting event which is to take place to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon at the famous church of St. Michael-upon-Cornhill, where a board recording the silent peal of Stedman Cinques rung by the College Youths last February, is to be unveiled, it is not inappropriate that the bells and the majestic tower should form the subject of our illustration this week.



ST. MICHAEL'S, CORNHILL.

The earliest mention of bells in connection with this church is recorded thus by *Stow*, in his *Survey of London*, 1603: "The fair steeple or bell-tower was begun to be built in the year 1421, which, being finished, and a fair ring of five bells therein place, a sixth bell was added and given by John Whitmell, Isabel, his wife, and William Rus, alderman and goldsmith, about the year 1430, which bell named Rus, nightly at eight of the clock, and otherwise for knells, and in peals, rung by one man, for the space of one hundred and sixty years, of late overhauled by four or five at once, hath thrice been broken and new cast within

the space of ten years, to the charges of the parish more than one hundred marks." He further remarks that "this was accounted the best ring of six belles to bee rung by six men that was in England, for harmonye, sweetness of sound, and tune."

It appears that the tenor was recast the first time by Lawrence Wright in 1587, and again by Robert Mott in the following year; and again by him in 1599. Again, after the Great Fire, by Richard Phelps in 1738. At the present time she forms the tenor of the peal of six at Westminster Abbey and is inscribed as follows:—REMEMBER IOHN WHITMELL, ISABELL HIS WIFE, AND WILLIAM RUS, WHO FIRST GAVE THIS BELL 1430. NEW CAST IN JULY 1599 AND IN APRIL 1738, RICHARD PHELPS, T. LESTER FECIT. The bell is 56½ inches diameter. How, when, and why she was transferred from St. Michael's to Westminster Abbey is a mystery.

In the inventory of the sixth year of Edward VI we find entered against St. Michael's "vj great bells and ij sawnse bells." In the churchwardens' accounts we find that in 1553 the ringing at the proclamation of Queen Mary cost xij*d*, and that at her coronation ijs iiij*d*.

There is a tradition (similar to the Whittington story at St. Mary-le-Bow) that, as Queen Elizabeth was passing St. Michael's in one of her royal progresses, the bells were ringing in thirds, 135246; and that from this coincidence "thirds" on any number of bells has ever afterwards been called the "Queen's" row.

Stow relates in 1603 "Upon a certaine tempestuous St. James' night, as certaine men in the loft under the bells were ringing a peal, an uglie shapen sight appeared to them coming in at the south window, and lighted on the north, for feare whereof they all fell downe and lay as dead for the time, letting the bels ring and cease of their own accord; and when they had mustered courage to get up they found certain stones of the north window to be rayased and scrat, as if they had been so much butter printed with a lyon's clawe," and he adds "I have seen them oft, and put a feather or small stick into the holes where the clawes had entered, three or foure inches deepe!" The above legend is perpetuated by a carving on the end of the churchwardens' pew representing the print of a lion's foot. Above this is carved a bell with the name "RVS." upon it, to commemorate the original tenor.

The church and bells perished in the Great Fire of 1666. Some of the metal was recovered from the ruins, but it was so mixed with other substances as to be unfit for use again. The steeple was not wholly destroyed, but was nevertheless taken down and the present tower built from Wren's designs, being finished in 1721. A peal of ten bells, cast by R. Phelps, of the Whitechapel foundry in 1728, was placed therein, and two trebles were added to make twelve in 1746, cast by Thomas Lester. Several of these bells have since been recast at the Whitechapel foundry, some by Thomas Mears, senr., and the eleventh by Mears and Stainbank, as late as 1910, who rehung the whole peal at the same time, and they are now in excellent order. The inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble.

THOMAS LESTER MADE ME, 1746.

Second.

THO: LESTER MADE ME, 1746.

Third.

MAGNIFICAT ANIMA. R: PHELPS FECIT 1728.

Fourth.

IUBILATE DEO. R: PHELPS FECIT 1728.

Fifth.

CAST 1795. THE REV^d. THOS. ROBT. WRENCH, M.A., RECTOR.
MESS^{rs}. LUCAS BIRCH, PHILIP GRUBB, JOS^h. NORVILLE,
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Sixth.

EXULTATE IUSTI. R: PHELPS FECIT 1728.

Seventh.

CANTATE DOMINO. R: PHELPS FECIT 1728.

Eighth.

T: LESTER LONDINI FECIT 1740. [engraved] IOHN SMITH,
EDWD. WAYTE, IOHN HUNT, CH: W:

Ninth.

SI DEUS NOBISCUM QUIS CONTRA NOS R:
PHELPS FECIT 1728†*††

Tenth.

WE HONOUR TO THE KING.:.AND IOY TO
BRIDES DO SING.:.TO PRAYERS WE DO CALL
.:.ST:MICHAELS PEOPLE ALL.:.TRIUMPHS WE
LOUDLY TELL.:.AND RING THE DEAD MANS
KNELL.:.R:PHELPS FECIT 1728†*††

Eleventh.

[On the waist-on side] TRUSTEES FOR BUYING THESE
TWELVE BELLS. ALEXANDER CLEEVE—JOHN WOOD—THOMAS
RILEY—JOHN SHIPTON—WILLIAM HIDE—RICHARD ROYCROFT
—WILLIAM MARSLAND. R. PHELPS FECIT 1728. [On the other
side]. THIS BELL WAS RECAST. AND THE WHOLE PEAL RE-
HUNG BY MEARS AND STAINBANK, A.D. 1910—RECTOR. G. C
BELL, M.A.—CHURCHWARDENS.—H. A. SUMMERS—E. SIMMONS
—C. E. ATKINS—A. W. KERLY—R. DAVIES—E. C. BEEDELL—F.
F. MATHIESON

Tenor.

THIS BELL RECAST ANNO DOMINI 1795. THE REV^d. THOS.
ROBT. WRENCH, M.A. RECTOR OF ST. MICHAEL'S CORNHILL.
MESS^{rs}. LUCAS BIRCH, PHILIP GRUBB, JOSEPH NORVILLE,
CHURCH WARDENS. THOS. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT. S.S.

(The excellent photograph of the tower of St Michael's
is published through the courtesy of Mr. F. E. Dawe, who
took the picture from among the city chimney pots).

ODD CHANGES.

Members of the Castle Cary Deanery Branch of the Bath
and Wells Association should note that the meeting which
was to have been held at Queen Camel to-morrow has been
cancelled, and will be held instead, at Barton St. David, on
Saturday, January 31st.

It is reported that the whole of the band at Newport
Pagnell, Bucks, has been dismissed by the Vicar and
churchwardens, on account of disagreement in the ranks.
The decision of the authorities was come to after a meet-
ing at which both sides had the opportunity of ventilating
their views. We hope, however, that peace and amity
may soon hold sway again, and that the bells of Newport
Pagnell will no longer be silent.

In these days when so much attention is being paid to
the restoration of bells, it is not often that one hears of
two men being required to get one bell through a peal; still
more rare is it, happily, that two bells each require two
men. Such, however, was the case at Wigan, in a peal
which we record this week. There were two men for the
7th and two for the tenor, which is 28 cwt. We hope, if,
as one may suppose, it was the "go" of the bells which
caused so much effort to be required, that the church
authorities will speedily have this condition of affairs
remedied.

At Waldron, in Sussex, two daughters of the Rector
take their place regularly in the belfry for service ringing,
and prior to evensong on Sunday week, one of them, Miss
Maud Humble-Crofts, conducted a quarter-peal of Grand-
sire Triples for the first time. The ringers were: B.

Barrell 1, Miss Una Humble-Crofts 2, Miss Maud Humble-
Crofts 3, H. Ades 4, E. Jennings 5, C. Humphrey 6, A.
Hobden 7, E. Unstead 8.

Ringling in the London district has sustained a loss by
the removal from the metropolis of Mr. Frank Bennett, one
of the ablest conductors that ever entered a belfry. Mr.
Bennett has returned to Brighton, where he was before go-
ing to reside at New Cross, and his reappearance in Sussex
will doubtless give the Art a fillip in that county.

During his residence in London Mr. Bennett has done
much to promote the ringing of higher methods, and has
rendered a great deal of service as honorary secretary of
the Royal Cumberland Youths, which office he discharged
for several years, and which he resigned on Saturday at the
annual meeting, Mr. H. J. Bradley, to whose energies
largely the bells of Shoreditch have been restored, having
been elected to succeed him.

Mr. Arthur N. Hardy, also well known in London ring-
ing circles, and a member of the Cumberland Youths, sailed
on Friday for Buenos Aires, and will be away from Eng-
land for several months.

The Leiston, Suffolk, company have added to their
laurels by scoring the first peal of Bristol Surprise by a
local band of the Norwich Association. This peal was
rung at the second attempt, the first failing after 2 hrs. 40
mins. Five of the brothers Bailey figured in it, and great
credit is due to Allen, who is only 17 years of age. Inci-
dentally it may be mentioned that he rang 1-2 to a hand-
bell peal of Bob Major in the same week.

The two new treble bells given by the Vicar of Ditch-
ling, Sussex (the Rev. F. C. Norton), to complete the
octave, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Chichester on
Sunday, February 1st, at 3 p.m. The work has been
entrusted to Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, Croydon.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**RECORD BRANCH MEETING AT WRAXALL.**

The annual meeting of the Chew Deanery branch was held at
Wraxall on Saturday last, and proved to be a record gathering, mem-
bers attending from Backwell, Barrow Gurney, Congresbury, Clapton,
Easton-in-Gordano, Long Ashton, Nailsea, Portbury, Portishead,
Wraxall, Wrington, Yatton, and Bristol. During the afternoon ring-
ing took place on the fine peal of bells, and divine service was held
in the Parish Church, conducted by Preb. Vaughan, who gave an ex-
cellent address from the words of St. Paul: "Whatsoever ye do, do it
heartily, for ye serve the Lord Christ." The lesson was read by the
Rev. E. S. C. Lock, Vicar of Pill.

Afterwards the members adjourned to the "Battle Axes" tea rooms,
where a most excellent meat tea had been very generously provided by
Preb. Vaughan, and to which about 70 sat down. The business meet-
ing followed, presided over by Preb. Vaughan. The officers for the
ensuing year were unanimously re-elected as follows: Chairman, Mr.
T. Wyatt; vice-chairmen, Mr. G. G. Court and Mr. G. H. Gale; hon.
secretary and treasurer, Mr. George Yeo.—Two hon. and 16 perform-
ing members were elected, and Long Ashton was chosen for the next
quarterly meeting.—A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to Preb.
Vaughan for his kindness, and carried with hearty cheers.—The tower
was then again visited, and the bells kept going in a variety of
methods.

**THE "THOMAS" PEAL OF STEDMAN
TRIPLES.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—I heartily congratulate the band of "Thomas's" who rang
the peal of Stedman Triples at Birmingham, but beg to inform them
that the first was rung at the Church of St. Thomas', Brentwood,
Essex, on St. Thomas' Day, December 21st, 1901, and a peal of Sted-
man Caters, by ten of the same name was rung at the Church of St.
Magnus-the-Martyr, London Bridge, on May 14th, 1905, both con-
ducted by Thomas H. Taffender.—Yours faithfully,

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Senn.

Chelmsford Cathedral Tenor Bell.



The new ring of 12 bells (Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs.) for Chelmsford Cathedral was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans on Saturday, September 27th, 1913.

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BELL RESTORATION.**THE NEED OF PRACTICAL ADVISERS.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The present wave of bell restoration throughout the kingdom suggests to me something that might be worked into tangible form. At present incumbents are augmenting and restoring their rings of bells, with sometimes only a committee of church officials, who, knowing nothing of the practical or ringers' side of the question, often err through want of proper advice. I have had the pleasure of being at several re-openings lately, and it has struck me, upon more than one occasion, in what a haphazard manner the whole affair has been carried out. No competent ringer engineer has been asked to assist with his advice, no architect with a knowledge of ringers' requirements (these gentlemen are few and far between) has been consulted, and the consequence is, in many cases, money wasted. I could give many instances, but one or two will suffice. A ring of bells in the City of London were "rebung" at an expense of some £200, but after the operation they went worse than before—and eventually another firm had to be called in, and a further sum of over £200 was again spent, happily with better results. Here was a case where advice would have been useful, and much more might have been done with the money. Another instance I will name, where most of the bells were recast in a prominent country church and augmented to a ring of twelve. Here the authorities passed the work, when the tenor bell, to say nothing of the others, was such that no engineer ringer, with any ear at all, would have passed it, or permitted it to go into the steeple. There are many men throughout the country who would be pleased to give sound advice and assistance of this nature if they were asked—I mean capable men who are in no way connected with any firm of bell founders or bell hangers, who are ringers as well as engineers, and who know a good bell when they hear one. These are the men who would be useful. I have had the privilege myself of helping Rectors upon more than one occasion, and I know of many much more capable than I am, who would willingly give their services if asked in what is a matter of vital importance to ringers generally. Perhaps if some member of the Central Council would bring the matter forward, some good might be done, which would help incumbents, who have no knowledge of the matter themselves. There is much good work being done in various centres, by committees who have the advice of practical men of the right sort, but I know of instances where ringers did not like to speak about indifferent work, because they were not asked for an opinion, and the work has consequently been passed and paid for. Of course there is any amount of work, excellently done, where all has been as it should be, and often without the practical advice I am advocating, but of course it would be invidious to mention names or places in a letter which will, I hope, bring out the views of others, who are more capable to speak than myself. On the other hand, I have seen frames put in much too light for the weight of metal to be carried, and freak bearings about which, the least said the better. I think this matter is of very great importance at the present time, or I would not have so far encroached upon your valuable space.—Yours faithfully,

EDWARD P. O'NEARA.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

A combined meeting for practice was carried out at Battle on Wednesday week, when the Salehurst men turned up in good numbers, accompanied by Mr. W. H. Perry, of Alton, Hants. It was hoped that other bands would have been represented, but probably the weather had something to do with their absence. Several well-struck touches of Stedman and Grandsire were brought round, the members taking part being Messrs. T. Booth, H. Edwards, G. Goodsell, W. Robinson, W. H. Perry, W. Hoad, and W. Creasey (Salehurst), and W. Franks, W. Thomas, C. Dennis, P. Carter, J. Linden, and W. Beney (Battle). It was decided to continue these combined practices, and Brightling was fixed upon as the next venue.

Much enjoyment has been derived already from these meetings, and no doubt more towers will be represented when they become better known, as they enable bands who are short of members for any particular method to get good practice. It is hoped that many will avail themselves of the opportunities afforded by these gatherings.

HONOURING A NEW BISHOP.

It was through the efforts of the new Bishop Suffragan of Buckingham, when Vicar of High Wycombe, that the fine ring of twelve bells, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were placed in that tower, and in honour of his elevation the High Wycombe ringers and other members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild made an attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques. Unfortunately this came to grief, but subsequently a quarter-peal (1306 changes) was rung by F. Hayes (conductor) 1, R. Coles 2, F. Boreham 3, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 4, A. L. Ashman 5, S. T. Goodchild 6, E. Markham 7, J. Evans 8, J. Gransbury 9, J. J. Pratt 10, J. C. Truss 11, B. Page 12.

DAGENHAM.—Essex Association.—On Christmas Day, for early morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: Miss Cissie Playle (first 720 Treble Bob) 1, A. Chaplin 2, A. Playle 3, E. Butler 4, G. Playle (conductor) 5, E. Hawkins 6.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**VICAR OF SMETHWICK AND LADY RINGERS.**

What proved to be one of the most successful meetings since the division of the Association into branches was held on Saturday last by the Northern Branch at Smethwick. It was the first time the Association had held a meeting at this tower, and the wish was expressed that it would not be the last. It was very noticeable how many young ringers tried their hands at methods in which they had previously only had but little practice, and there is no doubt that it is at such meetings that change ringing benefits greatly.

Upwards of 50 attended the service, which was held in the old church, where a splendid address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. G. Astbury). In the course of his address, he impressed upon his hearers the necessity of being churchmen first and ringers afterwards, and he trusted that they rang for the good of the church as well as for themselves.

After the service, on the kind invitation of the Vicar, the members partook of a splendid tea, which was served in the Parish Room. After tea, the Vicar was voted to the chair for the business meeting, and said how pleased he was to have the Worcestershire Association there for their quarterly meeting. He heartily wished them a very happy and prosperous year, and remarked how delighted he was to see so many young members amongst them, which was a very healthy sign for the Association. It showed that the ringers were going ahead, and progress was very necessary for the well-being of any society. He supposed that "women's rights" asserted themselves even in bell ringing, but he was very proud of the fact that he numbered two lady ringers among his band. He thought, perhaps, that some Vicars might object to having lady ringers, but if they were in any doubt about it, he would be pleased if they would refer to him for his experience (applause).

Clerk was selected for the next quarterly meeting in June.—The Vicar and churchwardens were elected honorary members, and 13 performing members, including the Feckenham band, and one life member were also elected.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kind hospitality was proposed by the Master (Mr. A. E. Parsons), seconded by Mr. W. Painter, and unanimously carried.—The Vicar, in responding, said that the thanks for arranging the tea were due to his daughter and his servants, who gladly undertook the extra work, and he would convey the thanks of the meeting to them.

Members had the opportunity of having a practice on handbells in the Parish Room of Grandsire Triples and Caters, while in the tower touches in the Standard methods were attempted by the young members. Later the more advanced members were successful in ringing Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major, and this brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close. The following towers were represented: Tipton, Halesowen, Oldswinford, Old Hill, Wolverley, Kidderminster, Bellbroughton, Brierley Hill, Wordsley, Clent, Birmingham, Edgbaston, Woolaston, Stourbridge, Redditch, Feckenham, Selly Oak, Erdington, and the local company.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

MALINSLEE, SHROPSHIRE.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Dec. 29th, a quarter-peal of Doubles, with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Lumley, who was interred on the above date: J. Harley 1, E. Woodvine 2, J. Garbett 3, A. Garbett 4, A. Woodvine (conductor) 5, A. Chilton 6.

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.—On Christmas Day, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 47 mins.: C. Brewster 1, W. Hawes 2, G. Register 3, T. White 4, G. T. Cox 5, G. Hassock 6, H. Overton 7, B. S. Thompson (conductor) 8. Longest touch by all except the ringers of 2nd, 5th and tenor, and longest touch on the bells by a local band.

LONDON.—St. Mary Abbot's Guild, Kensington. — On December 13th, at St. Mary Abbot's, for evening service, 1263 Stedman Caters: E. J. Ridler 1, W. E. Garrard 2, E. G. Stibbons 3, A. B. Bennett 4, W. G. Matthews 5, P. L. Miles 6, A. V. Selby 7, H. G. Miles 8, C. Charge (conductor) 9, W. A. Garrard 10.

DEVIZES.—On St. Stephen's Day, at the Church of St. James', Southbroom, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins.: H. Brownlee West 1, F. Green 2, S. Hillier (conductor) 3, G. England 4, A. Little 5, T. Weeks 6.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS. — On Sunday, Dec. 14th, 384 Bob Major: G. Williams 1, C. H. Giles 2, W. T. Tucker 3, W. G. Edwards 4, W. Rowe 5, C. J. Fray 6, W. H. George 7, J. George, Rugby (conductor) 8.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Sunday, Dec. 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1278 changes), in 50 mins.: W. J. Thyng (conductor) 1, G. Hollis 2, Percy Sault (first quarter-peal) 3, G. Davies 4, F. Davies 5, F. Stubbs 6, P. E. Smith 7, A. Knights (composer) 8, Geo. Thompson 9, Tom Gore 10.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.—On Dec. 15th, at St. Michael's Church, as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. A. Wakelin, a quarter-peal of Minor, consisting of 900 Plain Bob and 360 Canterbury, in 41 mins., by members of the local band: F. Wakelin 1, C. A. Wakelin 2, J. Owen (first quarter-peal) 3, J. Walker 4, A. H. Harber 5, G. J. Yardley (first as conductor) 6.

LONG STANTON.—The local band rang their first six-scores on December 31st, when two 120's of Bob Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering, were brought round by: W. Seymour 1, G. Crisp 2, Rev. H. B. Woolley 3, A. Cook 4, C. Cook (first as conductor) 5, C. Crisp 6, P. Wilson 7, E. Wilson 8.—On January 4th, for evening service, a six-score of Doubles on the back six: W. Seymour 1, G. Crisp 2, E. Wilson 3, A. Cook 4, C. Cook 5, M. Crisp 6. Also a six-score with 7, 6, 8 covering: W. Seymour 1, G. Crisp 2, Rev. H. B. Woolley 3, A. Cook 4, C. Cook 5, M. Crisp 6, E. Wilson 7, L. Burgess 8.

BELTON, RUTLAND.—St. Peter's Guild.—On Dec. 31st, at 11.30 p.m., with bells half-muffled, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: H. T. Churchill 1, J. Grocock 2, F. Bindley 3, C. Reeve 4, J. J. Jackson (conductor) 5, A. Jarman 6.—On Jan. 2nd, to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. R. Christian, of Great Yarmouth, an esteemed hon. member of the above Guild, a quarter-peal of Minor in 45 mins., being 540 Plain Bob and 720 Oxford Bob: H. Kendall 1, H. J. Churchill 2, J. Grocock 3, A. Jarman 4, F. Bindley 5, J. J. Jackson (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal on the bells, and by the ringers of 1, 2 and 3.

WEST EALING.—On Jan. 4th, for evening service, at St. Stephen's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples from the "Clavis": Miss Edith Jones 1, J. R. Mackman 2, J. Hunnisett 3, Geo. Harbour 4, W. Lawrence 5, Victor Holloway 6, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 7, H. H. Noakes (first quarter-peal) 8.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On Nov. 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1280 changes): A. Cutmore 1, J. A. Lambert 2, B. Morris 3, A. W. Darlington 4, A. Calver 5, R. Grimwood 6, C. Bance 7, W. S. Smith (conductor) 8. Arranged for A. Cutmore and A. W. Darlington, of Fulham.

ENFIELD.—Recently, at St. Andrew's Church, 224 Double Norwich, 504 Stedman Triples, and a course each of London Surprise and Bristol Surprise. The following took part: Miss E. K. Parker, J. Parker, G. Paice, G. A. Card, J. H. Benstead, W. Bowden, W. Anderson, J. Thomas, W. J. Hazell and W. Dickenson (Hickington, Lincs.).

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—720 Bob Minor: C. Remnant 1, T. W. Burdock 2, G. Luff 3, T. Attwell 4, W. G. Brockhurst 5, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 6.

SHOREDITCH.—On Nov. 16th, on the occasion of the Mayor and Council attending Divine service, 1047 Stedman Cinques, in 52 mins.: A. N. Hardy 1, J. A. Trollope 2, J. D. Matthews 3, F. Hairs 4, H. Burton 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6, F. Smith 7, J. Parker 8, T. Card 9, J. Hunt 10, A. W. Grimes 11, H. Flanders 12.

WILTLESFORD.—On Nov. 8th, after an attempt for a peal in seven methods: 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, and Woodbine Treble Bob: F. E. Kempton 1, P. Webb 2, T. R. Dennis 3, L. G. Mallion 4, A. Wilkerson (conductor) 5, F. Dench 6.

ABBOTTS LEIGH.—On Nov. 12th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 20 mins.: L. H. Moore, junr., 1, G. Bennet 2, W. Frampton 3, G. H. Gale 4, E. Frampton 5, L. H. Moore (conductor) 6.

WISBECH.—On Nov. 10th, 720 Bob Minor, 7-8 covering: F. Lightning 1, A. W. Wenlock 2, H. Piggins 3, G. Piggins 4, T. Haines (conductor) 5, R. Narborough 6, T. Banham 7, H. Cheesewright 8. 720 Bob Minor, 7-8 covering: F. Lightning 1, S. Andrews (conductor) 2, A. Wenlock 3, G. Piggins 4, T. Haines 5, R. Narborough 6, T. Banham 7, H. Cheesewright 8.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 2nd, after evensong, 1260 Stedman Caters, in 47 mins.: W. D. Smith 1, *W. J. Cooper 2, W. J. Kemp 3, H. Rumens 4, R. Maynard, senr., 5, J. C. Adams 6, J. H. Wilkins 7, W. D. Manning 8, C. T. Coles (conductor) 9, *L. G. Hicks 10. *First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters.

SOUTHGATE.—On Nov. 2nd, for evening service, in 45 mins., 1260 Stedman Triples: N. A. Tomlinson 1, A. R. Glasscock 2, J. E. Miller 3, W. Pickworth 4, F. G. Tegg 5, H. Miller 6, J. Armstrong (conductor) 7, W. Tegg 8. Rang as a wedding compliment to Miss Lucy Tegg, sister of the ringers of 5th and tenor, who was married at this church previous to the morning service.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 3rd, the local band met to attempt a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but after two hours and 20 mins. good ringing, the bells had to be stopped owing to illness in the town: W. Pierce 1, J. Spalding 2, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 3, C. Moss 4, A. H. Took 5, J. Howard 6, J. Larter 7, F. W. Watling 8.

WEST EALING.—On the festival of All Saints', Nov. 1st, for the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by A. Miles, of Kensington: A. Harding 1, G. Harbour 2, A. R. Walker (St. John's Wood) 3, J. Crocker 4, W. Lawrence 5, V. Holloway (Acton) 6, J. R. Mackman (conductor), Southall, 7, C. Edwards 8.—On Nov. 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 49 mins.: W. Henley 1, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 2, J. J. Pratt 3, G. Fardon 4, C. Mayne 5, W. Lawrence 6, H. H. Chandler 7, A. H. Harding 8.

RAYNE.—For children's service, on All Souls' Day, 720 Bob Minor: B. Ridswell 1, W. H. Dyson 2, F. Ely 3, F. Webb 4, F. Slade 5, G. Lindridge (conductor) 6.

NEWTON.—On handbells, a 720 of Bob Minor: G. Howse 1, F. Lightning 2, Stanley Andrews 3-4, Ralph Narborough (conductor) 5-6. First 720 by G. Howse, who is a local ringer.

WALSOKEN.—For morning service at All Saints' Church, on Oct. 26th, 720 Bob Minor: F. Carter 1, J. Albion 2, T. Blunt 3, A. Sargant 4, R. Narborough 5, J. W. Storey (conductor) 6.

NOTICES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on January 29th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 27th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays; St. Magnus at 7.30, the others at 8 p.m. Subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before February 28th.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Samlesbury on January 24th. Bells at 3.30, meeting at 5.30.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, January 24th. The bells (10) of St. Wulfram's Church available at noon, service in the Chapel at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Dairy Company's Cafe, Westgate, at 4.45. Business meeting to follow. Visitors will receive a hearty welcome.—S. Proctor, Secretary, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, January 24th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shotton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Tuebrook on Saturday, January 24th. Bells ready at 4.—Walter Hughes, Hon. Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western Division.—A bye meeting will be held at Dagenham on Saturday, January 24th, 1914. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at the "Cross Keys" at 5.30 at 6d. each. Hornchurch bells available after tea. Subscriptions for 1914 are now due.—H. Rumens, Hon. District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Burnham on Saturday, January 24th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, at the Clarence Hotel. Tea 9d. each. Business meeting to follow.—J. Harris, Hon. Local Secretary.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on Saturday, January 24th, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. All Saints (10), St. Andrew's (8) and Benges (6). All members and friends will be made welcome. Meet at St. Andrew's first. Tea at Coffee Tavern at 5.30 p.m., 6d. per head.—W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, January 24th, 1914. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.—A. King, Honorary Secretary, 6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Ranmoor on Saturday, January 31st, instead of February 7th, as given in the fixture cards. Church of St. John the Evangelist, 8 bells, tenor 15 cwt., available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will take place at Reigate on Saturday, January 31st. St. John's, Redhill (8 bells) open for ringing from 3 to 4 p.m.; Reigate Parish Church (10) open from 4.15 to 5.15 p.m. Service at Reigate at 5.15 (taken by the Rector); tea at 6 in the Parish Hall. Business meeting after, to be followed by ringing till 9.30.—Cyril F. Johnston, Honorary Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the South and West District will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Champion McGill) at Isleworth, on Saturday, January 31st. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea, by kind invitation of Mrs. McGill, in the Hartland Road Mission Hall, at 5.30, business meeting following. Richmond tower will be open in the evening from 7 till 8. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1914 became due on January 1st. — H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Handsworth on Saturday, January 31st. Bells available at 3. Short service with address at 5.30. Tea 9d., at the Coffee Tavern (opposite church) at 6. Those intending to be present please send word not later than Tuesday, 27th. — H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Raunds on January 31st, at Kettering on February 7th, at Dallington on February 14th, at Wilby on February 21st. Bells ready about 3 p.m. Teas at 5 p.m.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, January 31st, 1914. Tower open at 2.30. Committee meeting in Parish Room at 4. Service in church at 5, tea in Parish Room at 5.45, followed by general meeting. Sixpence each will be charged for the tea. All members intending to be present must notify the District Secretary not later than Wednesday, January 28th. Members who have a copy of the Association's form of service are requested to bring it.—W. Latter, Hon. District Secretary, 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Carey Deanery Branch.—The meeting which was arranged to take place at Queen Camel on January 24th, 1914, will now take place at Barton St. David on January 31st, 1914, owing to the bells of Queen Camel being unavailable.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, Jan. 31st.—John W. Barker, District Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bocking on February 7th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short service, with address, by the Very Rev. Canon Brownrigg, M.A., Dean of Bocking, at the Parish Church at 5 p.m. The Dean has very kindly promised to provide tea free to members at the Deanery at 5.45 p.m. to all giving notice not later than Wednesday, February 4th. Braintree (8 bells), Rayne (6 bells) also open for ringing. Subscriptions for 1914 are now due.—B. Redgwell, Honorary District Secretary, The Street, Rayne.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Leeds on Saturday, February 7th. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m. For full particulars see circular.—Clement Glenn, Honorary Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

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, February 7th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at the Cherry Tree at 6 o'clock, 6d. each to members who inform me, not later than February 4th, of their intention of being present.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, February 7th, 1914. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at the Green Dragon Hotel at 5.30 at 10d. each, to members notifying me by Wednesday, February 4th. — William Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wooburn, Bucks, on Saturday, February 7th, 1914. Service in Parish Church at 4.15, preacher Rev. R. Unsworth. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting 5.45 p.m. Tea will be provided free to all members who send in their names before February 4th to R. Coles, Honorary Secretary, Snaefell, Priory Road, High Wycombe.

HOLBECK.—St. Francis Church (R.C.), Manor Road, Holbeck, Leeds.—By kind permission of the Rev. Canon McAuliffe the peal of 8 bells (tenor 11½ cwt.) will be open for ringing from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, February 7th, 1914. All members of the Yorkshire Association, or any society of change ringers, will be welcome. The tower is five minutes' walk from all Leeds Railway Stations. Meeting house, the Belmont Inn, handbells provided. Dacres' dining and refreshment rooms close by the church.—R. Binns, Secretary.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Wednesday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

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WROXHAM.

By the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Green, the annual supper and social evening of the Wroxham, Norfolk, bell ringers was held on Wednesday week. In addition to the ringers there were also present Mr. and Mrs. Tooley, Mr. J. Ives, Mr. J. Holman and Mr. J. Long (Worstead). After partaking of a splendid repast, the remainder of the evening was spent in a very happy way. Several touches of Bob Minor were rung upon handbells, conducted by Mr. C. R. Chamberlin, and the tune ringing, again the best item of the programme, was especially appreciated by the hostess. Songs were contributed by Mr. J. Long and Mr. C. R. Chamberlin, whilst a humorous recitation from Mr. J. Holman caused much amusement. After passing compliments and thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Green, the company dispersed, having greatly enjoyed an evening, which has now for many years been an annual event.

DITCHHEAT.

The annual dinner of the Ditchheat, Somerset, bell ringers is one of the important events in the social life of the village, and the gathering, numbering close upon 60, assembled at the Manor Inn for the festive proceedings last week. Mr. A. G. Barber presided, and among those present were: The Rector (the Rev. C. E. Leir), Messrs. G. Longman (parish warden), T. G. Vincent, senr. (captain of the ringers), E. Welsh, R. J. Hoskin, E. Creed, J. Board, T. White (Castle Cary), Fulford (Batcombe), Willis, T. G. Vincent, junr., G. Look, R. N. Look, H. Norman, S. Dyke, G. W. Read, etc. After enjoying a substantial repast, a full toast list was gone through. The loyal toast and that of "The Bishop and Clergy" having been honoured, the Chairman briefly gave the toast of the bell ringers. They had an excellent peal of bells and excellent ringers. He thought they had hardly sufficient ringing; at any rate what they did have was very good.

Mr. T. G. Vincent replied, and expressed his pleasure at once again having the privilege and honour to respond on behalf of the ringers. He thanked them for the appreciation of their ringing, and was glad to see representatives of Batcombe and Castle Cary ringers present. In the ringers they had almost a brotherhood. Since the inauguration of the Diocesan Guild, much had been done to raise bell ringing to a higher standard, and to make the belfry a sacred part of the church. He thought that the time would come when each ringer would be a good ringer and a good Churchman too, and the class of bell ringers generally raised. Mr. Vincent explained that the reason why so little ringing was indulged in was that they had to consider and try to please everybody.

Mr. T. G. Vincent, junr., whose name was also coupled with the toast, said he was glad to hear the chairman complain of so little ringing being done in the village. Referring to the young band he was training, he asked the Rector's permission to let them practice during the summer months, and this consent was readily given.

Afterwards the toasts of 'The Churchwardens,' 'The Organist and Choir,' 'The Visitors,' 'The Chairman,' 'The Press' and 'The Host and Hostess,' were honoured.—The speeches were interspersed with some capital musical items.

The annual dinner of the Croydon Parish Church ringers took place on Thursday of last week, and the function was a highly successful one.

CROYDON.—On Nov. 23rd, at St. Peter's Church, 503 of Grandsire Caters (conductor, E. Dean) for evening service; quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: W. Gammon 1, C. Dean 2, G. B. Selby 3, F. Larby 4, W. Rowe 5, D. Wright (conductor) 6, W. Ives 7, G. Burt 8, C. Kitching 9, J. Calcott 10. Arranged for Mr. Selby, of Westerham, Kent.

BASINGSTOKE.—At St. Michael's Church, on November 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Leavey 1, Miss A. White 2, Miss E. N. Belcher 3, W. Hunt 4, G. Paice 5, A. Burgess 6, H. White 7, H. E. White 8.

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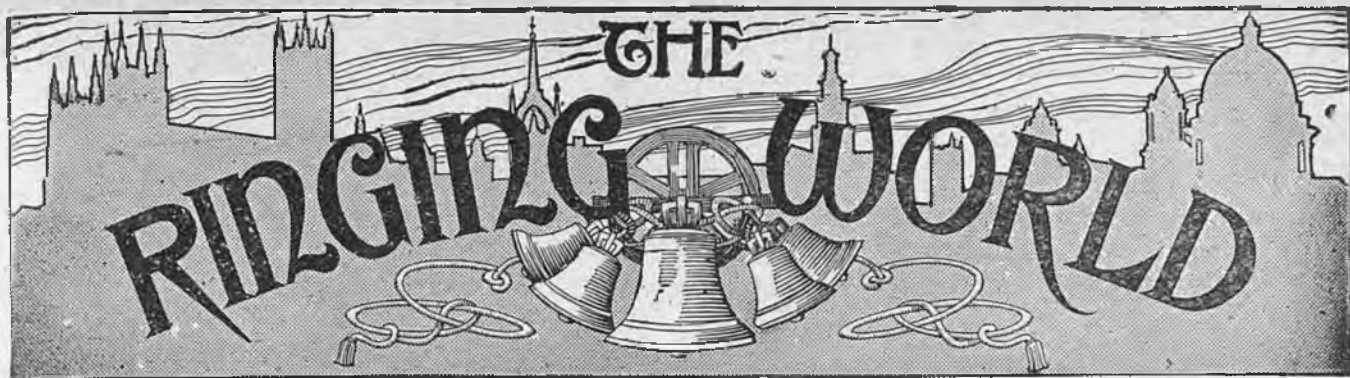
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INTER-AFFILIATION.

The question of inter-affiliation is really taking definite shape and coming within the region of practical politics. As has been already recorded, the Llandaff Association will officially bring the matter to the notice of the Central Council, the Worcestershire Association have considered the subject, and now the Warwickshire Guild have debated it at one of their quarterly meetings and are to discuss it further at the annual meeting. This, of course, is the way in which to get the matter ventilated and to ascertain the real feeling of ringers on the subject, and doubtless now that the ball has once been set rolling other Associations will follow suit and weigh up the pros and cons in order that their representatives when they go to Winchester at Whitsun may have behind them the knowledge that they speak with the full authority of their members. Unless there is need of educating opinion on some special matter, the delay of a year, on account of the Central Council only meeting annually, is a thing to be avoided and might well be avoided in this matter.

A correspondent, "R. A. E.," has raised the question as to whom should go the credit for initiating the project of inter-affiliation. He says: "In this discussion you have attributed the origin of this idea to Mr. W. H. Godden, who spoke of it at St. Martin's Guild annual dinner two years ago. Surely memory is not so faulty! If there is any credit at all it belongs to Mr. William Willson, of Leicester, who advanced the question seven years ago in 'The Bell Ringer,' and in his article gave a complete scheme." Needless to say, we had no intention of detracting from any credit due to "W. W." as the first to ventilate the subject, although, of course, the matter is one which has long been a topic of discussion privately among the ringers. If we overlooked Mr. Willson's scheme of 1907 in commenting on the matter it is only because the question was publicly revived after a long break, during which it had been relegated to the limbo of schemes forgotten. But, as "R. A. E." adds, "Some men's views are usually in advance of their time, but the opinions of 'W. W.' once pooh-poohed, are now firmly growing in the minds of the Exercise as quite practicable." This applies to projects in all walks of life, but we think that had Mr. Willson, with his trenchant pen, had the continued opportunity of keeping things of this kind under the public notice his efforts would not have been altogether fruitless. At any rate, we hope that our efforts to stir up interest in things which concern the interest of ringers and the welfare of the Art, by returning to them again and again, as occasion warrants, have not been altogether lost.

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AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;

SAMUEL WOOD Treble	SAMUEL GREENHALGH ... 7
CHARLES BOWER 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... 8
BENJAMIN GILL 3	JOHN HARRISON ... 9
CHAS. BROADBENT 4	ALBERT ADAMS ... 10
THOMAS JAKEMAN 5	SAMUEL BOOTH ... 11
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A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 0 qr. 20 lbs.

ALFRED W. GRIMES Treble	FREDERICK PITSTOW ... 7
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 2	FREDERICK J. PITSTOW ... 8
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GEORGE R. PYE 6	ERNEST PYE ... Tenor

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

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Tenor 33 cwt.

*EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... Treble	ALBERT LITTLE ... 7
§ISAAC PURSER 2	†HERBERT JONES ... 8
†FREDERICK DARRALL ... 3	†WILLIAM H. LAWLEY ... 9
†HARRY HAWKSWOOD ... 4	§BENJAMIN CLARK ... 10
†HARRY FARLOW 5	HERBERT KNIGHT ... 11
†THOMAS O'CONNOR 6	†THOMAS SMITH ... Tenor

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5004 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt., in D flat.

SIDNEY F. PALMER Treble	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 6
*LEONARD GARRISON 2	THOS. COLIN RYDER ... 7
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3	†EDGAR C. GARRISON ... 8
†LEONARD BRIGHTMAN ... 4	CLEMENT GLENN ... 9
ARTHUR HAGUE 5	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal. † First peal on 10 bells. The conductor's 300th peal for the Yorkshire Association, and also his completion of the "circle" in this tower.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, January 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5051 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.	
FRED DAVIES Treble	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 6
SAMUEL WESLEY 2	GEORGE HOLLIS 7
CLEMENT GLENN 3	*JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 8
*WILLIAM G. CHRISTIAN ... 4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 9
GEORGE DAVIES 5	WILLIAM J. THYNG ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Knights, wife of the composer.

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

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt.	
*MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... Treble	EDWARD F. COLE 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	JAMES PARKER 7
JOSEPH J. PRATT 3	WILLIAM HORNE 8
RICHARD BUCKLAND 4	ROBERT H. YOUNG 9
JOHN GRANSBURY 5	HENRY H. CHANDLER ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. R. H. Young's 50th peal. This was intended to be a Cumberland peal, but the band meeting one short, Mr. Chandler kindly rang the tenor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.	
GEORGE GATLAND Treble	ARTHUR GROVES 5
EDWIN BRISTOW 2	GEORGE H. PHILLIPS ... 6
ARTHUR HUTCHINGS 3	ROBERT C. PRIDGEON ... 7
EDMUND LINDUP 4	ERNEST STURT Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT CONGREVE PRIDGEON.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.	
JAMES WHEELER Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
HARRY BOTTRILL 2	WILLIAM WHEELER 6
WILLIAM DELLAR 3	JOHN CORDELL 7
*WILLIAM HEWITT 4	GEORGE DENT Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by G. DENT.

BIRSTALL, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt., in E.	
JAMES COTTERELL Treble	JOSEPH BROADLEY 5
J. FRED CLAYTON 2	HERBERT DRANSFIELD ... 6
WILLIAM CLARK 3	EDWARD CROWTHER 7
FRED ROBINSON 4	HERBERT PEEL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED ROBINSON.

After the peal the ringers were entertained to a "knife and fork" tea at the local ringers' headquarters.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 16 cwt.	
GEORGE ALLDER Treble	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 5	GEORGE MARTIN 6	
RICHARD BUCKLAND 2	GEORGE MARTIN 6	WILLIAM HENLEY 7	
*WILLIAM A. GARRAWAY ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7	JAMES BLACKMAN Tenor	
JOSEPH J. PARKER 4	JAMES BLACKMAN Tenor		

Conducted by G. MARTIN.

* First peal in the method. Rung to welcome the Rev. T. B. Carter to the parish as vicar.

BURNHAM, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 22½ cwt.	
*JAMES CORAM Treble	FREDERICK ILEY 5	WALTER WORGAN 6	
ALFRED ROUTLEY 2	WALTER WORGAN 6	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN ... 7	
ALEXANDER EVANS 3	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN ... 7	†EDWARD REED Tenor	
*GEORGE H. PRUEN 4	†EDWARD REED Tenor		

Conducted by G. CHAMBERLAIN.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells by an entirely local band, and first attempt and first peal of Stedman as conductor. The ringer of the treble is nearly 67 years age, and only took up Stedman a short time ago.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
EX-SERG. J. WILLIAMS ... Treble	GEORGE CONDICK, Senr. ... 5
JOHN AUSTIN 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
ARTHUR E. MORGAN 3	JOHN W. DAVIS 7
JOHN W. JONES 4	ARTHUR S. BOAR Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and
Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

MIDDLETON.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 19, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
JOHN HOLLOWES Treble	*JAMES ARROWSMITH, Junr. ... 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	TOM A. OGDEN 6
THOMAS OLDHAM 3	JAMES ARROWSMITH, Senr. ... 7
THOMAS K. DRIVER 4	TOM WELLES Tenor

Composed by W. SHIPWAY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

* First peal in any method, also at first attempt.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 20, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 24 cwt., 1 qt. 1 lb.	
WILLIAM T. PATES Treble	REV. H. A. COCKEY 5	REV. C. D. P. DAVIES ... 6	
GEORGE A. PHILLOTT 2	REV. C. D. P. DAVIES ... 6	REV. CYRIL JENKIN 7	
ALBERT W. HUMPHRIES ... 3	REV. CYRIL JENKIN 7	WALTER FARLEY Tenor	
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE 4	WALTER FARLEY Tenor		

Conducted by REV. CYRIL JENKYN.

This is the first peal on the bells, which are a new ring by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. It is a very musical ring and goes splendidly. The band wish to thank the Vicar for kindly granting the use of the bells, and Mr. Tucker for his kind hospitality after the peal.

BROMLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
SOCIETY OF BROMLEY YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, January 20, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*ALFRED JAMES, Junr. ... Treble	GEORGE HUXLEY ... 5
ISAAC EMERY ... 2	ARTHUR BYGRAVE ... 6
ERIC G. FILTNESS ... 3	ALFRED JAMES, Senr. ... 7
HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ... 4	GEORGE DURLING ... Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and
Conducted by GEORGE DURLING.

* First peal of Major.

READING, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

CHARLES GILES ... Treble	AMBROSE OSBORNE ... 5
ALFRED T. REEVES ... 2	JOHN SWAIN ... 6
ALFRED WATMORE ... 3	ARTHUR W. PIKE ... 7
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 4	FRANK HOPGOOD ... Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON, and
Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BENHILTON, SUTTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 19½ cwt., in E.

GEORGE A. COOK ... Treble	ERNEST HOLLOWAY ... 5
ALFRED L. BROWN ... 2	ALFRED H. WINCH ... 6
RICHARD KENDALL ... 3	ARTHUR DEAN ... 7
WILLIAM H. CORBETT ... 4	WALTER SHERMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

This is believed to be the quickest peal on the bells.

HATFIELD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION,
AND THE HATFIELD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, January 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

FREDERICK CULL ... Treble	ARTHUR SHEPHERD ... 5
JOHN SHEPHERD ... 2	RALPH SHEPHERD ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROMNEY ... 3	JOSEPH HOLLINGSWORTH ... 7
WILLIAM NASH ... 4	JOHN T. KENTISH ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH, and
Conducted by JOHN T. KENTISH.

First peal of Treble Bob by all except the conductor. First peal in the method by the local band, and first peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

HERBERT DAY ... Treble	FRED W. HILL ... 5
*SYDNEY LANDER ... 2	FRANK F. HILL ... 6
G. ARTHUR BOWMER ... 3	WILLIAM C. PILCHER ... 7
ALEX. HUTCHISON ... 4	HENRY GEORGE ... Tenor

Composed by T. PLATE, and
Conducted by HENRY GEORGE.

* First peal. First peal in the method on the bells, and first in the method by all except the ringer of treble. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Harry Price, who has resigned his headmastership of Ripley St. John's Schools to read for Holy Orders.

EAST HAYBOURNE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 22, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*WILLIAM E. NAPPER ... Treble	HARRY TUCKER ... 5
THOMAS EAST ... 2	HARRY SMITH ... 6
RICHARD G. RICE ... 3	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN ... 7
EDWIN MENDAY ... 4	*JAMES S. NAPPER ... Tenor

Conducted by REV. CYRIL JENKYN.

* First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 22, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... Treble	JOHN WHEADON ... 5
GEORGE POVEY ... 2	REGINALD BROUGH ... 6
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON ... 3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 7
*DAVID BARNES ... 4	*WILLIAM AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

* First peal of Stedman. F. W. Richardson's 50th peal.

NEWCHURCH, ROSSENDALE, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, January 22, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES TAYLOR ... Treble	O. EASTWOOD ... 5
ROBT. LEACH ... 2	WALTER TAYLOR ... 6
J. H. HAYDOCK ... 3	J. B. TAYLOR ... 7
STANLEY PICKUP ... 4	J. W. ORMEROD ... Tenor

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

This is the quickest peal on the bells, and was rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. John Kershaw, of Newchurch, who is an old ringer, and has taken an interest in ringing for 55 years. The ringers of 2nd and 3rd hail from Ramsbottom, and 4th from Bacup.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 22, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WHITTLE'S VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

LEONARD LEVERTON ... Treble	GEORGE WEST ... 5
JOSEPH WOOLLEY ... 2	FRANK JOHNSON ... 6
HARRY WHITTLE ... 3	EDWARD A. RIDGWAY ... 7
REV. C. J. STURTON ... 4	SAMUEL WESLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

The ringers of the treble and 5th were re-elected members before starting. E. A. Ridgway hails from Leek, Staffs.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

†THOMAS M. WHITEFIELD ... Treble	ROBERT GOFTON ... 5
R. ALDER GOFTON ... 2	GEORGE R. HARRISON ... 6
ARTHUR PAYNE ... 3	JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... 7
ROBERT W. FALCONER ... 4	*HERBERT P. MUSGRAVE ... Tenor

Conducted by R. ALDER GOFTON.

* First peal. † First peal away from the tenor. This peal was rung on the eve of the Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul, and the first anniversary of the dedication of the bells. It was the eighth peal on the bells rung out of nine attempts.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(DARLEY DALE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt., n F.

JOHN SIDDALL, Junr. Treble	JAMES L. WRIGHT 5
ALFRED WALLACE 2	HENRY GREGORY 6
WILLIAM BARKER 3	WILLIAM TAYLOR 7
THOMAS WHITE 4	ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE, and
Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Mr. Thomas Burnett.

DEANE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRED. ABBOTT Treble	THOMAS WORSLEY 5
ALFRED POTTER 2	ROBERT WALLWORK 6
THOMAS WALLWORK 3	TITUS BARLOW 7
THOMAS BRANDWOOD 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by J. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by J. RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method. Rung after meeting short for Superlative.

ASHSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt., in F.

GEORGE MARRINER Treble	JOHN HOYLE 5
JOHN WYATT 2	ALFRED H. WINCH 6
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT 3	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7
WILLIAM H. CORBETT 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

QUEENSBURY.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS B. KENDALL Treble	EDGAR WHITELEY 5
FIRTH HOPWOOD 2	JOHN JOYCE 6
FRED HUTTON 3	JOSEPH BROADLEY 7
JOE HARDCASTLE 4	JOHN WM. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH FLEMING, and
Conducted by JOHN WM. WRIGHT.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

*ALFRED FRANCIS Treble	WILLIAM DENYER 5
PERCY H. DOICK 2	†WILLIAM STANFORD 6
RAYMOND WOOD 3	WILLIAM SHORT 7
JAMES BURDFIELD 4	JOHN COOK Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STANFORD.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples as conductor. The ringer of the treble was proposed a member of the Sussex County Association previous to starting for the peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Lizzie Stanford, daughter of the conductor.

STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRED CHELL, Senr. Treble	PETER PRESTON 5
EDWARD COPE 2	CHARLES PAGE 6
SIDNEY CHURTON 3	JOHN GOODALL 7
THOMAS CHELL 4	*FRANCIS CHELL Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY CHURTON.

* First peal.

ORMESBY, YORKS.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN H. JONES Treble	WILLIAM T. HOLMES 5
*MISS OLIVE LUMLEY 2	THOMAS METCALFE 6
FREDERICK LAVERICK 3	ALEXANDER MACFARLANE 7
JOHN GEORGE HALL 4	THOMAS LEYBOURNE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GEORGE HALL.

* First peal in any method on an inside bell.

WORKSOP, NOTTS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 5
GEORGE HALKSWORTH 2	ARTHUR HAGUE 6
*HERBERT HAIGH 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON 7
ARCHIE BREARLEY 4	CLEMENT GLENN Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, Senr., and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

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

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	GEORGE BULL 5
E. HARRY STONELEY 2	WILLIAM C. WAKLEY 6
W. W. WORTHINGTON 3	ALGERNON P. G. STONE 7
*CHARLES SANDERS 4	ALBERT P. WAKLEY Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

* First Surprise peal. First peal of Major on the bells.

HYTHE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*WALTER J. PREBBLE Treble	WILLIAM BIDNELL 5
FRANCIS A. VINCETT 2	STEPHEN T. BINFIELD 6
ALFRED R. MANNING 3	†SAMUEL A. GOWER 7
ARTHUR S. BINFIELD 4	THOMAS A. VINCETT ... Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL ALFRED GOWER.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. Francis A. Vincett was made a member of the Association before starting.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN MILLETT Treble	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 5
*JOHN NASH... .. 2	EDMUND SCHOFIELD... .. 6
JOSEPH OGDEN 3	WILLIAM CRABTREE... .. 7
*HUGH REYNOLDS 4	*HARRY BUCKLEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CRABTREE.

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

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

CODDINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 11, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HENRY WEBLEY Treble	CHARLES WEBLEY 4
WILLIAM WEBLEY 2	WALTER GREENING 5
RICHARD THOMAS 3	FRED. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by C. WEBLEY.

Rung, with best wishes, on the day of the baptism in Burma of Denis Paul Bulkeley, grandson of Canon and Mrs. Bulkeley, the Vicar of Coddington.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars', College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 4
*MISS DOROTHY STEEL ... 2	HORACE SMITH... .. 5
JOHN W. BARKER 3	HARRY TYSOE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

* First peal of Minor (seven methods) inside.

SEAL, CHART.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 19, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob, all called differently. Tenor 10 cwt., in G.

*ERNEST G. SANBY ... 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 four methods. Rung with the bells half muffled, as a token of respect to the late Admiral George Stanley Bosanquet, for many years Churchwarden of the parish, who was buried in St. Lawrence churchyard the same day.

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

On Tuesday, January 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AT GOWT'S,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

W. PANNELL Treble	J. S. BETTS 4
G. COLLINS 2	R. H. HURST 5
*T. GREENWOOD 3	†E. LOYD Tenor

Conducted by J. S. BETTS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Messrs. Pannell and Collins were elected members of the Guild before starting.

LAMBERMURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 360 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Double Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, and 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN BAILEY Treble	WALTER MARSHALL... .. 4
GEORGE FULLER... .. 2	HARRY PRICE 5
ANDREW MARSHALL 3	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Conducted by ANDREW MARSHALL.

First peal in eleven methods by the Kent County Association.

COLD HIGHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 22, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of St. Simon's, Plain Bob, and Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lbs.

*HAROLD FOLWELL ... Treble	†J. WILLIAM UNWIN ... 3
GEORGE W. BEESLEY ... 2	CECIL H. SLARKE 4
CHARLES S. FAULKNER	Tenor

Conducted by J. W. UNWIN.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor and first attempt. First peal on the bells

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being one 720 of Woodbine, and two 720's each of New London, Oxford and Kent.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... Treble	THOMAS HOLLOCKS 4
ARTHUR SYMONDS 2	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... 5
HARRY CRICK 3	HARRY POULSON Tenor

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Rung to celebrate the birthdays of the ringers of the 6th, 2nd and 3rd, which occurred on the 22nd, 23rd and 26th respectively.

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

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Canterbury, Beverley, York, London, Wells, and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 11 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 by C. A. VALENTINE.

First peal of Surprise by all, the first of Surprise Minor by the Guild and rung at the first attempt. It was a birthday compliment to H. C. Edwards, and the conductor's 50th peal of Minor.

* MONTFORD, SALOP.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores called differently. Tenor 12 cwt., in G.

JAMES GURNEY Treble	ALFRED E. FULICK 4
*WILLIAM H. PASSMORE ... 2	†ISAAC MADDOX 5
CHARLES R. LILLEY 3	HARRY DAVIS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal on a working bell. † First peal. I. Maddox, for whom it was arranged, belongs to the local company. The ringers of 1, 2, and 6 hail from Conover, and of the 3 and 4 from St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. First peal upon the bells.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE E. NAUNTON ... Treble	WILLIAM S. CLARK ... 4
ALBERT J. NAUNTON ... 2	JOHN SPENCER ... 5
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Rung to oblige Master W. S. Clark, of Beccles, this being his first peal of Minor.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Double Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

JOSEPH SADDINGTON ... Treble	HARRY MEADOWS ... 4
ARTHUR SNEATHERS ... 2	*HERBERT SADDINGTON ... 5
MATTHIAS HOBBS ... 3	GEORGE LINES ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE LINES.

* First peal away from the treble and first attempt. Rung in honour of the birth of a son and heir to Lady and Sir Frederick Robinson, Bart., Sir Frederick being patron of the two churches of Cranford St. John's and St. Andrew's.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, 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, Double Court, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and College Single. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES HURRELL ... Treble	HENRY WILKES ... 4
FRANCIS FRASER ... 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 5
WILLIAM J. BROWNING ... 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

This is the first peal of Minor in seven methods on the bells, and was a birthday compliment to W. J. Browning.

ST. WEONARD'S, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

REV. V. A. CRESSWELL ... Treble	FRANK VOYCE ... 4
ALLEN GWYNNE ... 2	CAMPBELL KINGS ... 5
JOHN CLARK ... 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

First peal of Minor for the Vicar; and the first on the bells since Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham, rehung the treble and second last autumn.

KILNDOWN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Three Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, College Single, and Oxford Bob, and two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, called differently.

*FREDERICK PANKHURST ... Treble	FREDERICK FOREMAN ... 4
GEORGE FULLER ... 2	JAMES WAGHORN ... 5
FRANK E. PATTENDEN ... 3	EDWIN LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

* First peal in five methods.

SHRAWLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, January 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Grandsire, Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST E. BARBER ... Treble	GEORGE HINTON, Junr. ... 4
WILLIAM C. JONES ... 2	WILLIAM EDGINGTON ... 5
WILLIAM RANFORD ... 3	WILLIAM PAGE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. PAGE.

Rung on the Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul.

STOKE EDITH, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 16 Six-Scores each of Canterbury and Plain Bob, and 10 of Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lbs. in E.

RICHARD GRIFFITHS ... Treble	WALTER TAYLOR ... 4
WILLIAM SHORT ... 2	HENRY TAYLOR ... 5
WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS ... 3	*SAMUEL HILL ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal. Also first peal in three methods by all except the conductor. Rung after meeting one short for Minor, the tenor-man making up the band.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 22, 1914, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT LEYLAND, QUEEN'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor, size 11.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire: J. W. C. STEWART.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 1-2 and 5-6.

SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 23, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT 31, BURGESS STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*ARTHUR HAGUE ... 1-2	CLEMENT GLENN ... 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4	*JOHN THORPE ... 7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire: SIDNEY F. PALMER.

* First handbell peal in the method.

LONDON.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT 130, CLONMORE ST., SOUTHFIELDS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... 1-2	JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... 5-6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3-4	MISS ELSIE MATTHEWS ... 7-8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and

Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

Witness: CECIL J. MATTHEWS.

ROTHERHAM.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT 24, GODSTONE ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

MISS WINIFRED M. HAGUE 1-2	CLEMENT GLENN ... 5-6
*RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4	ARTHUR HAGUE ... 7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Witness: MISS RUTH RICHARDSON.

* First handbell peal in the method

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CUMBERLAND'S NEW MASTER.



Mr. J. D. Matthews, who has been elected Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths. He served in the same capacity in 1911-12.

BELL OPENING SERVICES.

The bells of the Parish Church, Amersham, Bucks, have lately been rehung and quarter-turned, and the tenor recast by Messrs. Nears and Stainbank. The Rev. Cyril Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild) preached an excellent sermon at the re-opening service, and at the conclusion 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung in 28 mins., by: F. Hayes (High Wycombe) 1, J. J. Parker (Farnham Royal), conductor, 2, W. Horne (Chalfont St. Giles) 3, W. H. Fussell (Slough) 4, J. Blackmore (Beaconsfield) 5, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Caversham) 6. Mr. A. Hughes, of London; Mr. R. Coles, High Wycombe, and others, also took part in touches during the evening.

A LIGHT RING AT BROAD BLUNSDON.

A new light ring of six bells (tenor 5 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs., in the key of E), was dedicated by the Venerable Ravenscroft Stewart, M.A., Archdeacon of North Wilts, at St. Leonard's Church, Broad Blunsdon, on Saturday last. The four existing bells were recast and two new trebles have been added by Messrs. John Warner and Sons. The bells were opened by a special band of ringers from Swindon and neighbourhood, under Mr. Ernest Bishop, and great satisfaction was expressed as to the tone and "go" of the ring, and the opinion was generally expressed that the bells sounded like a much heavier peal.

DORSETSHIRE PEAL AUGMENTED.

The Archdeacon of Dorset dedicated the treble bell which has been placed in Buckland Newton church tower, in memory of the late Canon Ravenhill, to complete the ring of six. The new bell weighs 6½ cwt., and bears the following inscription: "In memory of Canon H. E. Ravenhill, Vicar, 1860 to 1907, A.D., 1913." The work has been carried out in the most satisfactory way by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London, E.

RINGING AT WELLS CATHEDRAL.

A party of ringers, having assembled in Wells with a view to opening the new ring of eight installed by Messrs. Taylor and Co., at Chewton Mendip, with a peal on Tuesday of last week, had the opportunity of ringing on the heavy peal at Wells Cathedral on the preceding evening. A touch of 764 Grandsire Caters was rung by: W. T. Pates (conductor) 1, G. H. Phillott 2, A. W. Humphries 3, W. Farley 4, E. G. Lush (longest length) 5, J. W. Taylor 6, Rev. G. F. Coleridge 7, A. E. Mills (longest length) 8, Rev. H. A. Cockey 9, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 10. On the back eight, 252 Stedman Triples was rung by: W. T. Pates 1, G. H. Phillott 2, A. W. Humphries 3, J. W. Taylor 4, Rev. F. G. Coleridge 5, Rev. H. A. Cockey 6, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (conductor) 7, W. Farley 8. The weight of the tenor is 57½ cwt.

THE NON-CONDUCTED PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

In the presence of a good company of members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, including Miss Macalpine Leny, the umpires of the peal, Messrs. Dains and G. W. Wild, Messrs. A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, J. H. B. Hesse, C. S. Burden, J. C. Adams, E. P. O'Meara, and ten of the band who rang the non-conducted peal on February 22nd, 1913, the tablet recording the performance was unveiled by the Rector (the Rev. J. H. Ellison, M.A., M.V.O.), on Saturday at St. Michael's, Cornhill. The absentees of the band were Mr. H. Springall, who is just recovering from a long illness and Mr. F. Dench, who had a previous engagement in Cambridgeshire.

As an explanation to the Rector, of the nature of the performance recorded on the tablet, the Master of the Society, Mr. T. Faulkner, read the following letter which had been addressed to him:—

Dear Mr. Master,—I have much pleasure in congratulating you and each member of the band upon the splendid peal of Stedman Cinques you rang on the bells of St. Michael's, Cornhill, on last Saturday night, the 22nd inst. I have, as you know, rung in many a twelve-bell peal, and have been a critical listener to the ringing of several others, but I have never heard a better struck peal upon twelve bells than this one. When it is taken into consideration that it was a non-conducted peal, and accomplished without the calling of either a bob or a single, and that each member of the band was calling and watching progress silently of the composition, it will be realised and acknowledged as a masterpiece of bell ringing, and well worthy the position it will take as a grand record peal. I am pleased to have been an umpire of it, and I was highly interested in watching the bells making the bobs and the consequent additional dodging of them, until they seemed to work almost automatically, which was highly amusing, and enables me to testify and give credit due for such an excellent performance by the College Youths.—I am, dear Mr. Master, yours very sincerely,

HY. DAINS,

Past Master of Royal Cumberland Youths,

47, Richmond Road, Barnsbury, N.

24th February, 1913.

The Rector then removed the covering and read the inscription on the board as follows:—

Established 1637. The Ancient Society of College Youths. On Saturday, Feb. 22nd, 1913, the following members rang in this steeple a non-conducted peal of Stedman Cinques (5002 changes), in 3 hrs. 52 mins.: Henry Springall 1, Challis F. Winney 2, Harry R. Pasmore 3, Herbert Langdon 4, Henry R. Newton 5, Thomas Faulkner 6, John N. Oxborough 7, Frederick Dench 8, Alfred B. Peck 9, John W. Golding 10, William T. Cockerill 11, William H. Pasmore 12. Composed by Fredk. Dench. Umpires, Henry Dains and George W. Wild. Churchwardens, Mr. H. H. Summers, C.C., Mr. E. Simmons, Mr. C. E. Atkins, C.C. Curate-in-Charge during vacancy, Rev. P. J. Daws. This board was erected in December, 1913. Rev. J. H. Ellison, M.A., M.V.O., Rector. Edwin Horrex, steeplekeeper."

In an excellent speech, eulogising the art of change ringing, he congratulated the society on the performance, and said that it was a great pleasure and pride to him to know that this record peal had been rung on his bells of St. Michael's, Cornhill. Turning to the donor of the board, Mr. E. P. O'Meara, the Rector thanked him for his great kindness and generosity in providing such a beautiful memento of the peal, to adorn the walls of the ringing room.

Three courses of Stedman Cinques were rung by the ten members of the band who were present, with Mr. O'Meara on the treble, and Mr. C. S. Burden on the tenor.

On the arrival of other members, another touch was rung, and after hearty votes of thanks to the Rector for his presence, and to Mr. O'Meara for his handsome gift, the proceedings terminated.

THE PEAL AT HOLBEACH.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—Referring to the footnote at the end of the account of the peal rung at Holbeach on January 15th last, allow me to state that this is not the first peal on the bells. The first peal on them was rung on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 23rd. 1773, some three years after the ring was augmented from six to eight by Joseph Eayre. I am not aware that any other peals have ever been rung on them.—Yours, etc., J. R. JERRAM.

Clerical Library, Salisbury.

Mr. R. Richardson, the conductor of the peal, has written withdrawing the footnote, as he finds that a peal of Bob Major was rung there in 1773.

A purely family affair was the 720 Minor rung on handbells on Sunday week at Swanmore, Hants, when Mr. William Linter, senr., with a daughter and four sons brought round the extent of Oxford Bob on six bells. They rang as follows: Miss May Linter 1, Roy Linter 2, Walter Linter 3, Fred Linter 4, William Linter, junr., 5, William Linter, senr. (conductor) 6.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

"You owe me five farthings,
Say the bells of St. Martin's."

On Saturday week the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths held their annual meeting at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, permission to ring the fine Rudhall twelve at this tower, and the use of the beautiful vestry hall for business, having been very courteously given by the Very Rev. Preb. L. Shalford (the Rector) and churchwardens. Timed for three o'clock, and the steeplekeeper, Mr. G. Walters, in attendance, the bells were not set going till nearly 4 p.m., one or two groups of old chums having much to discuss before taking a rope together in the belfry. Five o'clock found a crowded vestry hall, the dark historically-pannelled walls throwing out in high relief a number of old and new Cumberland faces. The tables were nicely laid out with the usual commodities of a "high tea," under the kind superintendence of a number of lady churchworkers.—The Master (Mr. James Parker) presided, and looked remarkably well in the chair wearing the regalia of office, the Cumberland's time-honoured pendant, medallion and crimson sash. Supporting him were Mr. H. Dains, Mr. F. Bennett (the up-to-date hon. sec.), Mr. B. Foskett, Mr. J. D. Matthews, Mr. F. F. Cole, Mr. F. Hairs (steward), Mr. H. J. Bradley, Mr. E. Barnett, Mr. W. H. Doran, Mr. W. H. Fussell, Mr. D. Christy, Mr. R. Warner, and Messrs. Burton, Hazell, Brightman, Ruff, Smith, Franks, Miller, and others, totalling up 32, exclusive of a number of ladies, amongst whom were: Miss Parker, Mrs. and Miss Bennett, Mrs. and Miss Matthews, Miss Johnson and Miss Bradley and friend.

SOCIETY ON SOUNDER FOOTING.

Business immediately followed tea, and that was also dispatched in a businesslike way.—The Secretary reported a good balance in hand, or rather in the savings bank, of 14 guineas. Though small for such an important society, it was decidedly gratifying to the present trustees compared with past failings, since all peals rung down to the current year had been booked up, all accounts paid, together with insurance of property and rent of new quarters for the remainder of the year—facts which speak most highly of the secretary's seven years of office. The accounts had been duly audited by Messrs. A. D. Stone and Keith Hart, and the Secretary also reported that the Society had collected and paid over £20 to the Shoreditch Bells Restoration Fund.

The Master reported 27 peals during 1913 and the election and ratification of 21 new members, several of whom belong to prominent ringing centres in and around the Metropolis.—An interesting note from the Rector, regretting inability to meet the Society that evening, was read, also a postcard from Mr. A. Hardy (senior steward), now on his way to Buenos Ayres.—A letter from Mr. E. P. O'Meara was discussed with reference to the renovation of an old and almost indiscernible tablet, recording Grandsire Cinques rung long ago at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and a grant of half-a-guinea was voted towards the cost of its restoration by the local authorities. While heartily endorsing the thoughtful efforts of the new Rector of St. Michael's (the Rev. Canon Ellison, M.A., late of Windsor) to put his belfry in good order, the Society regretted that they were unable to undertake the whole cost, owing to a long period of financial depression from which the Cumberlands were only just emerging.

A letter of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields was agreed upon, to be recorded also in the minute book, in reference to the handsome and costly restoration of a fine old Cumberland record recently re-erected in the church entrance. A similar minute was entered to record the voluntary services of the senior steward for some years past, and in moving the society's goods and helping the steeplekeeper during serious indisposition.

Still another peal tablet question arose, this time prospectively with regard to three performances by the Society of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, scored since the Warner restoration of this famous London ring of twelve.

"When I grow rich,
Say the bells of Shoreditch."

NEW MASTER AND SECRETARY.

The Master fittingly referred to the honour conferred on the Society by the authorities of Shoreditch, in permitting the members to resume their old-time position at this tower, and those at Slough for the first peal in their handsome steeple. He also paid a brief tribute to the recent achievements of the trio of feminine campanologists upon tower and handbells.—The approval of six members was then proposed.

Next followed the election of officers. This produced a touch of "London Surprise," when it became generally known that the two heads were compelled, through unavoidable business circumstances, to tender their resignation of office, although pressed to continue another year. The mastership was filled by the election of the ex-Master, Mr. J. D. Matthews—and the post of secretary, a gap hard to remedy, but willingly accepted, by Mr. H. J. Bradley, with a free promise "to do his best." The hard-working stewards were re-elected unanimously, as, indeed, was the case with each of the other officers.

A quarterly meeting in April was decided on for Southgate, by favour of the Vicar, and failing there, Edmonton. Members and friends will be notified of the date later on. The business concluded

with a vote of thanks to the retiring officers, proposed by Mr. Ben Foskett, seconded by Mr. Bill Russell.

During the packing up and handing over keys of office and effects, some of the younger enthusiastic members had climbed the stairs, and were again rolling off Stedman "Sixes" on St. Martin's "twelve," the night's ringing coming to an end at 8 p.m.—the several touches brought home having been conducted by the two Masters and Miss Masterpiece.

A PLEASANT GATHERING.

Only a few years back, after such a meeting, one would have seen the members dispersing to their respective homes through want of settled quarters and unanimity in themselves. This was not, however, the case in this particular half-day out with the Cumberlands. Instead of one or two old cronies dropping into their favourite bar corner to clink a glass over past deeds, everybody went to pay their respects loyally to "The King of Denmark," wherein this Society now holds forth. For many years a suitable meeting house has been needed, and at this one, besides the advantage of a position mid-way between the Society's two twelve-bell towers, an excellent room has been secured with a private entrance direct, and where handbells and the ringers' chorus may be rehearsed without let or hindrance.

A programme of the social evening that followed (till 11 p.m.) included a course each of Stedman Cinques, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Royal on handbells, the three Cumberland Misses also taking part in a course of Bob Major with the Master. Several excellent songs were given, Miss Johnson distinguishing herself with a one-part "Thora," and Miss Parker with a musical skit with pianoforte accompaniment. Songs were also rendered by Messrs. Brough, Wilby Hazell, Franks, and Barker. In the midst of their enjoyment the company were reinforced by visitors and members from Cornhill: Messrs. Grimes, Nudds, Shinnans, J. Austin, Ruff, J. Hunt, and the bonnie steeplekeeper of St. Sepulchre's close by—Mr. Dan Loveitt.—W.H.F.

A NOVEL COMPETITION.

LLANDEFAEOG RINGERS' CONTEST AND SUPPER.

Through the energy and generosity of Mr. Dickinson, the bells at Llandeaflog were, some time ago, restored and put in ringing order, and to encourage the members in the art of change ringing, the same gentleman has given a silver cup for competition. The first competition took place on Saturday, January 10th, when seven members of the local band competed for the trophy. The conditions were that each competitor should ring a certain number of changes on each of the inside bells, i.e., the 3rd, 4th and 5th, and that only one competitor should compete at one time. It was, therefore, necessary to obtain five members of the Brecon band to ring the remaining five bells. The gentlemen who kindly did this were: Messrs. W. Evans, W. A. Fletcher, G. Giblin, W. Griffiths and C. Powell. The adjudicator was Mr. W. Short (the instructor for the Hereford Diocesan Guild).

The competition over, Mr. Dickinson very kindly invited all the ringers to supper, and about twenty sat down to a magnificent spread.—Mr. Short was afterwards called upon to give his adjudication, and the winner of the "cup" proved to be Mr. J. Williams, who made only two faults, while the runner-up was Mr. D. J. Williams with eight faults. The winner was congratulated upon his achievement, and everyone agreed that Mr. Short's decision (under novel circumstances) was entirely satisfactory.—The rest of the evening was devoted to music, interspersed with one or two short speeches and the usual toasts. Songs were rendered by Messrs. Davies, Jones, W. Griffiths, D. J. Williams and W. A. Fletcher, while Mr. C. Powell gave a recitation. The members from Brecon (including Mr. Short) rang some very pretty selections on the handbells. Cheers were raised for Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson, and the singing of the National Anthem brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

During the evening Stedman Doubles were rung on the tower bells by: W. A. Fletcher 1, G. Giblin 2, W. Short (conductor) 3, C. Powell 4, W. Evans 5, J. Williams 6—the first touch of Stedman on the bells.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District of the Kent Association was held at Lewisham on Saturday week. Ringing commenced at 3.30 p.m., and divine service was held at 4.30 p.m., but owing to this being rather early, several were unable to attend, but an admirable address was given by Canon Hough (Vicar). Tea was afterwards served in the Parish Room, to which 43 sat down.

The business meeting followed, Mr. Gerald King presiding, and apologising for the Vicar's absence.—Sixteen new members were elected, including seven from St. Margaret's, Lee, while one election in tower was confirmed.—The District Representative read his report of the Central Committee meeting, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him.—Hayes, St. Mary Cray, and Erith were proposed as the place for the next meeting, St. Mary Cray being decided upon for Saturday, April 25th.

A hearty vote of thanks was then accorded Canon Hough for the use of the bells and room, and for the service and address, to the organist, and to Mr. Gerald King for presiding.

The tower was again visited, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative were successfully brought round.

Chelmsford Cathedral Tenor Bell.



The new ring of 12 bells (Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs.) for Chelmsford Cathedral was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans on Saturday, September 27th, 1913.

MESSRS. JOHN WARNER & SONS, Ltd., of the
Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London, have in hand
the restoration of the following ring of 12 bells:

YORK MINSTER (Tenor 50½ cwt.)

PRINCIPLE OR METHOD?

MR. GEORGE BAKER ENDEAVOURS TO SETTLE A VEXED QUESTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The following sets of figures should in my opinion go a long way towards settling the vexed question, "What is a Principle?"

No. 1 system, according to an arbitrary definition, is a Legitimate Principle; No. 2 system is the reverse of No. 1. No. 3 system and its reverse, No. 4, according to later dicta, are neither Principles nor Methods, but something more intricate than either.

It will, perhaps, interest your readers and the Legitimate Methods Committee to learn that all four systems are one and the same. This is easily proved by drawing a diagram of a plain course of each and comparing, when it will be found that one diagram fits all four systems.

In August last year in an article on "Leek Major," I demonstrated the fact that "Leek Major" and "Original Major"—the primary Principle—were closely allied. The relationship between "Original Major" and the following systems is also identical, and is definitely proved by the fact that the opposite pairs of bells, i.e., 1-8; 2-7; 3-6; and 4-5 have reciprocal relationships throughout the plain course.

This reciprocal relationship can only be retained when all the bells are working bells. As soon as the treble or another bell is fixed with a path different to the working bells the reciprocal relationship found in "Original Major," "Leek Major," and the systems given below is destroyed.

Here it will be well to mention that these systems are based on four-bell Principles, with superimposed dodging in 1-2 and 7-8. Each division consists of 22 changes, producing a plain course of 176 changes, this being only 16 changes short of the extent on the plan.

There are no adjoining places—reciprocal relationship will not permit of these—and the extent with tenors together is 31,680 changes; with the sixth a fixed bell, 21,120 changes. If bobs only are used there is but one false course-end with tenors together, i.e., 128543. If singles are made use of, there are two extra false course-ends, viz., 124635 and 125354. With the sixth a fixed bell, the systems have clean proof scales, even if Singles are used.

No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4
12345678	12345678	12345678	12345678
21354687	13254768	21354687	21435687
23145867	31245786	12536478	12463578
32418576	32154876	21563487	21645387
23481567	25318467	25136847	12654378
24318657	32581476	52163874	16245738
42381675	35218746	51236784	61254783
43218765	53281764	15263748	62145873
34281756	52318674	51627384	26154837
43827165	25381647	56172834	62518473
34872156	52836174	65127843	65281743
43781265	25863147	61572483	56218734
34718256	52681374	16527438	52681374
43172865	25618347	15672348	25618347
34127856	52163874	51763281	26581437
31472586	25136847	15736248	62854173
13427568	21563487	17563428	26845137
14372658	12536478	71536482	26854317
41327685	15263748	75163842	82645371
14236758	51236784	57136824	86254731
12463578	15327643	75318642	63245713
21436587	15372468	57381624	86427531
24163857	31527486	75836142	68472513

38, Clifton Street, Brighton.

GEORGE BAKER.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Gainsborough district was held at Gainsborough on Saturday week, and was fairly well attended, ringers being present from Brigg, Haxey, Kirton Lindsey, Misterton, Grimsby and Lea, in addition to the local company. A short service was held in the Parish Church, the form of office in the annual report being used. It was conducted by the Rev. E. S. Letts, who gave a most instructive and useful address to those present. Mr. Alan Stephenson, Mus. Bac. (Oxon) presided at the organ, and the singing was led by junior members of the choir.

Tea was provided at the King's Arms Coffee Tavern, and was followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. J. C. Tinker (ringing master) presided. The whole of the officers were re-elected, and the following places selected for meetings during 1914 and 1915: March 21st, Haxey; May 16th, Lea; July 11th, Brigg; September 19th, Kirton Lindsey; November 21st, Corringham; January (date to be fixed later), Gainsborough.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, the Rev. E. S. Letts for conducting the service, Mr. A. Stephenson and the choir boys for their kind assistance, the district master and secretary for their services, and the chairman, were unanimously passed.

The bells of the Parish Church were available during the afternoon and evening, and touches brought round in the methods of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

INTER-AFFILIATION DISCUSSED.

The quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held last Saturday at Chilvers Coton, near Nuneaton, and was well attended by ringers from Allesley, Rugby, Stoke-in-Coventry, Nuneaton, Chilvers Coton, Stoke Golding, Stony Stanton, Polesworth, Grendon, Hinchley and Stratford-on-Avon. The bells are a handy ring of eight, and were set going soon after 3.30 p.m.; an adjournment being made for tea at 5.0 p.m. The latter was partaken of in the Schoolroom, the catering being in the capable hands of Mr. and Mrs. Reader, and was followed by the business meeting. At this the Vicar (the Rev. R. Chadwick) occupied the chair, and he was supported by Messrs. Churchwardens Neale and Reader, the Ringing Master (Mr. James George), the hon. secretary (the Rev. C. C. Cox), and about 24 members.

It was decided to visit Boldmere for the quarterly meeting in April, and failing Boldmere, Stoke-in-Coventry was selected.—The election of nine members was ratified, and twenty-five new members were elected. Included in this number being the Chilvers Coton ringers, the ringers at Dunchurch, and also the Rev. R. Chadwick, as an honorary member.—It was mentioned that Mr. E. Tigwell, who was present, had come to reside at Grendon, and had in view the instruction of the ringers at that place.

The question of "Inter-affiliation" was brought up by the hon. secretary, and after some discussion it was agreed to consider the matter further at the April meeting.—The matter of the representation of the Ladies' Guild on the Central Council was also left over until that meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and for presiding at the tea and meeting, also to Mrs. Chadwick for kind assistance at tea, and Mr. and Mrs. Reader for their satisfactory arrangement. The bells were kept in use until 8.30 p.m., and the methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Major, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major.

NEW ZEALAND RINGERS' CONCERT.

The association of ringers attached to St. Matthew's Church, at Auckland, New Zealand, had an extremely successful gathering on the occasion of their annual smoking concert, although it was regretted that through ill-health, the Vicar was unable to be present. In his absence the chair was taken by Mr. W. Tailby, the parishioner's churchwarden. Some 60 guests, including several members of the crew of H.M.S. "Pyramus" accepted the invitation of the association, and thoroughly enjoyed the admirable programme, which included songs and recitations, both humorous and sentimental, the sailors assisting greatly towards the success of the evening. Unfortunately one of the handbell ringers failed to put in an appearance, and the company were very disappointed that they were unable to have any handbell selections. Opportunity was taken by Mr. F. Colegrove, leader of the ringers, to welcome Mr. Hamblin, senr., to Auckland. The thanks of the Association were accorded to Mr. A. White (deputy leader), and Mr. J. Heather (the hon. secretary) for the able and energetic manner in which they carried out the arrangements. Altogether the concert was the most successful which the ringers have held.

DEATH OF A GAINSBOROUGH RINGER.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. Robert Sizer Lakin, who passed away at Gainsborough on Monday, January 19th, at the age of 49 years. He was a member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and the Gainsborough Parish Church Guild, and up to his recent illness, which commenced about eighteen months ago, was a very enthusiastic ringer. He never grasped the art of change ringing, but, as a tenor man for covering, he was well master of his work, and could always be depended upon for good striking. He had rung the Gainsborough tenor to three peals of Grandsire Triples, and only those who had rung with him knew the keen pride and interest which he always took in his duty as a ringer.

Deceased, being a native of Epworth, the funeral took place there on Wednesday week, and in the evening, as a token of respect, the bells of All Saints', Gainsborough, were rung half-muffled by the following: F. S. W. Butler 1, C. H. Baker 2, P. Ballance 3, J. C. Tinker 4, J. T. Ladd 5, W. Dickenson 6, H. Torr 7, W. Ayre 8.

5040 TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

Composition of the peal of Oxford Treble Twelve rung at Ashton-Under-Lyne, on January 20th:—

	23456	M	W	H
24536	1 x 2	2		
42635	2		2	
46325		1	2	
23645		2	2	
32546	2		2	
54326		1	1	
23456		2	2	

x Bobs at 5th, 8th and 11th leads. Composed and conducted by Samuel Wood.

ROUND THE FESTIVE BOARD.

CROYDON'S ANCIENT SOCIETY.

The Croydon Parish Church Bell Ringers Society has been in existence for 160 years, and their annual dinner the other day added another to the long list of enjoyable functions of which the society's record boasts. The Vicar of Croydon (Canon L. J. White-Thomson) presided, and was supported by Sir Frederick Edridge, J.P., D.L., Mr. C. F. Johnston, the Rev. Norman Lycett, etc. After an excellent repast the loyal toasts were honoured, and Mr. C. F. Johnston proposed "The Vicar, Clergy and Churchwardens," to which the Vicar, Sir Frederick Edridge, and the Rev. Norman Lycett, replied. The last-named spoke of the regret of the company at the absence of Mr. Roper, Mr. Houlder, and others. Mr. Roper had to attend the funeral of his father, and he (the Vicar) was sure they would all sympathise with him in his great loss. Mr. T. Faulkner, the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, had also written regretting that he was unable to attend. The Vicar added that he did not think there was any place in the kingdom where church matters went with such a swing as at Croydon. With regard to the ringers, he thought Sundays would scarcely seem Sundays without the sound of the bells.

Mr. Drewett proposed the toast of "The Ancient Society of Croydon Parish Church Bell Ringers." In expressing regret at the absence of various gentlemen, he mentioned that of Mr. Yates, who had been a member of the Ringers' Society for 40 years. This, he thought, was a record. He also wanted to make note of the great loss they had sustained in the death of Dr. Carpenter, who had for years been associated with the Parish Church bell ringers, and all knew the fineness of his character. The first annual dinner of the society, the speaker proceeded, had taken place 160 years ago. What delightful visions that fact conjured up of the old ringers ascending the belfry in their quaint costumes and carrying lanterns! The bell ringers of the Parish Church had many privileges. One of the greatest of these was the privilege of having the support of their present Vicar. One of the disadvantages that met the bell ringers, however, was the opposition of neighbours. Those who complained, he had found during his experience, were men who, indeed, had ever known women object to "ringing" (laughter). He himself loved and revered the old church bells. They were God's own music, he thought. Concluding, he said it created very gratifying feelings in the hearts of the bell ringers in knowing they had the co-operation and support of the clergy of the church (applause).

Mr. A. T. Jones, replying, briefly thanked the company for the way in which the toast had been received, and wished them all a "Happy New Year."

Canon White-Thomson submitted the toast of the Visitors, and Mr. F. E. Dawe, who replied, congratulated the ringers upon having such a Vicar at their head, and the Vicar upon having in his service in the belfry such a fine class of men as comprised the Croydon Parish Church Bell Ringers.

A most enjoyable musical programme was carried out, songs being interspersed with touches on handbells. When the Vicar had to leave, Mr. F. E. Dawe was voted to the chair.

FRESSINGFIELD.

The annual meeting of the Fressingfield (Suffolk) Society was held on Monday week, when 33 members and friends were present, visitors putting in an appearance from Halesworth, Eye, Wingfield, Wissett and Laxfield. Touches of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire Triples and Doubles, Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles were rung on the bells, including 1008 Bob Major by: F. Lambert, junr., 1, W. Riches 2, R. Raynor 3, W. Gobbett 4, R. Riches 5, A. Etheridge 6, J. O'Neill 7, A. Riches (conductor) 8.

Dinner was served at the Old Guildhall, now the "Fox and Goose" Inn, presided over by the Rev. H. Raven-Hart (Vicar), supported by Messrs. W. Fisher and W. Ingate (churchwardens), Messrs. H. Berry, J. Barber, G. and F. Day (Eye), F. C. Lambert, A. H. Fook (Halesworth), W. Kemp (Wissett), etc. The usual loyal toasts having been honoured, a most pleasant evening was passed with songs, recitations, touches and tunes on the handbells, and selections on the piano and a mouth organ.

At the close of the evening a hearty vote of thanks was passed to all who had helped to make the day so successful. The National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne" brought to a close another good old-fashioned "annual."

PRESENTATION AT SELLY OAK.

The Selly Oak branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association held their annual supper on Tuesday week in the Vicarage, at the kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. E. A. Haviland). After the good things had been disposed of they adjourned to the drawing-room, where an interesting presentation took place, Mr. E. J. Dowler being the recipient of a handsome barometer.—The Vicar, when presenting it, said that he was pleased to see that the ringers recognised Mr. Dowler's services in such a tangible manner, and he (the Vicar) hoped he would long be spared to act as ringing master.—Mr. E. Smith also added a few well-chosen words, remarking that Mr. Dowler was always ready to teach the willing learner.—Mr. Dowler, in reply, said he was greatly touched to find that he was held in such

great esteem, and thanked the ringers for giving him something that he had longed for all his life.—Musical items were then rendered, and Mr. E. Boylin proved himself a veritable master in the art of reciting. As the clock struck eleven the ringers dispersed, and all agreed that it had been one of the most enjoyable suppers they had ever attended.

ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, WALTHAMSTOW.

On Friday week the members of the St. Mary's Society, Walthamstow, held their 39th annual dinner at the Nag's Head, Orford Road, Walthamstow. The company, numbering 25, were well catered for by the hostess, Mrs. Sheepwash. Mr. J. Wilkins, the genial hon. secretary, occupied the chair, supported by Messrs. Dunn, W. and E. Pledger, R. J. Maynard, and others.

Mr. J. C. Smith, son of one of the members, with some friends, enlivened the proceedings during dinner and afterwards with some instrumental music.

The usual loyal toasts were honoured, and some capital songs were rendered by Messrs. A. Chapman, W. Coakham, A. A. Hughes, F. Rumens, W. D. Smith, and others, while tunes and change ringing on handbells also found a part in the proceedings of a very enjoyable evening.

BROXBOURNE, HERTS.

On Thursday of last week the ringers of Broxbourne were entertained to dinner at the Vicarage by the kind invitation of the Rev. R. H. and Mrs. Walker. Afterwards the annual meeting was held, the Vicar presiding.—The Treasurer read his report, which showed a small balance in hand, and the following officers were elected: President, Rev. R. H. Walker; treasurer, Mr. J. R. Pulham; Master, Mr. G. Radley; Deputy Master and secretary, Mr. W. Saban. Three new members were elected.—The Master thanked the Vicar for taking the chair, and also for providing them with such a splendid repast. He spoke of the way in which the band had improved, and hoped before the next annual meeting they would ring the first local peal on the bells.—The Vicar, replying, said he was always pleased to do everything in his power for the ringers, and hoped that they would all be spared to meet on many similar occasions.—A vote of thanks to the officers for their services during the past year brought a most pleasant evening to a close.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

The annual dinner of the Steyning Branch of the Sussex Association was held at the White Horse Hotel on Tuesday week. The chair was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Congreve Pridgen), who was supported by Col. E. A. Young (churchwarden). An excellent repast was served by Host Joyes. After the loyal toasts, the Vicar, on behalf of himself and the churchwardens, thanked the ringers for their services.—Mr. George Gatland having suitably replied, the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony.

ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD, BRISTOL.

It often happens that where a tower is equipped with a peal of handbells, in addition to the tower bells, the former are seldom or never used; at least this is so in several cases personally known to the writer. The St. Stephen's Guild of Bristol, however, are in the unfortunate position of having a handbell change ringing band, but are not equipped with a peal of handbells, so that when their services are needed they have to borrow bells to ring, instead of borrowing men to ring the bells as has been done.

This unfortunate circumstance is bound to occur at least once a year on November 17th, the date on which the Ancient Society of St. Stephen's ringers hold their annual dinner, for then they have to supply part of the musical programme. In passing, it may be mentioned that this society had a charter granted them as long ago as 1620 by "Good Queen Bess," whose praises are sung yearly at this dinner. So it is that every year handbells have to be borrowed, and for many years past Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower has kindly lent his beautiful peal of twelve. Having been borrowed for the last occasion, they had to be returned, and for this purpose Mr. Boutflower invited the handbell ringers to his house in Clifton on Friday week. A well-struck 629 Grandsire Caters was rung by: H. Brownjohn 1—2, J. A. Burford 3—4, R. J. Wilkins 5—6, G. Condie 7—8, W. A. Cave (conductor) 9—10. After a little light refreshment, and a pleasant chat about the Gloucester and Bristol Association (of which Mr. Boutflower is a past master and hon. secretary), and ringing affairs generally, a few tunes were rung by Messrs. J. Burford, E. Guise and H. Brownjohn, and a course each of Stedman Caters and Grandsire Cinques brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

During the time the bells were in the Guild's possession two attempts for peals were made on them, both Grandsire Caters, the first in December last, when nearly three-quarters was rung, and the other on January 7th, when the above band, after breaking down in the peal, rang a touch of 1673 in honour of the conductor's birthday.

REDDISH.—At St. Elizabeth's Church, on Nov. 1st, an attempt for Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples failed at the end of the 6th part: A. Barnes 1, Miss Edith R. Barnes 2, J. E. Barnes 3, R. Davies 4, Tom Wilde 5, G. D. Warburton 6, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 7, J. Barnes 8.

NOTICES.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Rammoor on Saturday, January 31st, instead of February 7th, as given in the fixture cards. Church of St. John the Evangelist, 8 bells, tenor 15 cwt., available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will take place at Reigate on Saturday, January 31st. St. John's, Redhill (8 bells) open for ringing from 3 to 4 p.m.; Reigate Parish Church (10) open from 4.15 to 5.15 p.m. Service at Reigate at 5.15 (taken by the Rector); tea at 6 in the Parish Hall. Business meeting after, to be followed by ringing till 9.30.—Cyril F. Johnston, Honorary Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the South and West District will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Champion McGill) at Isleworth, on Saturday, January 31st. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea, by kind invitation of Mrs. McGill, in the Hartland Road Mission Hall, at 5.30, business meeting following. Richmond tower will be open in the evening from 7 till 8. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1914 became due on January 1st.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Handsworth on Saturday, January 31st. Bells available at 3. Short service with address at 5.30. Tea 9d., at the Coffee Tavern (opposite church) at 6.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Raunds on January 31st, at Kettering on February 7th, at Dallington on February 14th, at Wilby on February 21st. Bells ready about 3 p.m. Teas at 5 p.m.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—After the meeting at Kettering on February 7th a social will be held at the Angel Hotel at 7.30. Handbells provided.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, January 31st, 1914. Tower open at 2.30. Committee meeting in Parish Room at 4. Service in church at 5, tea in Parish Room at 5.45, followed by general meeting. Sixpence each will be charged for the tea. Members who have a copy of the Association's form of service are requested to bring it.—W. Latter, Hon. District Secretary, 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Carey Deanery Branch.—The meeting which was arranged to take place at Queen Camel on January 24th, 1914, will now take place at Barton St. David on January 31st, 1914, owing to the bells of Queen Camel being unavailable.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Glastonbury on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Service at St. John's Church at 4.30, tea and meeting at Taylor's Restaurant to follow. Bells St. John's (8), St. Benedict's (6) available from 2 p.m.—W. Farley, Hon. Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on February 3rd and 17th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 12th and 26th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 3rd; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 17th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 24th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bocking on February 7th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short service, with address, by the Very Rev. Canon Brownrigg, M.A., Dean of Bocking, at the Parish Church at 5 p.m. The Dean has very kindly promised to provide tea free to members at the Deanery at 5.45 p.m. to all giving notice not later than Wednesday, February 4th. Braintree (8 bells), Rayne (6 bells) also open for ringing. Subscriptions for 1914 are now due.—B. Redgwell, Honorary District Secretary, The Street, Rayne.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Leeds on Saturday, February 7th. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m. For full particulars see circular.—Clement Glenn, Honorary Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

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, February 7th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at the Cherry Tree at 6 o'clock, 6d. each to members who inform me, not later than February 4th, of their intention of being present.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, February 7th, 1914. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at the Green Dragon Hotel at 5.30 at 10d. each, to members notifying me by Wednesday, February 4th.—William Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wooburn, Bucks, on Saturday, February 7th, 1914. Service in Parish Church at 4.15, preacher Rev. R. Unsworth. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting 5.45 p.m. Tea will be provided free to all members who send in their names before February 4th to R. Coles, Honorary Secretary, Snaefell, Priory Road, High Wycombe.

HOLBECK.—St. Francis Church (R.C.), Manor Road, Holbeck, Leeds.—By kind permission of the Rev. Canon McAuliffe the peal of 8 bells (tenor 11½ cwt.) will be open for ringing from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, February 7th, 1914. All members of the Yorkshire Association, or any society of change ringers, will be welcome. The tower is five minutes' walk from all Leeds Railway Stations. Meeting house, the Belmont Inn, handbells provided. Dacres' dining and refreshment rooms close by the church.—R. Binns, Secretary, 2, Chelsea Street, Holbeck, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, February 7th. Bells available at 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION (Burton-on-Trent district).—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Saturday, February 7th. The bells of St. Paul's Church will be available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at 5.—H. Wakley, Local Honorary Secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—The annual general meeting and election of officers will take place on Saturday, February 14th. The tower of St. Andrew's, Holborn, E.C., will be open from 4.30 to 6.30 p.m., also another tower which will be announced next week. Tea at the "King of Denmark," Old Bailey, E.C., at 7 p.m., 7d. per head. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Hardy, Hon. General Secretary, 54, Thurlow Park Road, W. Dulwich, S.E.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, February 14th. Bells ready at 2.30. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary, 135, Salts Street, Shaw, Oldham.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alton on Saturday, February 14th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea in Parish Room at 5.15. Members requiring tea will oblige by informing the district secretary before February 12th.—James W. Elkins, District Secretary, 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A quarterly meeting of the division will be held at Buxted (8 bells) on Saturday, February 14th. Tower open 2.30 till 9. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at White Hart Hotel, price 6d. each. Subscriptions for 1914 are now due.—A. D. Stone, Divisional Honorary Secretary, 29, Ashton Street, Brighton.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Wednesday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Frank Bennett has removed to Mafeking, Genhill Road, Lancing, Sussex.

PEAL BOOKS.—Price 3s. 6d., post free, 300 pages. The first peal written in (with weather-proof ink) free of charge, if particulars of same are enclosed with order.—J. Beams, Fir Tree Road, Banstead, Epsom, Surrey.

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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.

BELL FRAMES AND TOWERS.

We publish in this issue an important article bearing upon the relation of bell frames to towers, and it is one which all who are concerned with the preservation of bells and belfries may consider with advantage. Specially valuable is it to those who are contemplating schemes of restoration, for the article contains the balanced opinion of an expert, who examines the facts critically and in the light of present day knowledge. Moreover, it has been prepared, not only for the information of church authorities, but for the benefit of architects upon whom so much depends, and who, unfortunately, are not always fully alive to all the points so ably dealt with by Mr. Hesse.

At their meeting in 1912 the Central Council appointed a committee, of which Mr. Hesse was one, to go into the matter, and when the Council met last May at Newcastle, an interim report was presented, and an offer by the President of the Council (Sir Arthur Heywood) to publish a pamphlet, embodying his own views on the subject, was accepted. The object of the Council is to stir up the architects to a greater appreciation of the fact that their views are often based upon now exploded theories, and at the same time to demonstrate to the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings, who are frequently a stumbling block in the way of the effective restoration of bells to a properly ringable condition, that practical experience has shown that their notions have not been developed with the times. This is a matter into which Mr. E. H. Lewis, of Frodsham, is making extremely valuable researches, which, when completed, will, it is hoped, convince both antiquarians and architects, among other things, that the rigid iron frame is unquestionably the best for a tower.

Mr. Hesse's contribution to the subject is a step towards the education of those whose knowledge it is hoped to improve, and it is eminently satisfactory to know that the paper he has prepared is to be brought before the committee of the Royal Institute of British Architects, by Mr. Fraser, of the well-known firm of Messrs. Scott and Fraser. This is extremely gratifying, because it means reaching exactly the people who, hitherto, seem to have been beyond the influence of those who, like Sir Arthur Heywood, have for a generation been applying their scientific knowledge to the investigation of the subject. When Sir Arthur's pamphlet is published, also, it will, of course, be brought to the notice of the Institute, and slowly, but we hope not the less surely, the modern views which these experts advocate will penetrate throughout the ranks of the profession. In the meantime ringers themselves can do good service, wherever questions of restoration arise, by bringing to the notice of the authorities the contribution which Mr. Hesse makes to the subject.

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LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANCES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANCES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

HENRY G. NAISH Treble	CHARLES SLADE 6
JOHN HOWES 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE... .. 7
GEORGE E. NAISH 3	GEORGE SPENCER 8
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 4	JAMES N. FROSSELL 9
FREDERICK G. GODDARD 5	JAMES CHANDLER Tenor

Composed by JOHN WRIGHT, and
Conducted by JOHN HOWES.

Rung in celebration of the 81st birthday of Mr. J. Wright, who has been a ringer at the above church more than 60 years. It was Mr. J. H. B. Hesse's 200th peal.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 29, 1914, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

CLARENCE O. HOBBS ... Treble	*ALBAN E. SLATTER... .. 6
CHARLES H. PERRY... .. 2	BENJAMIN THORP 7
*FREDERICK B. STEDMAN ... 3	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 8
WILLIAM B. BISS 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES 9
JOHN W. JONES... .. 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

* First peal of Caters and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Clarence O. Hobbs.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, January 29, 1914, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 6
WILLIAM TRUSS 2	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 7
ARTHUR D. BARKER 3	C. W. ROBERT GRIMWOOD 8
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES ... 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES 9
JAMES SCHOLDS 5	ARTHUR J. NEALE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. FARDON, and
Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

First peal of Caters as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*WILLIAM GRIFFITHS... ..Treble	WILLIAM MAYERS 5
AUSTIN GREGORY 2	JAMES V. WRIGHT 6
JOSEPH MAYERS 3	WALTER THOMAS 7
JOHN ROBERTS 4	*NOEL WRIGHT ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JAMES V. WRIGHT.

* First peal. Rung on St. Andrew's Day.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 19, 1914, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

JOSEPH SHARP ... ..Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
ALBERT D. STONE 2	ALFRED W. GROVES 6
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 3	WILLIAM C. HART 7
JOHN CAPP 4	KEITH HART ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(FOREST OF DEAN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
LEONARD HELMES ... ..Treble	HOWARD REID 5
WILLIAM BISHOP... .. 2	ERNEST MATTHEWS... .. 6
JOHN AUSTIN 3	EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS... 7
JAMES BISHOP 4	*JOHN HELMES ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

* First peal. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Parnell, wife of the Rector of the parish, who was buried at the above church a few days previously.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT HARMAN ... ..Treble	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUNR. 5
*GEORGE ELLIS 2	*WILLIAM STANFORD... .. 6
JOHN AKEHURST... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
*ARTHUR W. TELLETT ... 4	ALBERT ELLIS ... ..Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Oxford: First peal of Oxford on the bells.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 26, 1914, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lbs.

MISS EDITH A. JONES ...Treble	JOSEPH J. PRATT 5
MISS MARY E. CHILLINGWORTH 2	PERCY E. JONES 6
WILLIAM LAWRENCE 3	HENRY H. CHANDLER ... 7
VICTOR R. HOLLOWAY ... 4	THOMAS SMITH ... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. J. PRATT.

This was arranged for and rung on the anniversary of the birthday of Miss Chillingworth, of Bradfield, Berks, whose election as a member of the Middlesex Association took place in the belfry before the peal. She was the recipient of good wishes from the rest of the band. Both ladies received congratulations from the other ringers at the conclusion of the peal, which was the first by Miss Jones (St. Stephen's, West Ealing) and also by V. Holloway (Acton).

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 26, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

GEORGE H. HOWSE ... ..Treble	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ... 5
ARTHUR H. WHITE 2	WILLIAM C. HART 6
JOHN CAPP 3	ALBERT D. STONE 7
ERNEST GOWER 4	KEITH HART ... ..Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

AYLESFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 28, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt., in F.

PERCY BURGESS ... ..Treble	†MUS. VICTOR JARRETT, R.E. 5
HARRY HOGARTH 2	FRANK BELSEY 6
*HAROLD ROBERTS 3	L.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.L.I. 7
*JOHN HOMEWOOD 4	GEORGE LAWRENCE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BELSEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire with a bob bell. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, who attained his majority on the following Sunday; also a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Belsey, wife of the conductor. The ringer of the 4th belongs to the local band; all the remainder hail from St. Mary's, Chatham.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter-at-Arches.

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

REV. REGINALD BOND ...Treble	CHARLES CHESTER 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS 2	ERNEST VICKERS 6
JOHN W. WATSON 3	WILLIAM CLARKE 7
TOM PYLE 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... ..Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

This is the first peal by all except the ringers of 2, 3 and 7, and was arranged for E. Maurice Atkins.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 29, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt., in E.

JOHN I. BOTTRILL ... ..Treble	GEORGE GARNETT 5
*JOHN HALL 2	JOHN HARRISON 6
CHARLES BROADBENT ... 3	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 7
ROBERT WIMPENNY 4	HERBERT PALMER ... ..Tenor

Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

* First peal.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, January 29, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

THOMAS HUGHES ... ..Treble	ALFRED ROWLEY 5
REUBEN HALL 2	WILLIAM FISHER 6
ALBERT LITTLE 3	BENJAMIN COUGH 7
HORACE HOWELL 4	*ARTHUR BAKER ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. J. A. Price, M.A. (Vicar), and also an honorary member of the above Society.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 29, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... Treble	RICHARD ROUND ... 5
HARRY HILL ... 2	WALTER PRESTIDGE ... 6
ALBERT PRESTIDGE ... 3	JOSEPH FAULKNER ... 7
*HARRY HUBBLE ... 4	ALFRED DAVIES ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. J. W. Barnsley, a prominent member of the church; also to Mr. Thomas Plimmer, a chorister, both of whom were interred in Netherton churchyard on the above date. It was also rung as a last tribute of respect to Mr. J. Hodgetts, father-in-law to the ringer of the tenor, who died on the previous Monday.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 29, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 24 cwt., in D.

*CHARLES SPARKES ... Treble	JOHN CLARK ... 5
†ARTHUR J. WILLIAMS ... 2	HENRY KEMP ... 6
THOMAS NAPPER ... 3	HENRY TAYLOR ... 7
WILLIAM SHORT ... 4	CHARLES L. SADLER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. † First peal away from tenor in Triples.

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

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, BLOOMSBURY, W.C.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS WALKER ... Treble	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ALBERT E. BRIGHTMAN ... 6
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES ... 3	RICHARD BEVAN ... 7
WALTER G. MATTHEWS ... 4	HENRY BOXALL ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*JOHN R. BARTON ... Treble	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ... 5
WILLIAM T. HOLMES ... 2	*JOHN WATERS ... 6
WILLIAM A. BRECKON ... 3	REV. WM. P. WRIGHT ... 7
HENRY GIBSON ... 4	THOMAS METCALFE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER, and
Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

* First peal of Kent Major. † First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells. The ringers of the treble and 4th are local men, the ringer of the 2nd belongs to Skelton-in-Cleveland, 3rd and 6th hail from Whitby, 5th from Fylingdales, 7th from Hemingborough, and the tenor from Ormesby.

BICESTER, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

FREDERICK WEBB ... Treble	WILLIAM STONE ... 5
ALBERT E. LOCK ... 2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Senr. 6
MISS KATHLEEN HOLIFIELD 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Junr. 7
HARRY HOLIFIELD ... 4	WILLIAM COX ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Senr.

First peal on the bells.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

WILLIAM A. GARRAWAY ... Treble	RICHARD BUCKLAND ... 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	*JAMES BLACKMORE ... 6
JOHN EVANS ... 3	†GEORGE MARTIN ... 7
HERBERT COX ... 4	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

PORTSMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKETT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr.

LIONEL H. PAGE ... Treble	WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 5
MATTHEW ELLSMORE ... 2	EDWIN J. HARDING ... 6
HENRY JENNINGS ... 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 7
*JOSEPH H. WHEELER ... 4	HENRY C. INGRAM ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

DAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

HENRY CORNWELL ... Treble	ROBERT TRACY ... 5
GEORGE MAXIM ... 2	HENRY G. ROWE ... 6
WALTER G. DARLINGTON 3	HORACE SIMMONS ... 7
*LAWRENCE G. THURGOOD 4	*GEORGE COLE ... Tenor

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

* Elected members previous to starting and belong to local band. R. Tracy hails from Leitchworth, the rest are members of the Cheshunt Society. Rung in honour of the 88th birthday of Mr. G. Rowe, of Aldenham, uncle of the conductor.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE WITHERS ... Treble	ALLAN J. CARTWRIGHT ... 5
ERNEST BOYLIN ... 2	GEORGE N. COCKIN ... 6
WILFRED MUMFORD ... 3	ALFRED HACKETT ... 7
VICTOR WHITE ... 4	GEORGE PIGOTT ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and

Conducted by GEORGE PIGOTT.

Rung as a birthday peal to Victor White. This is also the quickest peal of Major on the bells.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. LAST ... Treble	GEORGE FARNISH ... 5
WILLIAM WEEDON ... 2	ERNEST E. LANHAM ... 6
GEORGE BENNETT ... 3	GEORGE WHITING ... 7
SIDNEY W. PILGRIM ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS, and

Conducted by G. WHITING.

This composition was taken from the N.D.A. Report for 1911, page 86, and was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect for Mr. William Thurkettle, who was for fourteen years churchwarden at the above church.

YOULGREAVE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(DARLEY DALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 26½ cwt.

*JOHN SIDDALL, Junr. ... Treble	WILLIAM FOX 5
ALFRED C. WRIGHT 2	THOMAS WHITE 6
HENRY GREGORY 3	BENJAMIN GREATORIX ... 7
*WILLIAM BARKER 4	JAMES L. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by B. GREATORIX.

* First peal in the method.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

REV. R. P. FARROW ... Treble	GERALD GRIFFIN 5
WALTER FERN 2	E. HARRY STONELEY ... 6
JOSEPH CADLE 3	HARRY POWDRILL 7
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 4	HENRY CORNFORD ... Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Rung on the eve of the Festival of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs., in A flat.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Treble	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM ... 5
REV. WM. C. PEARSON 2	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 6
WILLIAM MOTTS 3	JAMES MOTTS 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 4	EDWARD EVANS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY BRIGGS Treble	CHARLES BRIGGS 5
WILLIAM A. NEEDHAM 2	W. HYDE INGLESANT ... 6
*HARRY WRIGHT 3	GEORGE P. GARNER, Junr. 7
*GEORGE WOOD 4	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM ... Tenor

Composed by W. HYDE INGLESANT, and
Conducted by ARTHUR R. ALDHAM.

* First peal of Major and rung at the first attempt. Messrs. Needham, Garner and Aldham are from Barwell, H. Wright from Sapcote, G. Wood from Sharnford, and W. H. Inglesant from Broughton Astley. Messrs. Briggs belong to Stoney Stanton. The composition, now rung for the first time, contains some of the best musical properties possible in the method, 4, 5, 6 being only in 6th and the 2nd never a 5th's place bell at course ends.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

SOUTH ANSTON, YORKS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Killamarsh, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Violet, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM PLATTS Treble	FRANK STENTON 4
HERBERT TURNER 2	SAMUEL SMITH 5
HARRY STENTON 3	CHARLES F. FOWLER ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY STENTON.

This is the first 5040 rung on an extreme bell by the 4th ringer. It was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. W. Stringer, wife of the organist of this church and instructor to the handbell company; also to mark the recognition of the closing year.

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

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHARLES SEMPER Treble	EDWARD R. SEMPER ... 4
ARCHIE C. STOKES 2	*WALTER SPARROW 5
*HERBERT PEARSON 3	FREDK. W. STOKES ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. W. STOKES.

* First peal.

LANGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 27, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

SIDNEY B. DENTON ... Treble	WILLIAM P. MEAD 4
ALFRED T. SMITH 2	FRANK C. SMITH 5
ARTHUR J. M. SMITH ... 3	CHARLES DOE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES DOE.

First peal by all except the conductor. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells and rung at the first attempt. The above are all members of the local band.

BRIDETON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 27, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double and Single Court, Double and Single Oxford, Double and Plain Bob, College Single and Canterbury Pleasure, and 360 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, and Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lbs.

JOHN BEVAN Treble	JOHN GWYNNE 4
ALLEN GWYNNE 2	EDWARD SUMMERS 5
JAMES BLAKE 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

First peal in twelve methods by the Hereford Diocesan Guild. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Blake.

HUYTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob, two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM DAVIES ... Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE 4
JOHN ALLEN 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5
HENRY FYLES 3	JOHN TURNER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

First peal on the bells, which are the heaviest six-bell ring in Lancashire. The band desire to express their gratitude to Canon Sanderson for his generous hospitality at the conclusion of the peal.

PYTCHELEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores with ten different callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

MATTHIAS HOBBS ... Treble	ROBERT F. TURNER ... 3
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 2	FREDERICK KILBORN ... 4

FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... Tenor

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band and the first for the Association. First peal on the bells since being re-hung by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, the "go" being all that can be desired.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 28, 1914, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF S. H. SYMONDS, 5, CHURCH STREET,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Bob Minor.

WILLIAM R. J. POULSON... 1—2 | ARTHUR SYMONDS... 3—4
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS... 5—6
Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 28, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
IN THE LARGE HALL AT KING EDWARD VI.'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Size 18, in G.

ALFRED H. PULLING... 1—2 | WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 5—6
HOBART E. SMITH... 3—4 | "GEORGE JUTSON... 7—8
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Grandsire in hand and first attempt. This peal was arranged for Messrs. Smith and Jutson, who hail from Framlingham and Barnes respectively.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 30, 1914, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

BERTRAM PREWETT... 1—2 | ERNEST PYE... 7—8
WILLIAM PYE... 3—4 | JAMES HUNT... 9—10
GEORGE PYE... 5—6 | ALFRED W. GRIMES... 11—12

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: M. F. R. HIBBERT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. W. Grimes.

In the peal of Minor at Crawford, Northants, on Jan. 24th, Oxford Bob and not Double Bob was rung.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

A Northern District meeting, for practice, was held in the well-appointed belfry of Newcastle Cathedral on Thursday of last week, when twenty members spent a most enjoyable evening in ringing Stedman Caters and Forward Royal. A visitor from Gosforth distinguished himself by raising the tenor (37½ cwt.), single-handed, in 5 mins. 35 secs. It was a pleasure to see visitors from All Saints', which is not as yet affiliated with the Association, and St. Stephen's, which has recently come into the fold.—Several new members were present, who took a great interest in the change ringing, and everyone who could manage a bell had the opportunity to ring, even though it was only rounds.

The visitors felt greatly indebted to the genial steeplekeeper and one of the best of change ringers, Mr. Ben Dixon, for the arrangements he had so carefully made for their comfort.

It will be glad news to some to know that this magnificent ring of ten bells will shortly be augmented to twelve through the generosity of a citizen of Newcastle who, at present, does not wish his name to be disclosed. This will be the only ring of twelve north of York, and the only one in the area of this Association.

ANOTHER METHOD NAMED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Plain Imperial Minor Method, numbered 15 in the C.C. Collection, was rung at St. Paul's Church, Warrington, on Saturday, January 24th, spliced to Double Oxford in the Parkerian manner, to form a 720. The name of Thelwall was given to the method.—I am, yours, etc.,
EDWIN H. LEWIS.

MINOR AT TUNSTALL, KENT.

During the year 1913 the following 720's were rung for practice and divine service at Tunstall, Kent: Cambridge Surprise, 14; Kent Treble Bob, 13; Oxford Treble Bob, 10; Plain Bob, 13; Canterbury Pleasure, 7; College Single, 9; Oxford Bob, 6; Double Oxford, 3; total, 75. The majority of these were rung by the local band: W. Spice, W. E. Spice, H. Jewiss, G. H. Spice, G. Webb, S. J. Spice, P. J. Spice and G. Gaunt. The 720 on Christmas morning was rung by Edward H. Spice (age 13), G. H. Spice, S. J. Spice, W. E. Spice, Percy J. Spice and W. Spice (conductor).

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

RANMOOR'S ENTHUSIASTIC VICAR.

The last monthly meeting of this Society was held on Saturday at Ranmoor, and proved very successful. In spite of a wet afternoon, about 65 ringers turned up from Anston, Barnsley, Beighton, Bolsover, Bolsterstone, Doncaster, Dore, Eckington, Ecclesfield, Gainsborough, Miserton, Norton, North Wingfield, Penistone, Ranmoor, Rotherham (Eastwood and Parish Church), Sheffield (All Saints and Parish Church), Treeton and Worksop. The methods rung during afternoon and evening included Oxford Treble Bob, New London, Woodbine and Worcester and London Surprise Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative, Yorkshire and London Surprise Major, some good striking being heard.

A tea was provided by the local company in the Schoolroom, to which all present did full justice.—A short business meeting followed, presided over by the Vicar of Ranmoor (the Rev. J. R. L. Nicholls).—Six new members were elected, viz., Messrs. T. Anderson (Worksop), C. Harrison (Ecclesfield), H. Champion (Doncaster), F. Humphries (Eckington), A. Gledstone (All Saints', Sheffield), and J. T. Bartram (Miserton).

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens, to the local company, and to the ladies, was carried with acclamation.—The Rev. J. R. L. Nicholls, in responding, expressed the pleasure that it gave him to have an opportunity of meeting the Society. He was much interested in change ringing, which he was taking up, and he had a great admiration for the ringers and their wonderful powers, and for the beautiful and intricate methods which they were able to produce. At present it was all a great mystery to him, and he could not conceive what happened when "Bobs" and "Singles" were called, or what was implied by Treble Bob or the like. His own company were very anxious to instruct him, and he was told that everything depended on "the method" and "ropesight," and that it would all come to him with practice. Well, he hoped so. He had taken up many things in his time with success, and he hoped that the time would come when he would be able to take his rope in a peal (applause). He reminded those present, however, that not only was change ringing a science, it was a call to worship God. Could there be a higher service than that? He asked them all to keep this thought before them: "That God has called you for Christ and his Church." He then gave an interesting list of inscriptions, taken from bells in various places, some humorous, some solemn, reflecting the thoughts that were in the minds of those who had them inscribed on the bells in times past. Having again reminded those present of their high calling, he closed by wishing the Society every success in the future.—This closed the proceedings.

Handbell ringing was indulged in by some members after the meeting, some well-struck touches of Grandsire Caters and Cinques and Plain Bob Major being brought round.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION FAVOUR INTER-AFFILIATION SCHEME.

A successful and enjoyable by-meeting of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association was held at Dagenham on Saturday week. Representatives from most of the towers in the district were present, some arriving on bicycles, others walking, and some by train, while one member came from a "Sparrow's Nest" not, as might be expected, on an aeroplane, but on what is known throughout the Ringing Exercise as the "Old Pegasus," which found rest and refreshment in a shed belonging to the amiable host of the "Cross Keys."

The bells, a peal of six, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, were set in motion at 3.30, and were kept on the swing in fine style in various methods at intervals until 5.30, when, as the bells were by that time entitled to a rest from their labours, the ringers thought it advisable to pay a visit to the billiard room of the above-mentioned hostelry, where a substantial tea had been arranged. The good things provided rapidly vanished, and many were the topics discussed when the cravings of hunger had been satisfied.

Being a by-meeting there was no business to be done, but as Mr. F. Atwell, of Newport, Monmouthshire, had written to the district secretary asking for the attitude of the ringers towards an inter-affiliation scheme, the Secretary brought the matter up, and after discussion the ringers decided unanimously that they were in favour of the idea.

The District Master thanked the Vicar of Dagenham for the use of the bells, and the Vicar of Hornchurch for the use of Hornchurch bells, and the respective steeplekeepers for having everything in readiness, especially to the steeplekeeper of Dagenham for arranging the meeting and tea. Afterwards some of the ringers availed themselves of the opportunity to ring at Hornchurch, while others, including a charming lady ringer, stayed at Dagenham, and disturbed the bells from their rest.

The next time the members meet to discuss events of the day, and, incidentally, to ring and take tea together, will be at Wanstead in April.

BROOKFIELD, GORTON.—On Nov. 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): J. Ingram 1, H. Gaskell 2, J. Turner 3, A. Barnes (conductor) 4, R. Ryder 5, G. Ingram 6, H. Jones 7, J. Harker 8.

ROUND THE FESTIVE BOARD.

BURNHAM, SOMERSET.

The ringers of Burnham, Somerset, recently held their annual supper at the Clarence Hotel. The chair was taken by Mr. Walter Champion (churchwarden), and the vice-chair by Rev. H. A. Kirke. There were also present: Mr. J. Prior (churchwarden), Messrs. W. Pleass, W. Luxon, J. Baker, and others. After ample justice was done to the good things provided, the rest of the evening was spent with toasts and harmony. Following the usual loyal toasts, the Chairman gave in happy terms "The Bishop and Clergy," and the Rev. Kirke replied, and subsequently proposed "The Churchwardens," to which Mr. Champion and Mr. Prior replied. The Chairman next submitted "The Bell Ringers," and Mr. Crandon suitably responded and gave "The Bath and Wells Diocesan Bell Ringers' Association," a toast which Mr. J. Harris, hon. local secretary, suitably acknowledged.—Several capital songs were given by members of the company, and a very pleasant evening was spent.—Cheers were given for the Host and Hostess, and were acknowledged by Mr. Pruen.

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL BAND.

The Hereford Cathedral ringers had their annual dinner at the Spread Eagle Hotel on Saturday week, when a pleasant evening was spent, under the presidency of Mr. J. G. Buchanan, Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. Among those also present were: Mr. W. Davies, Mr. J. J. Jones (secretary to the Society), Mr. R. Powell, Mr. R. Chamberlain, Mr. H. J. Taylor, Mr. W. H. Williams, Mr. A. E. Hurcomb, Mr. A. J. Williams, Mr. H. Symonds, Mr. J. Matthews, Mr. C. H. Sparkes, Mr. C. Jones, Mr. H. Williams, and others.—The loyal toast having been given from the chair and duly honoured, Mr. W. Davies proposed "The Hereford Diocesan Guild," which was responded to by the Master, who spoke in highly appreciative terms of the work that had been done by the Guild in the diocese since its formation. He referred to the Cathedral Society, whose health he submitted, as being the great-grandfather of the Guild, and wished prosperity to both organisations.—Mr. J. J. Jones replied for the Cathedral Society.—The health of the Chairman was enthusiastically honoured at the call of Mr. W. Davies, and this concluded the toast list.—Afterwards a musical programme was rendered, songs being given by Mr. Davies, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Powell, with Mr. A. W. Williams at the piano, and handbell selections by Mr. Taylor and Mr. Williams, a thoroughly enjoyable evening being spent.

HEREFORDSHIRE RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

The ringers of Bredenbury and Pencombe, Herefordshire, had their annual supper at the New Inn, Bredenbury, on Friday week, when they were entertained by Mr. W. H. Barneby, who gave the peal of bells to Bredenbury Church. Mr. W. Clements presided, and Mr. A. Tompkins occupied the vice-chair, the company also including Mr. W. Short (who has done valuable work in the band as instructor), Mr. A. Carless, Mr. R. Belhel, Mr. W. Quarterly, Mr. W. Baker, Mr. C. Horton, Mr. W. Watkins, Mr. H. Lambert, Mr. S. Clements, Mr. G. Bishop, Mr. Cheshire, Mr. H. Brackett, Mr. F. Jones, Mr. B. Jones, and Mr. C. Jones, whilst Mr. W. S. Tanner joined the party later in the evening, and gave some of his comic songs, which greatly amused the company. After the usual loyal toast, Mr. A. Tompkins proposed the toast of the evening, that of "The Donors, Mr. and Mrs. Barneby and family," the toast being drunk with acclamation and musical honours. The toast of "The Host and Hostess" followed, and was received with musical honours. Some capital songs were rendered during the evening by members of the company, who numbered about 20.

STAUNTON.

On Wednesday week the ringers of St. Peter's, Staunton-on-Avon, Herefordshire, had their annual supper at the Vicarage by the kind invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. Watkins. In addition to the ringers, Mr. J. Thomas (churchwarden) and Mr. R. Edwards (sidesman) were present.—Mr. Edwards thanked the Vicar and Mrs. Watkins for their kind hospitality.—The Vicar, in reply, thanked the ringers for their services during the past year, and expressed the great pleasure of himself and his wife in entertaining the company.

MR. J. H. B. HESSE'S 200 PEALS.

Grandsire Doubles, 2; Triples, 16 (one in hand); Caters, 12; Oxford Bob Triples, 1; Stedman Triples, 43; Caters, 25; Cinques, 5; Bob Major, 26 (including a 10.208); Royal, 2; Kent Treble Bob Major, 17; Royal, 8; Maximus, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 3; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 1; Forward Major, 2; Royal, 2; Erin Caters, 1; Duffield Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, Superlative Surprise Major, Cambridge Major, Cambridge Royal, Bristol Surprise Major, Norfolk Surprise, London Surprise, 32; total, 200. Rung in twelve counties and 71 towers, and for 17 Associations.

THE PEAL AT HOLBEACH.

Sir,—Can any of your readers tell me if a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Holbeach by the Norwich ringers about the year 1845, or was the first peal of Stedman in Lincolnshire rung at Lincoln Cathedral by the St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent, in 1893?—Yours, etc.,

J. B. FENTON.

THE SALISBURY GUILD.

DORCHESTER BRANCH MEETING.

For the first time since its formation the Dorchester branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild held its quarterly meeting at Charminster on Thursday afternoon of last week, and should be the means of giving a fillip to matters campanological in this locality, where the local band of ringers are interesting themselves keenly in the art of change ringing. Most of the towers constituting the branch were represented, a total of 38 members being present from Dorchester St. Peter, Fordington St. George, Charminster, Wyke Regis, Hilton, Bradpole, and West Lulworth. Several of the members, en route to the place of meeting, embraced the opportunity of ringing a few touches on the sweet-toned octave of bells in St. Peter's tower in the county town, and also, on their arrival at Charminster, on the quintet of bells in the Parish Church. Guild service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (Rector of Kington Magnus and general secretary of the Guild), assisted by the Rev. W. P. Schuster (West Lulworth). The service was of a hearty character, and the singing was led by the surpliced choir. Archdeacon C. L. Dundas preached an eloquent sermon, and an offertory was taken on behalf of the Guild funds.

At the conclusion of the service the members wended their way to the Parish Hall, where they were hospitably entertained at tea by Archdeacon Dundas, the catering being excellently carried out by Mr. R. Williams, who is the captain of the local band of ringers. A pleasing item in the social amenities was the cordial welcome extended to the Guild on behalf of the church authorities by Messrs. P. Rosewarne and F. Virgin (churchwardens).

On the proposition of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, seconded by the Rev. W. P. Schuster, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded by acclamation to the kind donor of the tea, and also for his excellent sermon at the service.—Archdeacon Dundas, responding, spoke with appreciation of the good work that the Guild was doing throughout the diocese, and he gave the assurance that it would afford him much pleasure to promote its interests, particularly those of the Dorchester branch.—Another vote of thanks, proposed by the Rev. C. A. Phillips, and seconded by Mr. Hervey Beams, was passed to the organist and choir for the brightness of the service, and a pleasing response was made by Mr. A. Groves.

A PRACTICAL HINT.

At the usual business meeting that followed, the Archdeacon was voted to the chair, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. R. N. Daves (chairman of the Dorchester branch). In addition to the names already mentioned, the chairman's supporters included Mr. C. H. Jennings (Wyke Regis, hon. secretary of the branch), and Mr. G. T. White (ringing master of the branch).

The Hon. Secretary announced the receipt of apologies from the Milton Abbey, Upwey, Puddletown, and Wool bands, and also from Mr. Coles (Bridgwater), a member of the Guild.

The Buckland Newton band was elected to membership, and two new members from Milton Abbey were enrolled.

Canon S. E. Davies had sent an invitation for the branch to hold its next quarterly meeting at Wyke Regis, and on the motion of Mr. J. T. Godwin, seconded by Mr. S. G. Hodges, the invitation was unanimously accepted. The meeting will take place some time in April.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, being asked to say a few words concerning the Charminster church bells, said they were a little out of tune. With such a magnificent tower, in which there was room available for eight bells, he should like to see the present bells recast and three new bells added to complete the octave.—This suggestion found warm approval with the meeting, and one which it was felt would be cordially supported by Church people in the parish and neighbourhood. It is hoped that the suggestion will mature, and the Guild will assist it by every means in its power.

Some of the members afterwards wended their way to Fordington St. George tower, and indulged in a little ringing.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the London County Association was held at St. John-the-Divine's Church, Vassell Road, Kennington, where the fine-toned ring of bells was placed at the disposal of the members for ringing. A large number attended, and seven touches were attempted and successfully rung in seven different methods, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob and Double Norwich. Superlative, Cambridge and Bristol Surprise, the latter being the first upon the bells.

The business meeting was held at the "Mitre." Several financial matters, small and large, were voted, and ten new members were elected, a similar number as at the previous meeting. Several of these belong to the local company. The steeplekeeper (Mr. G. Wild), a past secretary, stated he had not yet been able to arrange with the rest of his company to enroll, but he expected they would join by the next meeting.

Members were reminded of the annual meeting on February 14th, and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Wild for his arrangements. Farewells were not, however, said till the early hours of the morning.

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BELLS OF FAMOUS CHURCHES.

ST. BRIDE'S, FLEET STREET.

By J. R. JERRAM.

This church can claim the distinction of being the first in the Metropolis to possess a peal of twelve bells. It appears that in 1710 Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, cast a peal of ten for St. Bride's, with a tenor of 28 cwt., and on January 11th, 1717, what is supposed to have been the



ST. BRIDE'S, FLEET STREET, LONDON.

first peal of Grandsire Caters ever rung was accomplished on these bells by the Society of London Scholars.

In 1719 Rudhall added two trebles to make a peal of twelve; and an old tablet records the following performance in 1724: "On Tuesday, the 10th of January, 1724, the SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS rung compleatly a peal of 5060 GRANDSIRE CINQUES, being y^e first that ever was done. Ye Persons that performed the Same were as follows, viz. :—

Wm. Woodruff ...	1	Robt. Carter	7
Benjn. Annable	2	Wm. Thompson ...	8
Edward Chadwell ...	3	Wm. Jackson	9
John Ward	4	Peter Merrygarts...	10
Jno. Pearson	5	Matth: East	11
Robt. Catlin	6	Thos. Rowland ...	12

Abraham Goodwin

Aaron Jex

Churchwardens.

Although I believe that there is no peal board in existence recording the next two performances, I give them from an old record. "On Monday, November 22nd, 1725, the Society of College Youths rung what is supposed to have been the first peal of Bob Royal: John Ward, 1; Robert Catlin, 2; John Hardman, 3; Francis Geary, 4; Edward Chadwell, 5; William Laughton, 6; William Woodrove, 7; Peter Merrygarts, 8; William Thompson, 9; Benjamin Annable, 10. Composed and conducted by Benjamin Annable."

The next record purports to be that of the first peal of Bob Maximus ever rung. "On Saturday, February 26th, 1726, was rung here the first peal of Maximus, comprising 5280 changes, by the following persons: Mr. Wm. Woodrove, treble; Mr. Robert Catlin, second; Mr. Edward Chadwell, third; Mr. John Ward, fourth; Mr. John Hardman, fifth; Mr. Francis Geary (afterwards Admiral Geary), sixth; Mr. John Dearmor, seventh; Mr. Samuel Jeacock, eighth; Mr. William Laughton, ninth; Mr. Peter Merrygarts, tenth; Mr. William Thompson, eleventh; Mr. Benjamin Annable, tenor; who called the bobs. All the persons who rung in this peal left the church in their own carriages."

In those days Fleet Street used to be thronged with carriages full of gentry, who had come to hear the music of the bells; and the ringers were chiefly persons of quality. Hence the well known nursery rhyme beginning


"Gay go up and gay go down

To ring the bells of London town."


All these early peals seem to have been rung either in the Plain Bob or Grandsire methods. It will be noticed that the names of Admiral Geary, Robert Catlin, the bell founder (who carried on the Holborn foundry after Samuel Knight), and Benjamin Annable, the pioneer of change ringing, are found among the performers. The latter died February 1st, 1756, and was buried at St. Bride's. The following is a newspaper account of his death and burial: "A few nights ago was buried under the tower of S. Bride's Mr. Benjamin Annabel, the best ringer that was ever known in the world. Till his time ringing was only called an Art, but from the strength of his great Genius, he married it to the Mathematics, and 'tis now a Science. This man of Figures and Ringing was like a Newton in Philosophy, a Ratcliffe in Physic, a Hardwick in Wisdom and Law, a Handel in Music, a Shakespear in Writing, and a Garrick in Acting. O rare Ben!"

The fifth and sixth bells were recast by Samuel Knight in 1736; the rest are all the original bells as cast by Rudhall. The inscriptions are as follows :—

Treble.

PROSPERITY TO ALL OVR BENEFACTORS. A 
R. 1719.

Second.

PROSPERITY TO ALL OVR BENEFACTORS. A 
R. 1719.

Third.

MICHAEL EVANS PREB: OF WESTMINSTER
VICAR OF ST. BRIDES†1710†

Fourth.

A. R. 1710.

*Fifth.*JOHN . . . BOCKING . . . THOMAS . . . COLBORN
. . . CHVRCH . . . WARDENS† 1736 . . . S.K. . . FECIT . . .*Sixth.*. . . ABRAHAM . . . PAGE . . . THOS . . . KETTER-
ICHE . . . PHILIP . . . ROBINSON . . . COMMON . . .
COVNCIL . . . MEN . . . S.K. . . FECIT . . . 1736*Seventh.*

ABRA : RVDHALL BELL FOVNDER 1710

*Eighth.*PEACE & GOOD NEIGHBOVRHOOD. GOD
SAVE THE CHVRCH & QVEEN. 1710.*Ninth.*PROSPERITY TO ALL OVR WORTHY BENE-
FACTORS. A.R. 1710.*Tenth.*ABRA : RVDHALL OF GLOVCESTER BELL
FOVNDER*Eleventh.*PROSPERITY TO ENGLAND. MR. ANDREW RAG-
DALE, MR. JOHN JACKSON††MR. JOHN HATHA-
WAY, MR. JOHN GRAINGER CHVRCHWARDENS.
1710.*Tenor.*

A. R. 1710 [Diameter 54½ inches].

There are tablets in the belfry recording the following
peals, in addition to the ones mentioned above :—5104 Grandsire Cinques, by the Union Scholars, Oct.
20th, 1751.5232 Treble Bob Maximus, by the College Youths, Feb.
9th, 1777.5136 Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, by the Cumberland
Youths, Dec. 11th, 1841.5016 Stedman Cinques, by the College Youths, Feb.
26th, 1850.The late Mr. John Cox was steeplekeeper here for many
years.I cannot conclude this account without expressing regret
that these bells are now never rung at all, as far as I can
learn. I certainly should not advocate peal ringing in
such a locality; but surely the bells ought to be rung on the
great church festivals for a short time at intervals during
the day, and on other festive and loyal occasions.We are again indebted to Mr. F. E. Dawe for this ex-
ceptional photograph of St. Bride's Church.**ODD CHANGES.**The extremely interesting account of St. Bride's bells
which appears this week recalls the fact that Sunday last
was the 157th anniversary of the death of Benjamin
Annable, who, as Mr. Jerram describes, was a pioneer of
change ringing, and some of whose compositions survive
and are rung to this day. Indeed, a good deal of the
knowledge which we have has been built up upon the early
investigations of this great master, who is buried beneath
the tower where he was wont to ring—St. Bride's, whose
famous peal now, alas, hang silently in the tower.In the days of Benjamin Annable a peal of twelve bells
was an event to be talked of almost for a generation.
These performances, in view of later day facilities, and the
rise of the Art, have lost some of their former lustre, but
even in these times it is noteworthy that during the month
of January the Middlesex Association rang no fewer thansix peals of Stedman Cinques. Two were on handbells
and four upon tower bells, viz., at Bow, Cornhill, South-
wark, and Shoreditch, the last four being on successive
Saturdays.

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The mention of these peals recalls the fact that since the
reopening of the bells in November four peals have been
rung at Shoreditch—an adequate tribute to the "go" of
the famous bells since their restoration by Messrs. Warner
and Sons. The bells are hung with the firm's new patent
self-aligning bearings, which are designed upon engineer-
ing principles and ensure, as far as is possible, that the
bells will always go well.

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We are glad to notice that Miss Jones, of the St.
Stephen's, West Ealing, band, upon whose promising
debut as a ringer we commented a few weeks ago, has
rung her first peal. It was an excellent performance on
her part, and she had the satisfaction of taking part in it
with another lady, Miss Chillingworth.

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The Vicar's daughter at Southstoke, Oxon (Miss E. O.
Nind) has been presented, by the local ringers, with a gold
brooch, in the form of three bells, bearing her initials, in
appreciation of the help which she has given them in the
belfry, where she takes her part regularly in the ringing.
After the presentation, which Miss Nind suitably acknow-
ledged, 360 Grandsire Doubles was rung by Miss Nind 1,
W. Geall 2, S. Kew 3, T. Looker 4, J. Smith (conductor)
5, J. Bower 6.

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The Bristol and Bath ringers met at Bath on Saturday
in a game of skittles, the visitors winning by 352 points to
341. Ringing on the Abbey bells and on handbells was
indulged in, and an extremely pleasant time was spent.

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Owing to the pressure on our space this week, we have
been compelled to hold over several items.**ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.**The quarterly meeting of the above Society was held at Handsworth
on Saturday last, when between 30 and 40 members assembled. The
bells were made use of in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Nor-
wich and Superlative Major. In the absence of the Rector (who was
away through ill-health), the Rev. R. M. Gibson conducted the service,
presided at the organ, and gave an inspiring address. Tea was pro-
vided at Hayes' Restaurant, and was followed by the general meeting.
—Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from the Rev.
W. Solly, Messrs. S. Reeves and R. Cartwright (representatives on the
Central Council), and Mr. G. Hughes (ringing master).—The Rev. E. V.
Cox gave an outline of the business transacted in committee, viz., the
election of one honorary member, six ringing members, and four belfry
elections ratified.The question of inter-affiliation was brought forward by Mr. Cox, as
was also the question of the Ladies' Guild being represented at the
Central Council. Both of these items were discussed, but it was deemed
advisable they should be deferred till the Wednesday meeting, which
will take place towards the end of April.A compliment was paid the St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, ringers, by
Mr. W. R. Small, upon ringing a peal of Grandsire Cinques by the
local band, and the hope was expressed that one of Stedman would
soon be achieved.—Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for the
use of the church and bells, accompanied by a wish for his speedy
recovery, to the Rev. R. M. Gibson for the kindly services he rendered,
and to Mr. Verry for making ready for the visitors.On Wednesday of last week, at St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wol-
verhampton, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Richard Crofts
Powell and Miss Dora Mary Penny (only daughter of the Rev. Preb.
Alfred Penny, Rector of Wolverhampton), members of the Society
rang 519 Stedman Cinques: H. Hawkswood 1, J. Purser 2, W. G. Half
3, F. Darrall 4, H. Mitchell 5, T. O'Connor 6, A. Little 7, H. Farlow 8,
W. H. Lawler 9, B. Clark 10, H. Knight (conductor) 11, T. Smith 12.
A touch of 615 Grandsire Cinques, with E. Mitchell and R. Cartwright
standing in, was also rung.

Chelmsford Cathedral Tenor Bell.



The new ring of 12 bells (Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs.) for Chelmsford Cathedral was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans on Saturday, September 27th, 1913.

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BELL FRAMES AND THE ARCHITECT.

AN IMPORTANT QUESTION DISCUSSED.

Up to within the last twenty to twenty-five years nearly all bell frames were built of oak or chestnut, and the headstocks were of elm. It seems to have been in the past and, I am also sorry to say, is still at present in many instances, the idea of many architects that wood is the proper thing to make a bell frame of, because they say it is better for the tower and better for the tone of the bells.

There is no doubt that the frame that is best for the tower and best for the bells is the cast-iron frame mounted on steel girders for the following reasons.

A wooden frame is mounted on beams built into the walls, or resting on corbels, or on an off-set, and involuntarily the beams work loose in the masonry as years go on, and the frame resting on corbels or on an off-set moves. If a beam is carefully examined where it is built into the wall, the mortar or cement round the beam will show generally a crack due to the shrinking of the timber, and eventually it becomes loose. When this happens it is bound to be a greater strain on the masonry round the beam and loosens it; also a timber frame, unless most carefully watched, will work loose in the joints if it is not kept carefully screwed up, which is the exception, not the rule.

STEEL GIRDERS BRACE THE TOWER.

The usual practice of the present day is to mount cast-iron frames on steel girders that are built into the tower walls with the angle pieces riveted on to the ends to form an anchor into the masonry, or, a better plan, on the end of the girders rivet on a steel bolt of sufficient strength, carry this bolt right through the tower walls to the outside. The nuts of these bolts must be kept below the surface of the outside walls, this means the tower is braced together and held.

The nuts, of course, should be below the surface of the masonry and faced over with stone or cement so that they do not show on the outside of the tower, or the nuts may be arranged on the inside. These nuts should go through a large stone if possible.

If a massive cast-iron frame is erected on girders as above described, the tower girders and bell frame are as one unit, and there is no movement of the frame whatsoever.

The expansion and contraction of a steel girder placed under a bell frame may be disregarded as the sun-rays do not reach it; in the hottest weather the bell chamber is cool, but in some cases it has been thought advisable to anchor alternate ends of the girders. For instance, if there are four girders, each girder would be anchored at one end and free the other, two anchors one side of the tower and two the other.

There are many architects who contend that the bell frame ought to give with the swing of the bell, but it has been proved that a frame that gives with the swing of the bell exerts much more strain on the walls of the tower than one built on modern lines of iron and steel that is rigid as above described.

A PRACTICAL EXAMPLE.

One particular case illustrating this that was brought home to the writer was a lofty tower containing a peal of six bells, tenor 37 cwt., but hung in two tiers with the treble, 2nd, 3rd and 4th bells in an old-fashioned timber frame above, and the 5th and tenor in another old timber frame below. The top four bells swung east and west, the 5th and tenor north and south, and when these bells were ringing the sway of the tower was very noticeable indeed.

Two years ago the bells were all rehung in a very massive cast-iron frame mounted on steel girders and four smaller bells added, making a grand peal of ten. The movement in the tower is now very much less, with ten bells hung on modern lines, than it was with six hung in the old way, and, in my opinion, this is due to the fact that the girders are now bracing the tower together, and the dead weight of the frames and girders help to keep the tower stationary in the same way that a twenty ton weight on top of a tall factory chimney keeps it steady in a gale of wind.

With all the peals of bells that have been hung in recent years in iron frames, I have not heard of one authenticated case where the tower has been damaged, and exhaustive enquiries have been made by myself and others.

The same cannot be said about wooden frames. Not many months ago I was asked to inspect a small peal of bells in Somerset that were hung in an old wooden frame. One of the main beams had worked loose in the masonry and a crack developed extending several feet coming direct from the beam. These bells have now been rehung in an iron frame on modern lines and the tower repaired, and the result leaves nothing to be desired.

There are many cases of complaint when people living close under a tower complain about the noise of bells. If architects would only remember that all openings for letting out the sound should be well above the bells, there would be fewer complaints.

In towers where the openings or louvres come below the bells they should be boarded or bricked up with not less than one inch boards. If boards are used, they should be covered with two layers of roofing felt to at least two feet above the mouth of the tenor bell when set on end.

When a tower is about to be built, the architect in charge of the work would do well to consult with the bell hanger, and discuss the plans of the tower. By this means the most efficient bell tower would be the result. The sound should always be driven in an upward direc-

tion, and the perfect arrangement would be an opening in the tower roof, about which there should be no difficulty to keep out the wet if properly designed.

JOHN H. B. HESSE.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT REIGATE.

The Surrey Association had a successful annual meeting on Saturday last, some 60 members attending, drawn from the towers of Reigate, Redhill, Charlwood, Godstone, Dorking, Leatherhead, Nutfield, Ewell, Hersham, Croydon, Epsom, Mitcham, etc. There was some good ringing during the day at St. John's, Redhill and Reigate, and before tea, the Vicar of Reigate held a short service in the Parish Church. Tea was served in the Parish Hall, and at its conclusion the long agenda, unavoidable at an annual meeting, was embarked upon, the Vicar having been voted to the chair.

For the benefit of those not present at the last quarterly meeting, the Hon. Secretary referred to the letters of sympathy which had been received on the death of the late Master, Dr. A. B. Carpenter, including two, which were much appreciated, from the President (the Bishop of Southwark) and from the hon. secretary of the Collegio Youths; whilst he read to the members the letter of condolence that had been sent to Mrs. Carpenter and her family, and also a letter of thanks from Miss Carpenter.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO DR. CARPENTER.

It was unanimously decided to establish in some way a fitting memorial to the late Master, and a sub-committee of five was appointed to draw up a scheme. Mr. J. D. Drewett (of Mitcham) was elected to the post of Master, rendered vacant by the death of Dr. Carpenter. He briefly told the members how difficult he felt it would be successfully to fill the gap that had unfortunately been created, but that with the loyal help of the members he would do his best. The other officers were re-elected, viz., hon. treasurer, Rev. A. S. W. Young; hon. secretary, Mr. C. F. Johnston; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. C. E. Reading; southern district secretary, Mr. Hy. Ewins; auditors, Messrs. Gower and Gear; whilst Mr. C. Doan was elected to the vacant seat on the Central Council.

The financial position for 1913 was reported to be satisfactory, for though there was a total deficit of about £4, yet an expense of £11 odd had been met that would not occur again for writing in peals, while a grant for instruction to Egham had been made.

The list of peals rung in the last year was easily a record in the history of the Association, and showed signs of rapidly increasing activity. They numbered 71, as compared with 32 in 1912 and 20 in 1911.

The increase of members, perhaps, was more marked still, 70 new ones having joined during the year. Half of these came into the southern district, which, though only formed 18 months ago, is now 36 strong.

A handsome oak bookcase in which to keep the peal books was then displayed to the members, and it was decided to keep the case and the peal books, a valuable asset, for a year each by turn in Reigate, Croydon, and Kingston Parish Churches, provided those concerned at each church were agreeable.

A NEW DISTRICT FORMED.

Mr. Ewins read his official report on the progress of the southern district, and he and members of the district were warmly congratulated on the success of their efforts. This was followed by a resolution by Mr. Johnston to further divide the Association by forming another, a western district. He explained that the object was to enable towers in that part to have district meetings, and to be brought more in touch with one another, but he wished it to be understood that in no way would any encroachment be countenanced on the province of neighbouring associations that had already affiliated particular towers. With the aid of a map he further explained the scheme, which was supported by Messrs. Reading, Hoad and Gower, and the resolution was carried nem. con., whilst Mr. A. F. Shepherd, who had kindly consented to take on the duties of the new district secretary for the west, was unanimously elected and thanked for his expressing his readiness to come forward.

Members' views were then solicited for the guidance of the Central Council representatives on the questions of the representation of the Ladies' Guild and of the scheme for inter-affiliation.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the authorities who had granted permission to ring at the respective churches, and to the Vicar of Reigate for taking the service and for his presence at the meeting.

The meeting was throughout a success, and the members of the southern district were present in large numbers, although it was to be regretted that the main and central part of the Association was not particularly well represented. However, there was cause for congratulation, that though the agenda list was so heavy and included some drastic alterations, there was a spirit of harmony and good feeling throughout the day.

MR. G. MARTIN'S 100 PEALS.

Minor in four Methods, 1; in two Methods, 1 (conducted 1); Grand-sire Triples, 9 (3); Caters, 2; Oxford Bob Triples, 2; Stedman Triples, 18 (4); Caters, 2; Bob Major, 6 (5); Kent Treble Bob Major, 8 (4); Maximus, 1; Double Norwich Major, 26 (15); Superlative Surprise Major, 13 (8); Cambridge Surprise Major, 8 (6); London Surprise Major, 3; total, 100 (conducted 46).

WAKING UP THE AMERICANS. WHAT THE PEOPLE OF THE U.S.A. THINK OF CHANGE RINGING.

It was a felicitous suggestion of the English ringers in Boston to ring in honour of the wedding of President Wilson's daughter, now Mrs. Sayre. As this mode of celebrating an auspicious event had never before been attempted in the United States of America, writes Dr. A. H. Nicholls, the unique achievement was heralded by the Associated Press throughout the country in a way to impart to our Guild a national notoriety, such as would not have been awarded by a score of complete peals communicated only to the journals of the Exercise. Not only was the compliment graciously acknowledged by the President, but the episode has stimulated enquiries in many cities, far and near, why they also cannot procure bells suitable to give expression to similar joyous occasions; and our local bell founders, alert to meet a new demand, are already proclaiming their ability to cater to the requirements of the Exercise.

Most encouraging, however, is the circumstance that the general public, hearing the unaccustomed changes now sounding from our bellfries are manifesting a desire to know more about the Art: and in deference to this sentiment our newspapers are giving space in their editorial columns to communications, which evince an intelligent grasp of the situation. They are pleased, as a rule, to commend the superiority of scientific ringing to the yam-yam performances of the American chimos. The subjoined leader from "The Transcript," the principal local daily newspaper, will serve as illustration of the silent influence being exerted by the practical work of our English Missionaries.

"Bell music, which for centuries has been merged into the national consciousness of European peoples, is as yet almost unknown in this country. Yet New England, within very recent years, has acquired probably more peals of bells proportionately to the area than any other region on this continent; the peal at Groton, the peal in the new tower of the Perkins Institution at Watertown, the peal at Hingham dedicated a year ago, and the peal at old Christ Church, which has been rehung within the past year, though "the ring of bells" themselves was suspended in the belfry in 1745. The project to hang a peal of bells in the Pilgrim Memorial Monument at Provincetown will, it is hoped, add a fifth to these mighty instruments. There are, of course, numberless "chimes" strewn across the country, but these bells are not swung. They are struck "dead" with a hammer, the resultant loss being not only in their resonance, but in that it is not possible to employ them for change ringing, which is the peculiar fascination and fine art of bell music. The swinging of the bell throws its note upward and outward, enormously enhancing its sonority, giving a voice to its overtone, and bringing into play, on the part of the ringer, a rigorous drill of the mathematical faculty and providing, incidentally, exercise of the most strenuous sort.

"There has been opposition to this pealing of bells in various neighbouring localities, especially in Watertown. Some of these have been justified; others have not. The study of the ringers has been to meet this body of opinion and conciliate it wherever possible. They have conceded that many of the objections were perfectly valid; as that the pealing, if practised after eight o'clock at night, kept children awake—which hour was duly abandoned; that the ringing interferes with the act of telephoning; and that it is a severe punishment for a person in ill-health if lying near the bells. On the other hand, when neighbours complained of the change ringing because they could not distinguish the "tune," it had to be expounded to them that to listen for a tune in this sort of bell music was like listening for a tune in a symphonic poem or in a Wagnerian score. The peal produces not the clank! clank! of the hymn tune, but a buoyant, impetuous harmonic effect. In fact, to appreciate genuine bell music requires an education of musical taste like that required for orchestral music.

"Into the technique of the change ringing and the skill required, there is not space, here, to go. The art exacts a knowledge of mathematical curves, a steady hand, a cool head and long practice. It has been described as "two games of chess at once, with one second to determine on the next move."

"The music of bells intertwines itself so intimately with the life of a community, once the pealing becomes a custom, that no single element is so much missed by immigrants who have forsaken their shores for our own. It has been repeatedly noticed that the bell music is most appreciated by people who have recently come to make their homes in America after a childhood and youth spent in some European city. It is even said that a number of English families, moving to New England, chose to settle in Watertown in order to be near the peal of bells in the tower of the Perkins Institution.

"Bell music acquires a powerful associative spell from identification with occasions of public or national sorrow or rejoicing. It is a proper element of our community life, which to encourage will be to encourage our own pleasure and profit."

AN APPEAL.

The many ringers who know Mr. Harry Walter, of the Green, Shepperton, Middlesex, will be grieved to hear he is seriously ill, and in great need of help. I may mention he was for some time employed by Messrs. Webb and Bennett as bell hanger, and in more recent years has been working for the Thames Conservancy. Any donation, however small, will be thankfully received by Mr. Walter, or by the writer on his behalf.

JOHN H. B. HESSE,

Park View, Teddington.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Castle Cary Deanery Branch was held at Barton St. David, on Saturday last, when nearly 30 members were present, representing Castle Cary, Ditcheat, Batcombe, West Lydford, Babecary, Barton St. David, Street, and Keniton Mandiville.—A short service was held in the Parish Church, the Vicar (the Rev. A. B. Peacock) officiating, and giving a very instructive address, in which he pointed out the position ringers held. In years gone by, he said, the ringers were very seldom seen. They came to the church and rang occasionally, and went away again without attending any place of worship. That day had, happily, vanished, and he could only admire the way in which so many ringers had come on that occasion from a distance, in spite of the weather, to attend the meeting at Barton St. David.

After the service, the ringers were very kindly entertained to a bountiful tea in the Church School by the Vicar and his churchwardens. —The business meeting followed, the Rev. A. B. Peacock presiding, supported by Messrs. W. J. Masters and J. Bishop (churchwardens), Messrs. G. Masters, F. Slocombe, M. S. Welchman (West Lydford), E. F. Creed (Castle Cary), James Hullford (Batcombe), and many others.—Mr. T. G. Vincent, senr., of Ditcheat, was unanimously re-elected President to the Branch for the year 1914, and Mr. T. G. Vincent, junr., as secretary.

On the re-election of Mr. Vincent as secretary, Mr. James Fullford, of Batcombe, in a well-chosen speech, presented him with a very handsome tobacco pouch and pipe as a slight recognition of his kindness in coming to Batcombe, and instructing their ringers in the art of change ringing.—Mr. Vincent, who was quite taken by surprise, thanked Mr. Fullford for the kindness of the Batcombe ringers, assuring them of his appreciation of their action.

Three hon. members and eleven performing members were then elected, and one tower affiliated to the Association. — Bruton was chosen as the next place of meeting, to be held in May.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for presiding at the meeting, and for the use of the bells, and to him and his churchwardens for so kindly entertaining the ringers to tea.—The Vicar and the churchwardens suitably replied, intimating that they would be very pleased to welcome the ringers to Barton St. David again whenever they felt inclined to arrange a meeting there.

A move was then made to the tower, where touches of Doubles (including Stedman) and Minor were brought round on the bells. Some of the ringers also visited the West Lydford tower, where, on the fine peal of six, some well-struck Minor was rung.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT CAMERTON.

The quarterly meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch of the Association was held on Saturday, at Camerton, and despite the unfavourable weather and the inconvenient train service, a goodly number of members attended. Among the towers represented were: Camerton, Midsomer Norton, Frome, Leigh-on-Mendip, High Littleton, Stow Easton, Dunkerton (unaffiliated), and St. Mary's (Bridgwater). The bells (a light ring of six), available from 2 p.m., were raised at 3 p.m., and were kept going till 4 p.m. At this hour, evensong was said in the beautiful Parish Church, at which the Rev. A. M. Dowling (Vicar) and the Rev. J. E. W. Honeywill (Branch President) officiated, the former giving a most helpful and instructive address. Mrs. Dowling ably presided at the organ. Service ended, the members adjourned to the village inn, where they partook of a very substantial tea.

The usual business meeting followed, the chair being taken by the ever-genial president. Among the visitors, the Chairman especially welcomed Mr. A. E. Coles, of Bridgwater, whose attendance was felt to be a pleasure to all, and also an honour to the branch. The brevity of his stay was the only thing regrettable about it.—Mr. A. M. G. Daniel, of Frome, was also accorded a most hearty reception.—Three new members were admitted to the Association.—Hearty thanks were accorded to the Rev. A. M. Dowling, Mrs. Dowling, the choir, the President, and the hon. secretary for their respective shares in making the meeting a success.

Business concluded, the belfry was again besieged, and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles became the order of the evening. Apparently, every member went home thoroughly satisfied with his own share in a most successful and enjoyable gathering.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The first monthly practice, arranged by the Manchester branch, was held on Saturday, at St. John's, Miles Platting, when the following methods were rung: Bob Minor, Bob Major, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, and Superlative Major; also a course of a new method by Mr. J. W. Washbrook, called Manchester Treble Bob Major. The following towers were represented: Denton, Reddish, Stretford, Holy Trinity, Town Hall, Birch, Pendleton, and the local company.

SKELTON RINGER'S DEPARTURE.

The peal at Scarborough, recorded in another column, was rung as a farewell to Mr. W. T. Holmes, who is leaving Skelton to take up an important position under the education authority in Cumberland. His removal from the district will be greatly felt, as he is an enthusiastic ringer, and most attentive to his duties. He carries with him into his new position the best wishes of all his ringing friends, who hope that the loss to the Cleveland district will result in an acquisition to the town to which he is going.

NOTICES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on February 17th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 12th and 26th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 17th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 24th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others at 8 p.m. — William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bocking on February 7th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short service, with address, by the Very Rev. Canon Brownrigg, M.A., Dean of Bocking, at the Parish Church at 5 p.m. Braintree (8 bells), Rayne (6 bells) also open for ringing. Subscriptions for 1914 are now due.—B. Redgwell, Honorary District Secretary, The Street, Rayne.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Leeds on Saturday, February 7th. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m. For full particulars see circular.—Clement Glenn, Honorary Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

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, February 7th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at the Cherry Tree at 6 o'clock.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, February 7th, 1914. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at the Green Dragon Hotel at 5.30.—William Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wooburn, Bucks, on Saturday, February 7th, 1914. Service in Parish Church at 4.15, preacher Rev. R. Unsworth. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting 5.45 p.m.—R. Coles, Honorary Secretary, Snaefell, Priory Road, High Wycombe.

HOLBECK.—St. Francis Church (R.C.), Manor Road, Holbeck, Leeds.—By kind permission of the Rev. Canon McAuliffe the peal of 8 bells (tenor 11½ cwt.) will be open for ringing from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, February 7th, 1914. All members of the Yorkshire Association, or any society of change ringers, will be welcome. The tower is five minutes' walk from all Leeds Railway Stations. Meeting house, the Belmont Inn, handbells provided. Dacres' dining and refreshment rooms close by the church.—R. Binns, Secretary, 2, Chelsea Street, Holbeck, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, February 7th. Bells available at 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Baldock, on Saturday, February 14th.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. District Secretary, West Hill, Hitchin.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—The annual general meeting and election of officers will take place on Saturday, February 14th. The

tower of St. Andrew's, Holborn, E.C., will be open from 4.30 to 6.30 p.m., also another tower which will be announced next week. Tea at the "King of Denmark," Old Bailey, E.C., at 7 p.m., 7d. per head. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Hardy, Hon. General Secretary, 54, Thurlow Park Road, W. Dulwich, S.E.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, February 14th. Bells ready at 2.30. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary, 135, Salts Street, Shaw, Oldham.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alton on Saturday, February 14th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea in Parish Room at 5.15. Members requiring tea will oblige by informing the district secretary before February 12th.—James W. Elkins, District Secretary, 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A quarterly meeting of the division will be held at Buxted (8 bells) on Saturday, February 14th. Tower open 2.30 till 9. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at White Hart Hotel, price 6d. each. Subscriptions for 1914 are now due.—A. D. Stone, Divisional Honorary Secretary, 29, Ash-ton Street, Brighton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, February 14th. Bells, which have been rehung, ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Areley Kings, on Saturday, February 14th, 1914. Service at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea provided for those giving notice of attendance.—R. G. Knowles, Madresfield, Malvern, Branch Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Armley on February 14th. Peal attempt in the afternoon. The business meeting will be held at the White Horse at 7 p.m. Business important.—F. Hopwood, 5, Chiswick Street, Laisterdyke.

ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Shifnal on Saturday, February 21st, 1914. Ringing at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemoor, Shrewsbury.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Next branch meeting at Wilmslow, Saturday, 21st inst. Denton tower not available.—A. T. Beeston, Honorary Branch Secretary, New Mills.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Prestwich, on Saturday, February 21st. Bells available from 4.30. Meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolsten-croft, Branch Secretary.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Bicker on Saturday, February 21st. Service, with address, at 3.30 p.m. Dinner will be at the White Swan Inn at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 3d. each.—G. Ladd, Hon. Secretary, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting of the above Association will be held at Cramlington on Saturday, February 21st, 1914. Bells available afternoon and evening by kind permission of the Vicar. Committee meeting at 4.30 p.m., and tea at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Those intending to be present please communicate not later than February 16th with R. Stephenson, 2, Cleveland Terrace, West Hartlepool.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oatlands Park on Saturday, February 21st. Attractions: Ringing, service and address, tea and business meeting, social evening. Full particulars on application for same. Admission by ticket. Members 6d. Visitors 1s.—George B. Edser, 170, Gipsy Road, S.E.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting and eight bell contest will be held at Brighthouse on Saturday, February 21st, 1914. The draw to take place at the "Ring of Bells" at 2.45 prompt. Tea 6d. each for those who notify the secretary by Monday, February 16th.—F. Salmons, 8, Salisbury Place, Akroydon, Halifax.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Wednesday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

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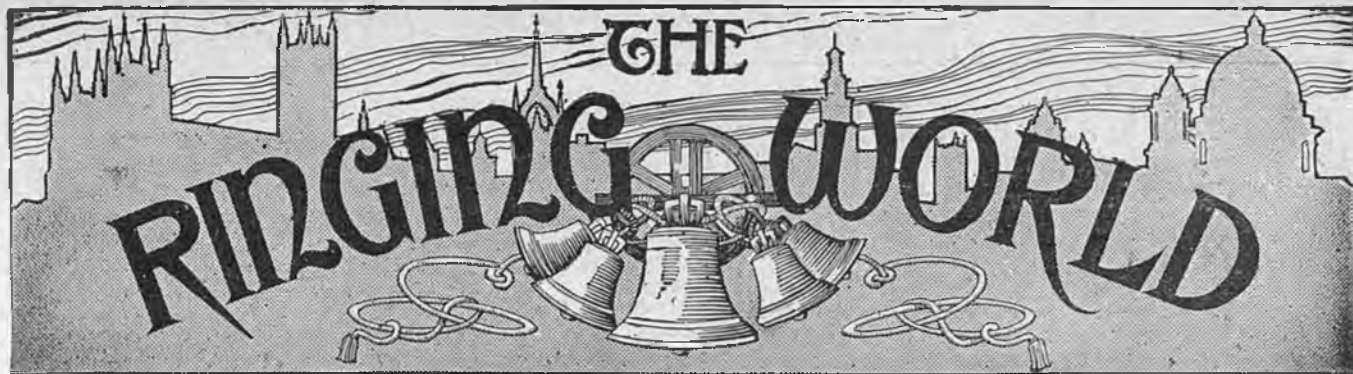
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YORKSHIRE'S FORWARD STEP.

An important decision was arrived at by the members of the Yorkshire Association at their annual meeting on Saturday at Leeds. For twelve months past the members have had under consideration the question of setting up divisional administration, and thus adopting a principle in the management of their affairs, which has worked so successfully among all the associations who have hitherto established this system. At the meeting at Leeds the question came up for decision, and, with but few dissentients, the committee's proposal was carried. This involves the setting up of four districts, each of which will have four meetings annually, including, if practicable, one at an unaffiliated tower. This latter decision will keep before the members the missionary spirit, which should be one of the primary objects of an association. If only for this provision alone, we think the action of the Association would have been well worth the taking. But there are other advantages to be reaped, not the least of which is that the formation of districts tends to keep the members into far closer touch with the operations of an Association.

The chief opposition to the scheme which has been adopted came from the north of the county, which is at present largely under the wing of the Cleveland and North Yorks Association. This Association, at its annual meeting, passed a resolution requesting the Yorkshire Association to exclude that area from its proposals, but this request was not acceded to, and, in the most friendly terms, the hope was expressed that eventually the Cleveland Association would amalgamate with its larger neighbour. With the exercise of tact and goodwill on both sides there seems to us no reason why the two associations cannot work amicably side by side, as is done in various parts of the country by other separate organisations covering more or less the same area. One can understand, perhaps, the existence of a feeling among the Cleveland ringers that an extension of the Yorkshire Association's activities may lead to a depletion of the ranks, especially as hitherto the district has been looked upon as peculiarly their own. These fears should prove groundless, however, for we have no doubt the Yorkshire Association will treat with respect the feelings of the Cleveland men and their extensions into new territory will be alongside of, rather than in rivalry to, the organisation which at present holds the field.

As to the geographical divisions which have been made, they are, apparently but a first step, and it is not unlikely that in future experience may demand further sub-division. The essential point, however, is that Yorkshire has adopted the principle of decentralisation, and, we believe, in common with other societies who have taken similar action, the members will find that the step was unquestionably one in the right direction.

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THOMAS JACKSON Treble	REV. A. T. BEESTON 6
ALFRED BARNES 2	H. W. WILDE 7
HAROLD JACKSON 3	*REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 8
WILLIAM BIBBY 4	*J. THOMAS BOTRILL 9
WILLIAM JACKSON 5	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

* First peal in the method. This is the first peal of Royal to be rung in the method. First peal as conductor on ten bells. The composition has the 5th and 6th the extent in 6th's place and the 4th never there.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt., in D.

THOMAS RUSSAM Treble	JOHN NEAL 6
JAMES E. GROVES 2	JAMES GEORGE 7
JOSEPH W. TIMMS 3	STANLEY BRAGG 8
ALFRED J. HESSIAN 4	*JOHN BRAGG 9
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY 5	†SIDNEY G. CHAPLIN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

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

Tenor 21 cwt., in E.

*GEORGE TOMPKINS Treble	ALFRED E. REEVES 5
*HARRY BROWNJOHN 2	GEORGE CONDICK, JUNR. 6
*ALBERT STOWELL 3	JOHN A. BURFORD 7
EDGAR PEMBERTON 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal in the method. It is twelve years since a peal of Double Norwich was rung in Bristol and it was rung on the same bells, in the same time, and with the same ringers on 7th and tenor.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ROWLAND FENN Treble	EBENEZER ANDREWS 5
*WALTER BEARD 2	ALBERT C. HARDY 6
*ERNEST J. BUTLER 3	CALEB FENN 7
GEORGE W. FAULKNER 4	*WILLIAM G. JACKSON Tenor

Conducted by CALEB FENN.

* First peal of Stedman.

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

On Tuesday, February 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Elizabeth,

A PEAL OF LITTLE ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE D. WARBURTON ... Treble	WILLIAM JACKSON ... 5
ALFRED BARNES ... 2	HARRY CHAPMAN ... 6
WILLIAM SHERCLIFF ... 3	REV. A. T. BEESTON ... 7
HAROLD JACKSON ... 4	FREDERICK PAGE ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and
Conducted by REV. A. T. BEESTON.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Lantern Tower of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

JAMES T. WARD ... Treble	ALFRED MARTIN ... 5
JOHN J. MAWBY ... 2	WILLIAM WILLSON ... 6
JAMES GARRETT ... 3	JAMES HOUGHTON ... 7
J. HUBERT HORN ... 4	WALTER PERKINS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by W. PERKINS.

Arranged for Mr. William Willson, of Leicester, who was working in the locality, and rung as a birthday tribute to J. J. Mawby.

MERTHYR TYDFIL, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Tydfil,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. ASPINWALL'S.

Tenor 20 cwt. 0 qr. 7 lbs.

FRANK CHAVE ... Treble	FREDERICK B. STEDMAN ... 5
ALBAN E. SLATTER ... 2	ALBERT HUNT ... 6
CHARLES PALEY ... 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... 7
BENJAMIN THORP ... 4	P. C. JOHN COLES ... Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

Rung to celebrate the birthday of Mr. D. F. E. Sykes, of Huddersfield, father of the ringer of the seventh.

BROXBORNE, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Augustine,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY GEORGE ROWE ... Treble	GEORGE GRAY ... 5
FREDK. W. RICHARDSON ... 2	GEORGE RADLEY ... 6
JESSE POPPLETT ... 3	WILLIAM SABAN ... 7
WILLIAM IRONS ... 4	HORACE SIMMONS ... Tenor

Conducted by G. RADLEY.

* First peal as conductor. This peal was rung in honour of the induction of the Rev. R. H. Walker, owing to the peal coming to grief on the day of the induction. Quickest peal on the bells.

LONDON.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 4, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. John, Waterloo Road, S.E.,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... Treble	ERNEST E. GRIMES ... 5
ALBERT A. HUGHES ... 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 3	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 7
EDWIN F. PIKE ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 4, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED E. BASSETT ... Treble	THOMAS SELF ... 5
ALFRED L. BROWN ... 2	RICHARD KENDALL ... 6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD ... 7
CHARLES E. READ ... 4	ALFRED HART ... Tenor

Conducted by FERRIS J. SHEPHERD.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
(NUNEATON SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, February 5, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

HARRY ARGYLE ... Treble	E. HARRY STONELEY ... 5
ROLAND O. POLLARD ... 2	JAMES F. CLARKE, JUNR. ... 6
ERNEST STONE ... 3	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 7
WALTER HORTON ... 4	JOHN GREASLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by T. W. CHAPMAN.

LONDON.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 5, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary, Bow, E.,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

YORK GREEN ... Treble	WILLIAM TRUSS ... 5
ARTHUR P. NEALE ... 2	WILLIAM MILLER ... 6
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 3	REUBEN SANDERS ... 7
THOMAS CRANFIELD ... 4	HENRY TORBLE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by YORK GREEN.

This composition, now rung for the first time, has the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th placed four course ends each way in 5-6 (the extent in those positions) without the 2nd in 5th's or 6th's at the course ends, and was the first published with these qualities.

SUNDERLAND.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 5, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Ignatius the Martyr,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE S. TAYLOR ... Treble	MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... 5
CECIL O. SAYER ... 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER ... 6
JAMES AYERS ... 3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... 7
FREDERICK P. HOWCROFT ... 4	WILLIAM OXLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by R. L. PATTERSON.

First peal as conductor on eight bells. Arranged for F. P. Howcroft, of West Hartlepool.

TILEHURST, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.)

On Thursday, February 5, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

HENRY TUCKER ... Treble	ERNEST W. MENDAY ... 5
WILLIAM J. PAICE ... 2	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 6
ALBERT D. CULLUM ... 3	HARRY W. SMITH ... 7
EDWIN J. MENDAY ... 4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

First Surprise peal on the bells. The rooth peal by H. Tucker, who, it is worthy of note, rang the same bell to his first peal (Bob Major), which was called by R. T. Hibbert from the tenor. The band tender their thanks to the Rev. J. Cooper-Smith for his kindness in giving permission to ring and for supplying refreshments, and to Mr. H. Goodyer for having everything in readiness.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 5, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

JAMES' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs.

REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... Treble	CHARLES J. FRAY ... 5
REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ... 2	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ... 7
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 4	OWEN H. GILES ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Mr. Woolley for whom this appeal was arranged, was elected a member previous to starting and it was his first peal of Grandsire.

FAREHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*THOMAS SCAMMELL ... Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 5
*MISS W. CARDEN ... 2	EDWIN J. HARDING ... 6
LIONEL H. PAGE ... 3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ... 7
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lbs.

G. WHITING ... Treble	G. FARNISH ... 5
W. WEEDON ... 2	E. E. LANHAM ... 6
*G. PRYKE ... 3	S. W. PILGRIM ... 7
G. BENNETT ... 4	T. W. LAST ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by T. W. LAST.

* First peal in the method.

PETERSTONE WENTLOOG, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOHN W. JONES ... Treble	FREDERICK ATWELL ... 5
JOSEPH E. SYKES ... 2	FREDK. CHAMBERLAIN ... 6
WILLIAM B. BISS ... 3	SIDNEY DAWE ... 7
CHARLES GREEDY ... 4	BENJAMIN THORP ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORP, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

First peal of Major on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Lilian Biss, daughter of the ringer of the 3rd, on her 23rd birthday.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

Saturday, February 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM G. ANKER ... Treble	THOMAS BLOORE ... 5
JOHN JENNINGS ... 2	FREDERICK J. COPE ... 6
*CHARLES WATMAN ... 3	GEORGE ROBERTS ... 7
*GEORGE PARSONS ... 4	†BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM.

* First peal of Major. † First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to B. G. Leedham.

EYNSFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

REGINALD BROUGH ... Treble	FREDK. W. RICHARDSON ... 5
ERNEST B. CROWDER ... 2	ISAAC EMERY ... 6
HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ... 3	GEORGE DURLING ... 7
JOHN WHEADON ... 4	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

OLDSWINFORD.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT E. PARSONS ... Treble	JOHN BASS ... 5
THOMAS J. SALTER ... 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 6
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... 7
RICHARD E. GROVE ... 4	JOHN BARBER ... Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

BRIDGNORTH, SALOP.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN OVERTON ... Treble	BERTRAM HEAD ... 5
*WALTER HAYWARD ... 2	ERNEST FOXALL ... 6
GEORGE CASE ... 3	WILFRED OVERTON ... 7
JOHN ELCOCK ... 4	HORACE W. OVERTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. K. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by WILFRED OVERTON.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. First peal of Bob Major by all the band and on the bells.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 5
*ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 2	EDGAR H. BAILEY ... 6
JAMES G. RUMSEY ... 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 7
JAMES M. BAILEY ... 4	LEONARD P. BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*FRED DAVIES ... Treble	THOMAS RILEY ... 5
*GEORGE HOLLIS ... 2	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... 6
CHARLES MASON ... 3	GEORGE W. BEMROSE ... 7
WILLIAM LAMBERT ... 4	JOHN FLINT ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells and first peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. J. Warner & Co., the "go" being excellent.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(THE HEAVITREE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.	
RICHARD HAMILTON Treble	JOHN R. SANDOVER 5
WILLIAM S. LETHBRIDGE... .. 2	CHARLES G. GLASS 6
FREDERICK W. RICHARDS... .. 3	† HERBERT V. RICHARDS 7
* THOMAS LAVER 4	* SERGT.-MAJOR C. WARNER Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT V. RICHARDS.

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

OLNEY, BUCKS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt., in D.	
HERBERT RAINBOW Treble	FRED HOPPER 5
JOSEPH S. WHITE 2	JOHN T. HENSMAN 6
* JOSEPH C. DEAN 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE 7
WILLIAM FREEMAN 4	WILLIAM J. ALLEN ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

* First peal on eight bells. Thanks of the band are due to Mr. W. Freeman for taking a rope at short notice, and also to Mr. S. Smith for having everything ready.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.	
WILLIAM J. PAICE Treble	SAMUEL PAICE 5
† MARK GODDARD 2	JOSEPH WHITE 6
ERNEST C. LAMBERT 3	JOHN RANCE 7
* NORMAN LAWRENCE 4	FRANK LUSH Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. Rung in honour of the Rector's birthday; also as a token of goodwill to Mr. Edgar Whittingham (of the local band) and Miss Bessie Benham, on the occasion of their marriage.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 9, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, KILBURN, N.W.,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.	
WILLIAM J. NODDS Treble	ALFRED W. GRIMES 5
WILLIAM PYE 2	REUBEN SANDERS 6
BERTRAM PREWETT 3	CHARLES T. COLES 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

MONKS ELEIGH, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 25, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

HARRY WHYMARK Treble	THOMAS REED 4
* CHARLES ROBINSON 2	LEONARD HEAD 5
ARTHUR KEEBLE 3	WILLIAM STIFF Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STIFF.

* First peal on tower bell.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 26, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.	
CHARLES NUNN Treble	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE 4
EDWARD YOUNGS 2	WILLIAM CLOVER 5
ALPHEUS BERRY 3	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Lord Henniker, the genial lord of the manor. After the peal the ringers were sumptuously entertained by his lordship.

THURMASTON, NEAR LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5160 CHANCES;

Being 43 Six-Scores, called differently.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb., in G.

* MISS SELINA MARTIN ... Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 4
† ALFRED BALLARD 2	† ARTHUR J. BALLARD 5
ALBERT MARTIN 3	FRED STANFORTH Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal, and was proposed a member before starting. † First peal of Doubles, also first peal of Doubles on these bells.

SWINDON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

* JOHN COOPER Treble	JOHN F. BALLINGER 3
HAROLD HALFORD 2	JAMES CAUSON 4
JOSEPH T. DYKE 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal, and elected a member before starting.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores called differently, comprising 12 of St. Dunstan's, 8 of Old Doubles, 10 of Grandsire, 8 of Canterbury and 4 of Plain Bob.

* F. W. COX Treble	* S. R. HICKS 3
W. C. CUSS 2	* G. TIMBRELL 4
	* A. H. PAINTER Tenor

Conducted by W. C. CUSS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor and first peal on the bells at the first attempt. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of the Rev. A. C. Stephens to Miss E. Holme, the band wishing them every happiness in their married life.

BENFIELDSDALE, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, February 4, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Canterbury, Newcastle, London, Wells, York and Durham. Tenor 14 cwt.

J. W. FORSTER Treble	T. H. SURTEES 4
J. MARSHALL 2	A. CHARLTON 5
R. DIXON 3	F. BARRON Tenor

Conducted by F. BARRON.

First peal of Surprise by all the band and on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. H. Surtees.

DEEPIING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 5, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN W. LAKIN, Senr. ... Treble	JOHN W. LAKIN, Junr. ... 4
JOHN TAYLOR ... 2	HARRY WILLERTON ... 5
*ARTHUR RIGGAL ... 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

First peal.

MATHON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 5, 1914, 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, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

*CHARLES A. LAYTON ... Treble	CHRISTOPHER BOWERS ... 4
CHARLES LAYTON ... 2	ANDREW LAYTON ... 5
†CHARLES POWELL ... 3	GEORGE JORDAN ... Tenor

Conducted by ANDREW LAYTON.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell.

YARDLEY HASTINGS, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 32 Six-Scores of London Doubles, and 10 of Grandsire, called differently. Tenor about 14 cwt.

THOMAS FOWLER ... Treble	ALBERT MINNEY ... 4
ARTHUR MINNEY ... 2	HARRY FOWLER ... 5
CHARLES FAIRY ... 3	EDWIN JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by H. FOWLER.

Rung as a compliment to John Frail on his 71st birthday, he having been a ringer at this church for 51 years.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR CATTERMOLE ... Treble	WILLIAM CLOVER ... 4
EDWARD YOUNGS ... 2	WILLIAM ROSE ... 5
THOMAS DAVY ... 3	LEONARD LAST ... Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD LAST.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Edward Youngs.

FROCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(STROUD AND DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's differently called.

FRANK PONTING ... Treble	HARRY BARRATT ... 4
CHARLES EAST ... 2	ARTHUR SUMMERS ... 5
ALBERT WRIGHT ... 3	FRANK COLE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

First peal on the bells.

HAUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sunday, February 8, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores, consisting of Plain Bob, St. Dunstan's and Grandsire.

*GEORGE BOOTH ... Treble	*JOHN WARRILOW ... 3
†FREDK. V. HAGGIS ... 2	*WILLIAM H. JONES ... 4
JOHN J. TAYLOR ... Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN J. TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Joseph Betteley, a generous donor towards the rehanging of these bells.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 8, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 16 Six-Scores each of Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and 10 of Grandsire. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*JASPER EMERSON ... Treble	JAMES P. HYETT ... 4
WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS ... 2	WALTER TAYLOR ... 5
CHARLES CLIFFORD ... 3	EDMUND BROOKES ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. Rung for evening service.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, LEISTON.)

On Tuesday, February 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 7008 CHANCES;

JAMES M. BAILEY ... 1-2	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 5-6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 3-4	CHARLES SAMPSON ... 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: G. WILSON.

Witness: F. W. BAILEY.

Longest length of Treble Bob in hand by the above Association.

SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 4, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT 31, BURGESS STREET

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

*ARTHUR HAGUE ... 1-2	*WILLIAM J. THYNG ... 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN ... 3-4	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 7-8
SIDNEY F. PALMER ... 9-10	

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire: GEORGE LEWIS.

* First handbell peal of Royal.

FYLINGDALES, YORKSHIRE.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, February 8, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. SEPHEN'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANCES;

WILLIAM A. BRECKON ... 1-2	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ... 5-6
ALBERT COATES ... 3-4	FRANK S. HODGSON ... 7-8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. ALEXANDER.

Witness: GEORGE PATTENDEN.

ROUND THE FESTIVE BOARD.

SUCCESSFUL DINNER OF THE CARY RINGERS.

The annual dinner of the Castle Cary ringers was held at the Angel Hotel, Castle Cary, Somerset. The Vicar (the Rev. H. E. Wake) presided, and was supported by Mr. T. S. Donne (vice-chairman), Mr. T. Lydford (people's warden), Messrs. T. G. Vincent, junr., Thos. White, T. Blea, W. White, and about 60 others. Justice having been done to a good spread by Host Biss, the Chairman proposed the loyal toast.—"The Health of the Cary Bell Ringers" was next given by Mr. Thos. Lydford; who congratulated the ringers on their good work during the past year, and also spoke in high praise of their captain, Mr. E. F. Creed.—Mr. Creed, in responding, gave an account of the ringers' work during the past year, and thanked all their friends for their kind support.—"The Chairman" was then submitted by Mr. T. Blea, who spoke in the highest terms of the Vicar.—The Rev. H. E. Wake, in responding, remarked how pleased he was to say that the ringers and singers of Castle Cary gave him no trouble whatever, and he was very pleased to think that the ringers belonged to the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. Other toasts followed, including "The Visitors," given by Mr. Day, and responded to by Mr. T. G. Vincent (hon. secretary to the Cary Deanery branch); "The Vice-Chairman," proposed by Mr. Creed, and responded to by Mr. T. G. Donne, and "The Host and Hostess," submitted by the Vice-Chairman, and acknowledged by Mr. Biss.

During the evening a capital selection of music was given by the Cary handbell ringers, under the conductorship of their captain (Mr. E. F. Creed). Songs were contributed by Messrs. Blea, Creed, Merryfield, Wines, White, and others, the party breaking up at midnight, having spent one of the most enjoyable evenings they have known.

FEN DITTON, CAMBS.

The annual dinner of the ringers of Fen Ditton, held at the "Ancient Shepherd," was attended by a large company of members and friends. The Rector (the Rev. H. W. Forbes) presided, but the churchwardens (Professor Ridgeway and Mr. J. H. Thornton) were unable to be present. Songs and selections on the handbells were given during the evening, those who contributed to the programme being: Messrs. A. Palmer, A. Turner, Wm. Reeves, T. Ward, H. Newman, J. Ward, H. Lees, J. Nichols, A. Arch, L. Mallion, H. Wisbeach, E. Hibbins, J. Martin, E. Cracknell, F. Dench, Walter Reeves.—Mr. H. Newman, the conductor and hon. secretary, proposed "Success to the Bell-ringers' Club," and Mr. L. Mallion said he would like to see a subscription list started in aid of three additional bells for the tower (applause).—The Rector proposed "The health of Mr. F. Dench," and said they ought to think it an honour to have the company of such a ringer.—Mr. Dench, in responding, thanked the members of the club for their kind invitation, and said although he had been about the country a little, he had never met a more united band of ringers than at Fen Ditton.—Mr. H. Lees proposed "The health of the Conductor and Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. Newman," a toast which was received with musical honours and cheers, and Mr. H. Newman briefly responded.—Mr. L. Mallion proposed "The health of the President and Rector," which was also accorded musical honours.—The Rector, in responding, expressed the hope that they would have many more such pleasant evenings.—Thanks were also accorded to the Host and Hostess, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

SHOREDITCH BELLS FUND.

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Among the contributions received towards the fund for the restoration of Shoreditch bells, were the following: Royal Cumberland Youths £20, made up as follows: Voted from the funds, £5; Sir Arthur Heywood, per Mr. Dains, £1; H. Dains, £1 6s.; Miss Bennett, 9s.; H. Sear, 6s.; A. Hardy, 10s.; E. Barnett, 7s. 6d.; J. Parker, 16s.; A. W. Grimes, 2s. 6d.; P. Haurs, 2s. 6d.; W. Hazell, 5s.; J. A. Trollope, 8s. 6d.; G. Lucas, 6s.; W. G. Matthews, 7s.; J. D. Matthews, £1; G. Williams, 10s.; W. Stead, 5s.; W. H. Fussell, 4s.; G. Margetson, 3s.; W. J. Nevard, £1; F. Smith, 5s.; R. J. Dawe, 4s. 6d.; C. W. Player, 3s.; G. F. Williams, 10s.; W. Spice, 2s. 6d.; R. A. Daniell, 5s.; E. F. Cole, £1; W. Doran, 10s. 6d.; A. J. Neale, 2s.; B. Foskett, 15s.; A. Pye, 1s.; C. H. Hattersley, 5s.; G. H. Barker, 2s. 6d.; H. Burton, 2s.; W. Rawlins, 1s.; Warner's Foundry Band, 7s.; W. H. Lambert, 13s.; E. A. Sharp, 2s. 6d. Other societies: Middlesex Association, £2 2s.; London County, 10s. 6d.; Shoreditch Society, £4; St. Margaret's Society, Westminster, £1 10s.; Kent County Association, Lewisham District, £1 1s.; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Guild, £1 1s.; Llandaff Association, 6s. 6d.; Southover (Lewes) Ringers, 6s. 6d.; Market Drayton Ringers, 5s.; Kent County Association, per Mr. Tendrill, 10s. 6d.; Chatteris Ringers, 5s.; Essex Association, S.W. District, 12s. 6d.; St. Oswald Ringers, 3s. 6d.

Individual subscriptions will be published when the fund is complete. About £60 is still wanted.

The peal in 12 Minor methods by the Hereford Guild, and published last week was rung at Bridgton.

Mr. J. H. B. Hesse's 32 peals of Double Norwich and Surprise, included in his list of 200, were rung on the treble.

BELL FRAMES AND TOWERS.

MR. E. H. LEWIS THROWS FURTHER LIGHT ON IMPORTANT SUBJECT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is not easy within the limits of a letter to say much about this complex subject, but I should like to make some comment on Mr. Hesse's very interesting article. The case of the ten-bell tower would have been more convincing if Mr. Hesse had given further particulars. He mentions that the two tenors used to swing N. and S. But it is not clear in which direction they swing now. If they now swing E. and W., or at right angles, that fact alone might account for the greater stability of the tower. In the case of another tower it has been definitely proved by experiment that the resistance of the tower to horizontal force is more than twice as great E. and W. as it is N. and S. In this case, the E. and W. walls are weakened by a large tower arch and west window, while the N. and S. walls are practically continuous, as in most western Parish Church towers. The greatest resistance is parallel to the strongest walls and that fact suggests that, in general, the heaviest bell or bells should be set to swing parallel to the strongest walls, and across the main girders which would transfer the forces direct to the walls which are best able to resist them.

Again, it does not necessarily follow that the addition of a dead weight will tend to keep the tower still in all cases. A well-built tower acts as a spring. That is to say, the movement of the tower is directly proportional to the impressed horizontal forces, and the tower has a definite period of free oscillation. If the temporary application of some force starts it swinging, it will continue swinging a definite number of times per minute until damped out by friction, or until some new force acts on it and stops the swinging. The forces due to the ringing of the bells are periodic, with maxima occurring at regular intervals, or nearly so. And if this period corresponds, or nearly corresponds with the natural period of the tower, the strain on the tower may become very great, owing to the cumulative effect of successive maxima. Now, if a dead weight is applied to the tower, the effect is the same as the "loading" of a spring. The natural period of oscillation of the tower is altered, and it may correspond more nearly with the period of the applied forces. In that case the tower will swing more than before. Or, on the other hand, it may differ in a greater degree from the period of the applied forces, when the weight will have the effect which Mr. Hesse suggests. Experiments bear out this theory. Mr. Hesse will before long receive some results, which show that with a rigid frame and a spring "tower," a heavy weight added to the frame increased the strain on the tower. In another case it might diminish it. With two different strengths of spring frame, the added weight in one case increased and in the other case diminished the strain on the tower, though in both cases the strain was far in excess of the strain with the corresponding rigid frame. The case of a chimney is not quite analogous, as the forces due to the wind are not periodic.

The investigations to which you refer in your article have given so far the following results:—

(1) Having got certain formulæ it is an easy, though somewhat tedious, process to calculate exactly the impressed force upon any tower due to the ringing of the bells in any particular change, if the weight of each bell is known, together with the position of its centre of gravity, and the amount of its moment of inertia, and given the plan of the bell frame.

(2) If the nature of the walls of the tower be known, and its natural period of oscillation in both directions, it is possible to predict exactly what particular "change" in any particular plan of bell frame will rock the tower most.

(3) Following from (1) and (2), it is clear that one of the common plans of bell frame puts the greatest strain on the tower, and that Lord Grimthorpe's plan as used formerly at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, is one of the worst possible arrangements for ordinary towers; but that if all the wheels be roped on the same side it becomes one of the best for ordinary ringing.

(4) It has been proved that with a rigid frame there is absolutely no "blow" or "knock" on the tower, as is generally supposed by architects. The variations of force are quite smooth and continuous, though rapid, except that a very small proportion of the impulse of the clapper on the bell is transferred through the gudgeons to the frame. This impulse is so small that it is probably less than that due to a ringer leaning suddenly against the tower wall. It is common knowledge among ringers that in most timber frames there is "knocking" in a greater or less degree, due to loose joints or loose brasses.

The case of a spring frame, whose vibrations are so damped out by friction that after the temporary application of force the frame only just returns to its neutral position, has not yet been investigated fully.

If it be proved that a rigid frame in every case be best for the tower, there will only remain the practical problem of how to secure the frame to the tower so as to form a rigid whole. The use of a reinforced concrete filling between the main girders and the tower walls, forming a floor with only a central opening, suggests a possible solution.—Yours, etc.,

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DEATH OF MR. R. T. HOLDING, CREWE.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS A BELL RINGER.

The death took place on Tuesday, the 27th ultimo, at Crewe, of a much-respected member of the Chester Diocesan Guild—Mr. R. T. Holding—after a long and painful illness. Mr. Holding commenced his ringing career in 1883, at Whitchurch, about the time that the Rev. C. D. P. Davies was curate there. At the end of 1889 he removed to Crewe, where he was at once appointed to succeed the late Charles Thorpe as conductor in the local tower. Change ringing at that time was at a very low ebb in the district, "stoney" predominating everywhere. After a time with the senior ringers, who were of that order, he formed practically a new band, and then conducted the first peal on the bells by a local band at Christ Church, Crewe, on Saturday, November 28th, 1891, and shortly afterwards he was appointed as instructor to the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

Having to rely upon his own efforts for peals, and in a chiefly agricultural district, his peals were rung in methods that perhaps do not



rise to the height which they would certainly have done, had he lived in one or other of the chief change ringing centres. He took part, however, in 83 peals, of which he conducted 59, as follows:—

	Rung	Conducted.
Plain Bob Triples	2	2
Plain Bob Major	10	8
Plain Bob Royal	1	
Grandsire Triples	53	40
Grandsire Caters	6	2
Stedman Triples	4	3
Treble Bob Minor	2	2
Treble Bob Major	4	2
Treble Bob Royal	1	
Totals	83	59

The Crewe belfry has undoubtedly lost an able and enthusiastic member, whose place will be very difficult to fill.

The funeral took place at the Cemetery on Friday week, when most of the towers in the Crewe Branch were represented by a large number of ringers, a short service being held in Christ Church, where the Vicar (the Rev. W. Bidlake, M.A.), read the first portion of the service, and the Rev. D. R. James (curate) read the lesson. Throughout the afternoon the local band rang several touches with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to their late conductor.

After the service at the Cemetery (which was conducted by the Vicar) four of the deceased's colleagues of the tower rang the handbells over the grave and the members, including the Rev. A. T. Beeston (secretary of the Guild), then returned to the tower and rang a 503 of Grandsire Caters: Rev. A. T. Beeston 1, W. T. Holding 2, J. H. Riding 3, R. Langford 4, A. Crawley 5, G. Crawley 6, W. F. Hartshorne (conductor) 7, J. Dentish 8, G. Harding 9, R. D. Langford 10. Among the large number of wreaths which were sent, was one in the shape of a bell, from the ringers of Christ Church, Crewe.

ODD CHANGES.

At the annual meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent Association on Saturday week, Miss Leny handed to Mr. W. Latter, district honorary secretary for 20 years, a handsome marble clock, subscribed for by the members in recognition of his services to the Association. Under Mr. Latter's able guidance the district has immensely increased, and there are now 19 towers in union, with 170 practising and 19 hon. members.

The new ring of eight bells (tenor 16½ cwt.) in E for All Saints' Church, Daresbury, near Warrington, are to be dedicated on Sunday next. The new steel framework and bells are from the foundry of Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd., Spitalfields, London.

Little Albion Treble Bob is not a method that is extensively practised, and it is therefore of interest to note that we publish the record of a peal of both Major and Royal in this week's issue.

The ringers of Great Yarmouth have presented Mr. R. Christian with a gold bell on the occasion of his golden wedding. The presentation took place at a dinner and social evening, at which the ringers were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Christian.

We would remind our readers of the appeal which has been made on behalf of Mr. H. Walter, of Shepperton. Subscriptions should be sent to Mr. J. H. B. Hesse, Park View, Teddington.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The members of the North and East district of the Middlesex Association were unfortunate in having for their annual meeting the wettest Saturday of the present year, but in spite of this they turned up in great force at Southgate on the 7th inst., a company of over 60 being present. A large congregation attended divine service, when the Vicar (the Rev. C. F. Peplow) preached a most interesting sermon on bells—their history, uses and lessons—which was greatly appreciated. In the absence of the usual organist, Mr. J. A. Dart, of Tottenham, officiated in that capacity.

Tea was served at The Cherry Tree, and was followed by the usual business meeting. The chair was taken by Mr. F. A. Milne, vice-president, the hon. secretary stating that Mr. King, who had hoped to be present, was prevented from attending owing to an attack of influenza, from which he had not quite recovered. He voiced the sympathy of the members, and hoped that Mr. King would soon be quite well again.

The Hon. Secretary then presented the report and balance sheet, which were considered satisfactory. The former will, of course, be embodied in the report to be presented to the members of the Association at the annual general meeting to be held at Fulham on the Saturday after Easter. The balance sheet showed a credit of £72 2s. 9d., an increase of £3 6s. 5d. on the previous year.—On the motion of Mr. J. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. W. Pickworth, the report and balance sheet were adopted, with expressions of satisfaction at the continued growth and prosperity of the Association.

Fourteen new members were then elected, making a total of 60 since the last annual meeting of the district, and the whole of the retiring officers were re-elected. The subject of the representation of the Ladies' Guild on the Central Council was then discussed, and the following was proposed by the hon. secretary, seconded by Mr. H. Reeves, and carried nem. con.: Resolved—"That it be a recommendation to the society in general meeting that a resolution be passed approving of the admission of the Guild of lady ringers to representation on the Central Council."

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Christ Church for his address at the service and for the use of the bells, and also to the local ringers for their usual kind welcome. This was carried with acclamation.—The proceedings then terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

A fine-tuned peal of handbells was produced by Mr. J. Rayner, the genial towerkeeper of St. Andrew's, Holborn, and a few touches were rung, including a course of Stedman Caters by: J. Armstrong, A. W. Grimes, G. R. Pye, E. Pye and J. Herbert. The beautiful bells of Southgate were kept ringing during the afternoon and evening in various methods, from Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, to London, Bristol, and Cambridge Surprise. Ringers attended from all parts, almost all of the towers in the North and East district being represented, and in spite of the inclement weather, a most successful meeting was held.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting of the Bolton Branch was held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday week, when 26 members were present from Bolton, Horwich, Tyldesley, Worsley and Leigh, with some of the local company. Some very good touches of Stedman and Treble Bob were rung.—It was proposed that the next meeting be held at St. Saviour's Church.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING AT LEEDS. DIVISIONAL SCHEME PASSED.

There was a great gathering of Yorkshire ringers at Leeds on Saturday last, upwards of 300 members attending the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association there. The twelve bells at the Parish Church, and the rings of eight at St. Chad's and St. Michael's, Headingley; St. Matthew's and St. Francis' (R.C.), Holbeck; and St. Mary's, Hunslet, were available for ringing. Though there has been a church on the site ever since the 7th century, the present Parish Church of Leeds dates no further back than 1838, but, bearing that date, it stands as a fitting memorial to the "great Vicar of Leeds," Dr. Hook, in whose time the old church was demolished and the present building erected.

The prelude to the annual service, which was held in the Parish Church, was a well-struck touch of Stedman Cinques by "six Leeds loiners and six Sheffield blades." A goodly number of members attended the service, and the beautifully rendered choral service by one of the finest choirs in the country was much enjoyed. The organ has recently been renovated at a cost of over £3,000, and its capabilities were ably brought out by the talented organist. The sermon was preached by the Vicar of Leeds, the Rev. Canon Bickersteth, D.D., from I St. Peter, ii, 17, "Fear God, honour the King." The inscription on one of the bells of his last Parish Church at Lewisham was, "Ye people all who hear me ring, Be faithful to your God and King." How, said the preacher, were they to be faithful to God? Simon Peter gave them the answer—"Fear God." Canon Bickersteth described a series of lectures given in Glasgow by one of our most talented ex-Prime Ministers, Mr. Balfour, which were couched in the most simple language for the man in the street to understand. Mr. Balfour argued that if they left God out, they could explain neither beauty, nor morality, nor religion, nor their own life, nor anybody else's. Then, with regard to the last words of the inscription "and King," St. Peter again gave them the answer, "Honour the King." Their present King was worthy of personal honour as being useful and high-minded, but they ought at all times to honour the King by virtue of his office, and the nation and Empire which he represented. But how stood ringers in this respect? They made an appeal to the public to worship, but often were not worshippers themselves. The two things must work together: men should cease to ring if they could not worship. Ringers were bound to set an example, because they held a high office in the Church.

THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

After the huge gathering had partaken of tea in St. James' Schools, the business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the President (the Rev. C. C. Marshall), supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. C. Glenn), the hon. treasurer (Mr. J. Cotterell), and the vice-presidents (Messrs. C. H. Hattersley and G. Bolland). Every member of the committee was present with the exception of Mr. C. Jackson, who, to the regret of all, was prevented through illness.—Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of Leeds for the service and sermon, with the wardens' names added for use of the bells; also to the organist, precentor, and choir for their services.—The Chairman explained that the Vicar of Leeds regretted that he could not be present at the meeting owing to another engagement which could not be broken.—Thanks were also accorded to the incumbents of the other Leeds Churches for the use of the bells. The members' appreciation of the services of the sub-committee and their helpers was shown by a warm vote of thanks.

In moving the adoption of the report of the committee, the Chairman drew special mention to the matter of division into districts, which would come later in the agenda, and said that the officers confidently looked for the support of the members in the effort to make the Association both more thoroughly representative of the whole county, and also more efficient to carry out the objects for which it was formed. He also hoped that Church authorities would look on the Association as a kind of advisory body on matters concerned with bells and ringers. The 107 peals, he thought, could speak for themselves.

Here it may be mentioned that all headings, from Minor to Maximus, have been accomplished in pleasing variety, including the Surprise Major Methods of London, Superlative, and Norfolk, and the first peal by the Association of Little Bob Royal.

Mr. W. Whitaker, trustee, was to be congratulated in getting money out of those who were very ready to receive, but exceedingly loth to part with it, namely, the income tax authorities (laughter and cheers). Exercising much pertinacity, he had induced these people to abate income tax on their stock dividends for a year, plus three back years, the receipts thus benefitting to the amount of 30s., while future dividends would be received in full.—The report of the committee was unanimously adopted.

The treasurer's balance sheet was passed on the motion of Mr. T. Maude (auditor), seconded by Mr. Blakiston, in the absence of the other auditor (Mr. B. Webb).

There being no fresh nominations, the following retiring officers were declared re-elected: Messrs. C. H. Hattersley, vice-president; Clement Glenn, hon. secretary; J. Broadley, steward; and J. T. Raw, A. Gill, J. McKell, H. Williams, committeemen.—A warm tribute of thanks was paid to the hon. secretary, who, in reply, said he would just do his best, and only asked for the members' support in ways which they would understand.

THE DIVISION OF THE COUNTY.

The most important business of the meeting was then reached, namely, the question of dividing the county into districts.—A resolution was read to the meeting from the Cleveland and North Yorks Association, requesting that the Yorkshire Association exclude the North Riding of the county from any such scheme. In reply to this, a resolution to the following effect was passed, with only four voting against, clearly showing that the Yorkshire Association intends to cover the whole of its own area: "That the members of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers cannot see their way to accede to the request of the Cleveland Association. At the same time, they wish to disclaim any ill-feeling towards the Cleveland Association, but rather to express the hope that ultimately some scheme of federation or affiliation may be arrived at, whereby all may work together for the common good of change ringing under the one County Association."

Mr. Holgate then moved, with Mr. H. Williams as seconder, that the county be divided into four districts according to lists already printed.—The Rev. W. P. Wright moved, and Mr. F. Cryer seconded an amendment that the North Riding be excluded from the scheme.—The Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, of Saltburn, speaking as a vice-president of the Cleveland Association, as well as a member of the Yorkshire Association, said that he and others had travelled for hours that day to vote for a Northern branch, and said they had a right as members to have a district in the North, and it would be manifestly unfair for them to be excluded from the divisional scheme.—Mr. Wright's amendment, on being put to the vote, was lost, only 17 voting for the same. The official motion for division was then put and carried, with seven voting against.—In reply to a question from Mr. S. Thomas, who remarked that the districts were large, the Secretary explained that no doubt the new districts, after a certain amount of experience, would ask to be divided again into smaller districts, and all would have representation on the Central Committee.

The Hon. Secretary proposed, and the Hon. Treasurer seconded, that the existing rules and regulations be rescinded, and that the new ones already printed come into force.—Mr. G. Whiteaker moved as an amendment, with Mr. J. W. Moxon as seconder, that with regard to the reports, three peals be printed on a page instead of one, and that the charge be 8d. instead of 1s. Mr. Whiteaker spoke, he said, quite as a friendly critic, thinking some economy might be effected in the cost of printing. It was pointed out that the report in its present form could probably not be beaten by that of any other Association, and was well worth the price.—The amendment was negatived, only five voting in favour of it.—Several members then spoke on the chief resolution, which, on being put to the vote, was carried without opposition.

The committee in its present form being now dissolved, it was agreed that they remain in office for another six months, in order to set the new districts going.

The meeting, probably the most momentous since the Association's formation, having lasted nearly three hours, was brought to a conclusion by a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. C. C. Marshall for presiding so ably and impartially.

It may be mentioned that inaugural meetings in each of the newly-formed districts will be convened shortly.

LINCOLN GUILD.

SATISFACTORY FINANCIAL POSITION OF SOUTHERN BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Southern branch of the Lincoln Guild was held at St. Wulfstan's Church, Grantham, on Saturday week, and there was an excellent attendance, members being present from Peterborough, Stamford, Lincoln, Edenham, Ingoldsbay, Billingborough, Colsterworth, Grantham, Barkestone, Bottesford and Long Bennington. During the afternoon, touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal were rung on the bells. A short service was held in the chapel, at which the Rev. Douglas Smith was assisted by the Master of the Guild (the Rev. H. Law James).

Over fifty members afterwards sat down to tea, and at the business meeting which followed, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Rector of Boothby Pagnell, presided, supported by the Rev. H. Law James, the Rev. C. J. Sturton, Vicar of Orston, and Mr. S. Proctor, hon. secretary.—The balance sheet for 1913 was adopted. It showed the very satisfactory balance of £25 5s. 6d. in hand.—All the officers were re-elected, and two life and seven performing members were added to the roll.—Bourne was chosen for the July meeting, and in view of the very satisfactory financial position of the branch, the committee, it was announced, had decided to provide free teas for all members attending the meeting who have paid their subscriptions for the current year, the Secretary being instructed to strictly enforce this condition.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Grantham for the use of the bells, to the Rev. D. Smith and the Rev. H. L. James for conducting the service, and to the Rev. E. W. Carpenter for presiding.—Subsequently short touches were rung on the bells, bringing a successful meeting to a close.

MACOLESFIELD. — At St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: W. Matthews 1, E. Atkins 2, G. Bottomley 3, A. Mottershead 4, A. Burgess 5, W. Turner (first quarter-peal) 6, J. Norbury (conductor) 7, T. Mottershead 8.

Chelmsford Cathedral Tenor Bell.



The new ring of 12 bells (Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs.) for Chelmsford Cathedral was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans on Saturday, September 27th, 1913.

MESSRS. JOHN WARNER & SONS, Ltd., of the
Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London, have in hand
the restoration of the following ring of 12 bells:

YORK MINSTER (Tenor 50½ cwt.)

GLOSSOP RINGERS' FESTIVAL.

THE REV. A. T. BEESTON AND RINGING.

The annual festival of the Borough of Glossop Association has recently been held, and the very enjoyable gathering attracted ringers from all parts of the district. The proceedings commenced with a service at the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. Dudley Hart), and attended by a large congregation. The preacher was the Rev. A. T. Beeston, of New Mills, hon. secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild, who based a helpful discourse on the words: "Be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord," Isaiah lii, 11. They all knew, he said, what a profession was, and in making a profession, whether it be that of a Churchman or anything else, it necessarily implied that they had considered what was demanded of them and had counted the cost. In associating themselves with others for the promotion of change ringing, had the cost been counted? Had they considered all that it meant? Had they considered all that it involved? The preacher went on to show how change ringing involved physical and mental exercise. It demanded the exercise of patience and forbearance. If they did not take these things into account, they were apt to stumble and fall away. No doubt there was a charm and an attraction in change ringing, and they knew as well as he did, that there were many so attracted, and who began to learn, but when they experienced the difficulties of learning change ringing, then they met with something of which they had taken no account, and their interest lessened, and in time they gave up. Their art, therefore, demanded patience—patience not only in the belfry, but in the quietness of their own home, where exacting mental effort was required in their endeavours to gain proficiency in the art. He appealed to them to be patient and forbearing. Some learned more readily than others, and in the belfry they ought to be forbearing and learn to patiently co-operate with each other and show goodwill. Do not let them be ready to take offence at imaginary slights, or quick to assert their own rights, forgetful that there were partners with rights equally along with themselves. If they were true and clean, in the sense of the text, they would be prepared to make sacrifices. As ringers it was their duty to recognise that they bore office in God's holy place. They were office bearers, and had to perform part of the usual activity which was connected with the regular services of the Church on Lord's Day. They were Church workers just as any other officers in the Church, and by holding their service there in connection with their annual festival, it necessarily implied that they recognised that they were God's servants and officers and workers for Him in His House of Prayer. This being so, it was required of them that they should be consistent members of the Church, and that their lives should be as far as possible an index and an outward manifestation of the truth they professed. In earnest words, the preacher concluded by pointing out how they could be helped in achieving this end by attending the services of the Church, and, above all, by attendance at the Lord's Table.

Ringing took place both before and after the service, and in the evening a large company sat down to dinner at the Queen's Arms Hotel, Old Glossop, under the presidency of the Vicar. After a substantial repast, there was an interval for ringing, and then the party re-assembled to spend a pleasant social evening. The Vicar welcomed the ringers to Old Glossop, and then submitted the loyal toast, which was enthusiastically honoured.—Mr. W. Marsden proposed "The Visitors," to which the Rev. A. T. Beeston responded. He spoke of his indebtedness to the Glossop ringers for the opportunities they had given him of joining them in their practices, and went on to wish the Glossop Association success in future years. He said he noticed from the Association's peal book that the peals they had mostly rung were peals of Treble Bob, but he hoped they were not always going on to ring Treble Bob. There was an illimitable field before them in method ringing, and it did not matter how expert they were there was always something possible of attainment. Continuing, he said he always felt what a grand service the ringers rendered to the church of which they were members. There were between 30,000 and 40,000 ringers in England, and they must realise what a great influence for good that body of men could exert in connection with their membership of the Church. He wished them success with all his heart, not only in regard to ringing matters, but that the interest and enthusiasm which they showed as ringers might extend to their position as Churchpeople, and that they would act loyally and with enthusiasm for the Church of which they were members. Unfortunately, the Church needed their help. He said unfortunately, because, as they knew, their Church was being attacked. Their Church was an old institution; it had grown up through the generations. He felt that there was a lot of what was antiquated in it, but there was life in the old Church yet (hear, hear), and what they must try to do was, not to cast off the past, but to modify the past in the light of the knowledge of the present day, and bring their Church up-to-date, and make her a greater power in the land. Certainly they as ringers should put their shoulders to the wheel and make her so (applause).

The Rev. H. Lawrence (Vicar of Holy Trinity, Dinting) proposed the toast of "Success to the Glossop Association," and spoke in eulogistic terms of the service which the ringers rendered to the Church. The clergy were grateful to them, and in the Glossop Association they had a body of men who were heart and soul in their work, and who were heart and soul in their churches as well.

Mr. Buckley, the enthusiastic hon. secretary of the Association, responded. The Association, he said, had been going for four years, but he could safely say that that gathering—their fourth—"put the top hat on the whole lot" (laughter, and hear, hear). They had had also a service in Church that afternoon which he was sure was greatly enjoyed, and he hoped it would be the forerunner of what was to come at their annual festivals (hear, hear). He had been struck that night by the thoughts of an old and familiar theme which made out "that band chaps, singers and ringers were poor 'whoam' bringers" (laughter). If one looked round the room, however, one could see that the ringers were not to blame in this respect (hear, hear).

The other toasts honoured were "The Vicars and Church Officials of the Borough of Glossop," and "The Host." During the evening a capital musical programme was carried out, contributed to by the Rev. H. Lawrence, and Messrs. Jack Hill and George Harrison, while selections on the handbells by Messrs. J. Lawton, J. Buckley, F. Garside, E. Garside, H. Cooper and J. Bentley, were much enjoyed.

DEATH OF A WAKEFIELD RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. T. H. Ormond, for 45 years a member of the Wakefield Cathedral Society, who passed peacefully away after a lingering and painful illness. The deceased was interred at the Cemetery on Thursday, January 29th, the remains being borne to their last resting place by his brother ringers. The first part of the funeral service was taken in the Cathedral. The procession which included ringing friends from Shipley, Tong, Pontefract, Barnsley and Wakefield, members of the Cathedral choir, Conservative Club, and the City Independent Friendly Society, were met and led up the aisle by the Rev. B. J. Brooks, one of the Cathedral curates (who conducted the service), and the churchwardens. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by members of the Cathedral Society.

Mr. Ormond joined the Yorkshire Association during the year 1883, and 19 peals stand to his credit. He was a well known figure, and was seldom absent from the Association meetings. The numerous beautiful wreaths which adorned the hearse was a proof of the esteem in which he was held by the bodies of which he was a prominent member.

An attempt was made to ring Holli's five-part peal of Grandsire Triples on the heavy eight of the Cathedral bells, which were deeply muffled, as a last mark of respect, but unfortunately it came to grief at the first part end owing to a change course.

THE "OLD BRIGADE" MEET INTERESTING WORCESTERSHIRE PEAL

The "old brigade" who rang certain peals for the Worcestershire Association a number of years ago made an effort to meet for one more peal last Saturday, the tower selected being Oldswinford. The fates, which had treated them kindly ere now, were, however, somewhat against them, for three of the number were laid aside by illness and unable to come, so their places were filled by more youthful enthusiasts. After twenty-seven years since first they met, it was noticed some of the party were getting "thin on the top," while some also had silver threads amongst the gold. But a rattling good peal of Stedman Triples was rung, and it was found that all the band had more than 100 peals each to their credit, viz., Treble (the genial Master of the Association), 109; 2nd (ex-Master), 267; 3rd (a newly-elected member of the C.C. of Falstaffian proportions), 166; 4th (the conductor in ancient times who had not rung a peal for 10 years), 126; 5th (well known as "the lamb" with the pluck of a lion), 192; 6th (the modern hercules and conductor), 225; 7th (branch Master, described as like an engine, when at the end of a rope), 260; tenor (one of the best heavy bell ringers, in his prime, Worcestershire has produced), 151, making a total of 1,496. The number is nothing remarkable, but for Worcestershire Association it is unique. The ringers desire to offer their thanks for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Newnam for having them ready. S.

LANCASHIRE'S HEAVIEST RING OF SIX.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the account of the peal of Minor rung at Huyton on January 31st, the weight of the tenor is given as 23 cwt., and a note claims that this is the heaviest six-bell peal in Lancashire. In Mear's "Catalogue of Peals supplied" Huyton tenor is given as 19 cwt., and the tenor at Brownedge R. C. Church, Preston, is given as 21 cwt. Huyton bells were cast in 1873, and Brownedge in 1867.—Yours, etc., SIMONSDIFF. EDWIN H. LEWIS.

NEW PEAL FOR SOUTH WALES.

A new peal of bells has been dedicated at St. Catherine's Church, Gorseinon (Glam.), by the Bishop of St. David's. The bells, which are the gift of Messrs. Lewis, well-known gentlemen in the district, are a very good ring of eight by Messrs. Carr, Ltd., of Smethwick, the tenor being 12 cwt. Ringers from Swansea attended the opening, and after the service the bells were immediately set going, and ringing continued until evening service was held. Satisfaction was expressed by all at both the tone and "go" of the new peal.

In the record to the peal of Double Norwich at Lincoln, the footnote should have read that it was the first peal "in the method" by all except ringers of 2, 3 and 7.

MEMORIAL BELLS AT DITCHLING, SUSSEX. NEW TREBLES DEDICATED BY BISHOP OF CHICHESTER.

The Bishop of Chichester, in Ditchling Parish Church on Sunday week, dedicated two new bells presented by the Vicar, the Rev. F. C. Norton, in memory of his two brothers, who passed away in 1910 and 1913. No addition had been made to the bells of the ancient Church of St. Margaret since thirty years ago, when a bell was given in memory of the late Rev. Thomas Hutchinson, a former Vicar of the parish. Recently the six old bells have been rehung in the old oak bell frame, which has been considerably strengthened by means of wrought-iron bolts, angle plates and tie bars. Each bell has been fitted with new hard gun-metal bearings and with new steel gudgeons, whilst all the other fittings have been thoroughly overhauled and repaired, renewals being made where necessary. Two new treble bells have been added to complete the full octave of eight. These bear the following inscriptions:—

Treble.—To the Glory of God, and in memory of George Norton, of Liverpool, 1910.

2nd.—To the Glory of God, and in memory of Thomas Herbert Norton, B.A., Ch. Ch. Oxon., of Westminster, 1913.

The two new bells have been cast and tuned upon the five-tone, harmonical principle, introduced by the late Canon Simpson, of Fittleworth, Sussex. The new bells have been supplied with fittings of the most modern type, including cast-iron headstocks, and are hung in a new and independent steel and iron frame fixed above the original timber bell frame. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of the Croydon Bell Foundry, whose execution of the contract reflects the greatest credit on the firm.

At the dedication service, the Lord Bishop was attended by the Rev. F. C. Norton (Vicar), Prebendary Mullaby, and the Rev. R. J. Lea, Vicar of Henfield and Rural Dean, who bore the Bishop's crozier. A very full congregation was present, and the service was very impressive. Immediately after the dedicatory prayers, a short touch was rung, which proved the true melody of the peal.

An interesting address was delivered by the Bishop, whose text was from Zechariah xiv, 20, "In that day there shall be upon the bells of the horses, holiness unto the Lord." They had come that day, he said, to write on the two bells "Holiness unto the Lord," and to use them in His service. Those who rang the bells and those who heard them were to think of their message: that there was a God, and that whatever they did they should try and do it to God's glory. The Bishop spoke of the origin and uses of bells, and went on to say in that church they now had the bells completed by the kind gift of their Vicar in memory of two who were known to many of them. They were bells on which the giver, by his hand, by his prayer, and his thought, had written "Holiness unto the Lord." He, as Bishop, and the congregation had come to write the same. The bell ringers, every time they rang them, should remember that they belonged to God. The bells brought to each of them God's message. Let them on Sundays call them to church regularly and punctually. When they heard them while at work, let them lift up their hearts to God, and ask for His Blessing on them all. The peals sounded so merry. Would they sing God's praises? Let them all, he added, be happy Christians. A melancholy Christian was like a bell out of tune or a jarring or clanging bell. Let their lives be like a well-tuned bell. "Go and be a bell in the world. Stop jarring words, don't gossip unkindly, don't be ill-natured, but try to think kindly of others. Bring sweet tones among your friends and neighbours. Take care that you begin at home! Don't forget that those bells have a message from God because you have given them to God; and on those bells we will put to-day—'Holiness unto the Lord.'"

Afterwards the bells were again rung, ringers being present from Henfield, Brighton, Lewes, Barcombe, Cuckfield, Lindfield, Hurstpierpoint, Keymer, Burgess Hill, Bolney, and other places. About 50 sat down to a meat tea kindly provided by the Vicar.—Mr. G. Mayston, on behalf of the Vicar, said how pleased he was to see present so many ringers from different parts.—Mr. A. B. Bennett (former hon. secretary of the Sussex Association) expressed gratitude for himself and all the ringers, and a vote of thanks was passed accordingly. The methods rung during the afternoon were: Grandsire, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Stedman and Superlative. The ringers in the opening peal stood as follows: R. J. Dawe (Seaford) 1, A. Gravett (Brighton) 2, C. Tyler (Henfield) 3, H. Gravett (Burgess Hill) 4, F. Protherough (Burgess Hill) 5, A. B. Bennett (London) 6, A. Turner (Lewes) 7, J. Parsons (Keymer) 8.

RINGERS AT SKITTLES.

At the close of the last cricket match between the Bristol and Bath ringers which took place near Bath about two and a half years ago, a part of the Bristol team with one or two friends went on to Bath and spent the evening with some of the team which had represented that city. A game of skittles formed part of the evening's amusements, and at the close it was suggested that Bristol should visit Bath and play a skittle match. The challenge had not been forgotten, but a suitable opportunity had not presented itself until Saturday week. The first item on the programme was a ring at Bath Abbey, where the bells run the wrong way round, and a short touch each of Stedman and Grandsire Caters and a course of Bristol Surprise Major was rung, some of the Bath men standing in the Grandsire.

At the conclusion of the ringing, steps were directed to the place appointed for the match, and after a course each of Grandsire and Stedman Caters on the handbells a move was made to the skittle alley. Bristol lost the toss, and at the end of the first portion of the game Bath had a lead of 12. When, at the end of two-thirds of the game, Bath had a lead of 11 (it had been as much as 17), the Bristol captain was thinking of what he should say to congratulate Bath on winning, but a surprise was in store. The Bristol "tail-enders" not only squared the match at the second "up," but got a lead of 11 before the close. Poultry, in the shape of "ducks," was supplied by two Bath and one Bristol men. The most curious score was that of Mr. W. Knight, who started with a 7 and finished with 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and was glad he had not to go on again.

During the match refreshments were kindly supplied by the Bath men, and were much appreciated by all. At the close, the Bristol men demonstrated their thanks to the Bath men for their hospitality, and the Bath men gave three cheers for the winners, who returned thanks. It is hoped to play the return game at Bristol during the month of April, probably on Saturday, the 4th.

A recitation by Mr. Wake, another touch of 287 Grandsire Caters on the handbells, and a course of Stedman Caters brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. The writer would like to thank the Bristol men for the way in which they supported him, and also the Bath men for turning up in such strong numbers to welcome their visitors. The scores in the match were as follows:—

Bristol: W. A. Cave 35, R. J. Wilkins 31, G. Condict 26, W. Thomas 23—115. Bath: W. J. Prescott 36, T. Hogsflesh 34, C. Bell 29, G. H. Harding 28—127. Bristol: H. Howell 35, S. Abrahams 27, W. Abrahams 27, F. Price 27—116. Bath: A. Richardson 43, E. Holder 32, J. N. Wake 21, W. Starr 19—115. Bristol: C. H. Gordon 35, G. Tomkins 31, J. A. Burford 28, W. Knight 27—121. Bath: J. Taylor 28, T. F. King 24, L. Smith 24, A. Alexander 23—99. Totals: Bristol, 352; Bath, 341.

Bristol, as recorded last week, thus won by 11 points.

NOTICES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on February 17th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 26th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 17th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 24th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others at 8 p.m. — William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Baldock, on Saturday, February 14th.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. District Secretary, West Hill, Hitchin.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society). — The annual general meeting and election of officers will take place on Saturday, February 14th. The tower of St. Andrew's, Holborn, E.C., will be open from 4.30 to 6.30 p.m., also another tower which will be announced next week. Tea at the "King of Denmark," Old Bailey, E.C., at 7 p.m., 7d. per head. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Hardy, Hon. General Secretary, 54, Thurlow Park Road, W. Dulwich, S.E.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, February 14th. Bells ready at 2.30. Meeting at 6 o'clock. — Joseph Ogden, Secretary, 135, Salts Street, Shaw, Oldham.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alton on Saturday, February 14th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea in Parish Room at 5.15.—James W. Elkins, District Secretary, 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A quarterly meeting of the division will be held at Buxted (8 bells) on Saturday, February 14th. Tower open 2.30 till 9. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at White Hart Hotel, price 6d. each. Subscriptions for 1914 are now due.—A. D. Stone, Divisional Honorary Secretary, 29, Ash-ton Street, Brighton.

NOTICES—continued.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, February 14th. Bells, which have been rehung, ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Areley Kings, on Saturday, February 14th, 1914. Service at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea provided for those giving notice of attendance.—R. G. Knowles, Madresfield, Malvern, Branch Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, February 14th. Bells ready at 5. — Walter Hughes, Branch Secretary.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Tenterden on Wednesday, February 18th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea, by the kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. J. A. Babington) at 5.30. Special service at 6.30. Will all members intending to be present at the tea kindly notify me not later than Monday, February 16th, and will all local secretaries kindly note that subscriptions for 1914 are now due. — C. Tribe, Honorary District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Harlingden, on Saturday, Feb. 21st, 1913. Bells ready at 5.30 p.m. Meeting at 7.30. Subscriptions are also due. A good attendance requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Aldershot, on Saturday, February 21st. S. Michael's bells (6) available 3.30, till 9 p.m. Service 5.30, Paeacher: Rev. F. O. T. Hawkes, Vicar; tea in the Parish Hall 6 p.m. Tickets 6d. to members, 1s. to visitors. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at or before the meeting.—John J. Jones, Honorary Secretary, North Street, Guildford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Eastbourne, on Saturday, February 21st. Ringing from 3 to 5 o'clock. Short service 5. Tea at 5.30 p.m., by kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Allen, B.D.). St. Saviour's bells, by kind permission of the Rev. H. U. Whelpton, M.A., Vicar, will be available from 7 to 8 o'clock. Members wishing to be present at tea must let me know by Thursday, February 19th. Will secretaries of bands please note that subscriptions for 1914 are now due. There are several outstanding subscriptions for 1913, which should be paid before this meeting.—Geo. H. Howse, Honorary Divisional Secretary, Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The annual meeting of the above society will be held at the Parish Church, Sheffield, on Saturday, Feb. 21st, 1914. Tower open at 4 p.m.—J. Evinson, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Next branch meeting at Wilmslow, Saturday, 21st inst. Denton tower not available. — A. T. Beeston, Honorary Branch Secretary, New Mills.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Crophorne on Saturday, February 21st. Bells available afternoon and evening. Business meeting at 6 p.m.—J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Shifnal on Saturday, February 21st, 1914. Ringing at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Prestwich, on Saturday, February 21st. Bells available from 4.30. Meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Bicker on Saturday, February 21st. Service, with address, at 3.30 p.m. Dinner will be at the White Swan Inn at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 3d. each.—G. Ladd, Hon. Secretary, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting of the above Association will be held at Cramlington on Saturday, February 21st, 1914. Bells available afternoon and evening by kind permission of the Vicar. Committee meeting at 4.30 p.m., and tea at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Those intending to be present please communicate not later than February 16th with R. Stephenson, 2, Cleveland Terrace, West Hartlepool.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oatlands Park on Saturday, February 21st. Attractions: Ringing, service and address, tea and business meeting, social evening. Full particulars on application for same. Admission by ticket. Members 6d. Visitors 1s.—George B. Edser, 170, Gipsy Road, S.E.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting and eight bell contest will be held at Brighouse on Saturday, February 21st, 1914. The draw to take place at the "Ring of Bells" at 2.45 prompt. Tea 6d. each for those who notify the secretary by Monday, February 16th.—F. Salmons, 8, Salisbury Place, Akroydon, Halifax.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Oxhey and Bushey on the 21st inst. The bells of the former church will be available at 3.30, and those at the latter after tea. Tea at the Institute, Bushey, at 5.30.—H. Eden, Hon. Secretary, 42, Heath Road, Oxhey, Watford.

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 on Saturday, February 28th, at 6.30 p.m., when the chair will be taken by Canon J. W. Willink, Rector of Birmingham. Tickets free to all fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date, to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and St. John's (8) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

NOTICES—continued.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Anston (Kiveton Park Station) on February 28th. Bells available 2 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea at 5 p.m., at 1s. per head to all who notify S. Smith, South Anston, Sheffield, not later than the 24th. A good attendance is requested.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary, 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 7th. Tower open at 3.30. Service in Church at 5 o'clock, to be conducted by the President, the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar of Dudley. A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, March 4th. Business meeting afterwards. All subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Secretary, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Wednesday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The Rev. E. V. Cox has removed to 104, Borneo Street, Walsall.

PEAL BOOKS.—Price 3s. 6d., post free, 300 pages. The first peal written in (with weather-proof ink) free of charge, if particulars of same are enclosed with order.—J. Beams, Fir Tree Road, Banstead, Epsom, Surrey.

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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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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.

BELL FRAMES AND TOWERS.

At length there is a promise of getting reliable information, based upon modern scientific research, brought to the notice of responsible authorities, upon the important, if somewhat abstruse, subject of the stresses and strains placed upon towers by bells in motion. A fortnight ago we published an article upon the practical engineering side of the question by Mr. J. H. B. Hesse, and last week Mr. E. H. Lewis added the results of his valuable and interesting investigations which, considering the complexity and highly technical nature of the subject, were remarkably lucid as well as concise. This week another member of the Special Committee appointed by the Central Council to go into the matter, contributes a view from the architects' standpoint. Mr. Young shows that tower troubles are not always the fault of the architect, and in this, of course, those who have given consideration to the subject, will agree.

The committee have two objects before them. One is to endeavour to convince the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings, that rigid bell frames properly designed and constructed are no detriment to the stability of a tower. Cases have occurred where the interference of the society, prompted no doubt by the best of intentions, but nevertheless, as we believe, by mistaken notions, has led to serious obstacles being placed in the way of bell restoration upon lines which would render the bells practically useless for the purposes for which they should be hung. If with the investigations that have now been undertaken, and the experiments being made, they can be shown that their alarm for the safety of ancient fanes is based upon misconception a valuable work will have been done in the cause of ringing.

The second object of the committee and the one which is particularly a question for the architects, is the relative position of bells to the louvres, so that the sound-carrying power of the bells is not affected but the noise in the immediate vicinity of the tower is reduced to a minimum. We have not yet learned what action has been taken in this matter, but the well-established facts, so well-known to ringers of experience, will doubtless be brought to the notice of the Royal Institute of British Architects, when the other phase of the subject with regard to strains and stresses is also laid before them in conclusive form at the completion of the investigations that are being made. It is, moreover, exceedingly gratifying to learn that the whole question is to come before the Institute, for though the subject is one rather outside the realm of campanology, it nevertheless has an important bearing upon our enjoyment of our Art, and for that reason is one which ringers should, as far as possible, make themselves acquainted with.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, February 4, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.			
JOSEPH LORD	Treble	HENRY LETTS	6
CHARLES DRAPER	2	JOHN FLOWER	7
GEORGE FREEBREY	3	JOSEPH DAVIES	8
JOHN W. GLEW	4	FREDK. HICKLING	9
WILLIAM POYSER	5	ARTHUR B. STONE	Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS, and
Conducted by FREDK. HICKLING.

BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Tuesday, February 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANCES;

Tenor 36 cwt.			
ALFRED E. REEVES	Treble	WILLIAM WHITE	6
ALBERT STOWELL	2	HENRY B. BURT	7
FRED G. MAY	3	GILBERT WILTSHIRE	8
FREDERICK W. WADE	4	ISAAC LONG	9
HENRY HOWELL	5	URIAH BRAVEN	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.
On Tuesday, February 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

SAMUEL WOOD	Treble	*FRED PAGE	6
*JONATHAN BROADBENT	2	*JOHN HARRISON	7
THOMAS JAKEMAN	3	*ALBERT ADAMS	8
CHARLES BROADBENT	4	BENJAMIN GILL	9
JOSEPH MELLOR	5	SAMUEL BOOTH	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

* First peal of Royal in the method.

HALIFAX, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN DISTRICT.)
On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt.			
JAMES COTTERELL	Treble	FRED ROBINSON	6
HARRY ROBINSON	2	HERBERT DRANSFIELD	7
WILLIAM CLARK	3	J. FRED CLAYTON	8
ALBERT NORTH	4	EDWARD CROWTHER	9
WADE RUSHWORTH	5	FRED THORPE	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED ROBINSON.

First peal of Royal by all except the ringers of the treble, 2nd and 7th.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt.			
WALTER SEATON	Treble	JOHN JENNINGS	6
WILLIAM G. ANKER	2	WILLIAM DAVIES	7
ALFRED JONES	3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS	8
FREDRICK J. COPE	4	JOHN CORRIGAN	9
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS	5	JAMES H. GALLIMORE	Tenor

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

This peal was arranged for F. J. Cope and J. H. Gallimore, of Lichfield; also rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION,
AND THE OLDHAM SOCIETY.*On Tuesday, January 27, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas, Moorside,***A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOSEPH OGDEN Treble	HARRY HAMPSON 5
FRANK WILD 2	CHARLES E. PLATT 6
SAMUEL STOTT 3	CHARLES H. MARSLAND ... 7
SAMUEL M. BUTTERWORTH 4	HERBERT BARLOW Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL, and
Conducted by HARRY HAMPSON.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

*On Monday, February 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul, Wood Green,***A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. W. PARKER'S FIVE-PART.

THOMAS HILL Treble	CHARLES TYLER 5
*WILLIAM HILL 2	BERT HORTON 6
JAMES TYLER 3	EDWIN J. TYLER 7
EDGAR MARLOW 4	AMOS COOPER Tenor

Conducted by E. J. TYLER.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method for the Society by a local band. First peal in the method on the bells by a local band. Rung on the Festival of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, February 9, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of IMMANUEL,***A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... Treble	THOMAS HAWORTH 5
JAMES SHAW 2	ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH 6
WILLIAM WHEWELL 3	*ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
JOSEPH RAWCLIFFE 4	JOHN BENTLEY Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by JAMES HOULDSWORTH.

* First peal of Surprise. Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Councillor Pilkington, a former ringer at this church.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.*On Tuesday, February 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Parish Church,***A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM WELHAM Treble	FREDERICK ALLARD 5
*SHELFORD SPARROW 2	†ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 6
WILLIAM E. TYDEMAN ... 3	THOMAS A. TURNER 7
WILLIAM SOUTER 4	EDWARD E. DIAPER Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and
Conducted by W. SOUTER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, February 11, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs., in F.

ROBERT H. HAYWARD ... Treble	HOBART E. SMITH 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2	DAVID G. WIGHTMAN 6
GEORGE E. SYMONDS 3	WILLIAM FLORY 7
*STANLEY BONNEY 4	CHARLES A. WARD Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

GLASTONBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, February 11, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS T. HAYWARD ... Treble	FREDERICK MARSH, JUNR. 5
HENRY JOHN TRIM 2	HARRY PARRISH 6
EDGAR G. LUSH 3	WALTER FARLEY 7
*WILLIAM BRASS 4	HERBERT G. FARLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by H. J. TRIM.

* First peal away from treble and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Farley, hon. secretary of the Glastonbury Deanery Branch.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, February 11, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt., in E.

ARTHUR PAYNE Treble	ROBERT GOFTON 5
THOMAS T. GOFTON 2	†R. ALDER GOFTON 6
*THOMAS R. PERCIVAL ... 3	ERNEST E. FERRY 7
*GEORGE R. HARRISON ... 4	JOSEPH A. GOFTON Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS, and
Conducted by R. ALDER GOFTON.

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

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,
AND CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.*On Wednesday, February 11, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*THOMAS COMPTON Treble	HAROLD HALFORD 5
JAMES MAJOR 2	JOSEPH J. CAUSON 6
CHARLES TOVEY 3	THOMAS PENDRY 7
†JOHN JAMES 4	JOHN HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by T. PENDRY

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. First peal by the local band.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, February 12, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

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

†HENRY BEARDSLEY ... Treble	CECIL J. BAKER 5
HENRY HARRISON 2	EDWARD C. GOBEY 6
ISAAC HUFTON 3	JAMES F. GEORGE 7
JOSEPH HALL 4	*FREDRICK W. SEAW ... Tenor

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal and was elected a member previous to starting for the peal. † First peal away from the tenor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of Mr. J. Turton who always took a great interest in the bells and ringing; also as a mark of respect to Joseph Iliffe, son of Mr. J. H. Iliffe (who is a member of the band) and Mrs. Iliffe.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Friday, February 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,***A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR JORDAN Treble	ARTHUR B. WIFFEN 5
WILLIAM T. PRIOR 2	THOMAS JORDAN 6
GEORGE JORDAN 3	THOMAS J. WATTS 7
WALTER PRIOR 4	WILLIAM WATTS Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and
Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

Rung as a farewell peal to P.C. Wiffen, who is shortly leaving the district for Southend.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WALTER CAUNCE Treble	HERBERT HURDMAN... .. 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD... .. 2	WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON 6
WALTER HAIR 3	ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE 7
† JOHN HOUGH 4	* REUBEN STEVENSON... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. E. BEADSMOORE.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

CHARLES W. COOPER ... Treble	CHARLES E. PERKINS ... 5
* WILLIAM HAND... .. 2	JOHN BASS... .. 6
WALTER J. BRETHERTON 3	JOSEPH PIGOTT 7
WILLIAM A. PUGH 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

* First peal of Major.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM G. THORPE... .. Treble	JOHN T. HOLMES 5
ARTHUR ANDREWS 2	WALTER WOOD... .. 6
HARRY THORPE 3	* SIDNEY PROCTOR 7
WILLIAM DICKINSON 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by EDWARD C. GOBEY, and
Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal of Major as conductor. This composition, now rung for the first time, contains 4, 5 and 6, their extent in 6th place.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

REV. G. F. COLERIDGE ... Treble	CHARLES GILES... .. 5
ALFRED H. POLLING 2	CHARLES HAZELDENE ... 6
* CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN ... 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

* First peal of London. The peal was a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
* LEONARD A. PYE 2	ALFRED PYE 6
* ERNEST J. BUTLER 3	JOHN DALE... .. 7
WILLIAM BILLENNESS ... 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

* First peal in the method.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROLAND O. POLLARD... .. Treble	ERNEST STONE... .. 5
HARRY ARGYLE 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 6
E. MAURICE ATKINS 3	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ... 7
JAMES F. CLARKE, JUNR. ... 4	E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor in the county and by the Guild. It is also the first exact 5000 by the Guild. The composition is a three-part containing the extent of 4, 5 and 6, in sixth's place, the second being there for one course only, and is now rung for the first time.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
WILLIAM PYE 2	CHARLES T. COLES... .. 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES 3	WILLIAM GRIMES 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	CORNELIUS CHARGE... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

LONG ASHTON, CLIFTON, BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

FRED G. MAY Treble	ALBERT STOWELL 5
ALFRED PEARCE 2	HENRY B. BURT 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	WALTER FARLEY 7
GEORGE TOMKINS 4	URIAH BRAVEN... .. Tenor

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

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALBERT HARMAN... .. Treble	ARTHUR W. TULLETT ... 5
GEORGE ELLIS 2	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUNR. 6
JOHN AKEHURST 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
WILLIAM STANFORD 4	ALBERT ELLIS Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON, and
Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. T. Hoad.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(DARLEY DALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

LINDOFF'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt., in F.

JOHN SIDDALL, JUNR. ... Treble	BENJAMIN GREATORON ... 5
THOMAS WHITE 2	ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... 6
HENRY GREGORY... .. 3	JAMES L. WRIGHT 7
WILLIAM TAYLOR 4	JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES L. WRIGHT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Fred A. Wright, of Burton-on-Trent, and Mr. Joseph Derbyshire.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN OVERTON Treble	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 5
JOSEPH HANLEY 2	WILLIAM SHORT 6
† JACK GARRETT 3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... 7
† ARTHUR GARRETT 4	* FRANK PARKER Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Also first peal of Stedman on the bells with a local conductor.

BEESTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

LOUIS PRICE Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN ... 5
ALBERT COPPOCK 2	WILLIAM CLIFFORD, Junr. 6
WILLIAM CLIFFORD, Senr. 3	EDWARD J. BOOT 7
ARTHUR LOWE 4	FREDERICK S. PRICE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all except J. C. Dicken. First in the method rung in the county of Notts by a local band. Quickest peal of Major on the bells. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane, M.A., formerly of Southwark Cathedral.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

MISS EVELYN STEEL ... Treble	ALFRED H. MARTIN ... 5
JAMES HOUGHTON 2	ARTHUR SMEATHERS ... 6
FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... 3	WALTER PERKINS 7
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN 4	HARRY PETTITT Tenor

Conducted by W. PERKINS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Houghton. After the peal the Vicar came in the belfry and congratulated the ringers, especially Miss Steel, for whom this peal was arranged.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

PERCY J. LANGSTON ... Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
WALTER SADLER 2	ERNEST NEWMAN 6
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 3	ERNEST W. BECKWITH ... 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

First peal in the method by the Association and by all except the ringers of the 5th and tenor and first away from the treble by the conductor. It was rung at the third attempt after three previous practices.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Saviour,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. HAYDOCK ... Treble	STANLEY PICKOP 5
* FRANK ASHWORTH 2	JAMES H. BANKS 6
GEORGE BROWN 3	JAMES B. TAYLOR 7
ROBERT LEACH 4	JOHN W. ORMEROD Tenor

Conducted by J. W. BANKS.

* First peal. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 5th belong to the local company, the treble and 4th to Ramsbottom, the 6th to Helmshore, the 7th to Waterfoot and the tenor to Newchurch.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 15, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK SMITH Treble	WILLIAM BIEBY 5
EDWIN H. LEWIS 2	FRANK GLEAVE 6
ALBERT RYDER 3	THOMAS H. LIGHTFOOT ... 7
ARTHUR UNSWORTH 4	CHARLES F. WHITE Tenor

Composed by E. M. ATKINS, and
Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

Rung for evensong, the bells having been dedicated after matins.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 15, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

* ALBERT E. HARRIS ... Treble	JOHN OLDHAM 5
WILLIAM TRIGG 2	† WILLIAM THORLEY 6
HARRY WHITTLE 3	EDWARD READER 7
WILLIAM SMITH 4	ALFRED HARRAD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

* First peal in any method. † First peal on an inside bell.

WHITBY, YORKS.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 15, 1914, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE WELLBURN ... Treble	FRANK S. HODGSON ... 5
JOHN T. WATERS 2	* JOHN W. WILKINSON ... 6
WILLIAM R. KNAGGS 3	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ... 7
WILLIAM A. BRECKON ... 4	ALBERT COATES Tenor

Conducted by WM. A. BRECKON.

* First peal in the method on a dodging bell. F. S. Hodgson has now rung a peal of Grandsire on each of the bells.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

CHEVINGTON, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 29, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

ROBERT QUANTRILL ... Treble	ROBERT MARFIT 3
EDWARD CLARKE 2	CHARLES QUANTRILL ... 4
ARTHUR W. ROLFE Tenor	

Conducted by ARTHUR W. ROLFE.

DENBY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, called differently.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDK. W. STONE ... Treble	JOHN W. GLEW 4
* GEORGE FREEBRY 2	JOHN FLOWER 5
CHARLES DRAPER 3	JOSEPH LORD Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

* First peal of Minor.

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

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of 720 each of Double Court, Single Court and Fulbeck Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Plain Bob, each called differently.

ALBERT 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.

First peal on the bells in five methods.

BARKING.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 8, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent, Oxford, Double Oxford, and Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lbs.

ALBERT FLEMING Treble	GEORGE FLEMING 4
GEORGE BENNETT 2	EDWARD JENKYN 5
GEORGE PRYKE 3	GEORGE FARNISH Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FARNISH.

This is the first peal on the bells and the first in seven different methods by all the band.

WOLVERLEY.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 9, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt., in G.

*FRANCIS E. S. SHAW ... Treble	*WILLIAM PORTER 4
*VICTOR JESTER 2	CHARLES H. WOODBERRY ... 5
*THOMAS J. SALTER 3	ALFRED MORRIS Tenor

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Doubles. Twenty Six-Scores were conducted by the ringer of the 3rd, the rest by the ringer of the 5th.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 10, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight 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 lb.

LENNARD H. STEVENS ... Treble	JAMES H. COX 4
FREDERICK J. MARTIN ... 2	*LUKE VERRALL 5
ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... 3	JAMES MORLEY Tenor

Conducted by LUKE VERRALL.

* First peal as conductor. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. Burder, for 34 years churchwarden at the above church, who reached his 81st birthday on the 4th inst. It was also rung in honour of the birth of a daughter, on the 8th inst., to the ringer of the tenor, who is vice-captain of the Barcombe band.

MONKSILVER, SOMERSETSHIRE.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 12, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 20 Six-Scores of Grandsire, 16 of Plain Bob, and 6 of London.
Tenor 10 cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM BENNETT.

* First peal in three methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Sweet (churchwarden).

FLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 12, 1914, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOSEPH BAILEY Treble	REV. C. J. STURTON 4
*FRANK PORTER 2	WILLIAM H. HILLIAM 5
†SAMUEL H. NORTH 3	JOHN B. HALLIFAX Tenor

Conducted by JOHN B. HALLIFAX.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. J. Bailey and F. Porter were proposed members previous to starting.

KINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, February 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt., in F.

EDWIN J. GREGORY ... Treble	HARLEY SMITH 4
WILLIAM SHORT 2	WILLIAM POWELL 5
EDGAR PRICE 3	THOMAS POWELL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal by all except the conductor. It was rung at the fifth attempt after four ropes had broken.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ALFRED BALLARD ... Treble	EDWARD GEARY 4
GEORGE H. GEARY 2	FRED STANFORTH 5
*ARTHUR J. BALLARD ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Minor also on these bells. The peal contained 232 singles and no bobs. Rung on St. Valentine's Day.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 360 each of Cambridge Surprise and Double Oxford, and 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

JOHN BAILEY Treble	GEORGE FULLER 4
ALBERT RELFE 2	ALBERT HENLEY 5
ANDREW MARSHALL ... 3	HARRY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Marshall, one of the local band.

CHALFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(STROUD AND DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

NOAH COATES Treble	GEORGE PACKER 4
GEORGE EDMONDS 2	ALBERT WRIGHT 5
HENRY NEWMAN 3	FRANK COLE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

The ringers of 1st and 2nd were from Avening, 3rd and 4th from Minchinhampton, and 5th and 6th from Painswick. The bells of Christ Church, Chalford, are steel bells.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, one of Canterbury Pleasure, and three of Plain Bob, called differently.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE E. NAUNTON ... Treble	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 4
ALBERT J. NAUNTON ... 2	JOHN SPENDER ... 5
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... 3	FRANCES W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

BERROW, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-Scores. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM COOMBS ... Treble	GEORGE GRIFFIN ... 4
JOHN HARRIS ... 2	WILLIAM H. THORNE ... 5
JOHN RAWLINGS ... 3	WILLIAM ROSE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. THORNE.

First peal by all the band except the ringer of the second and first peal on the bells and first peal as conductor.

MELBOURN, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lbs., in E.

ALBERT GILBERT ... Treble	ROBERT WILKERSON ... 4
ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 2	SAMUEL E. ROBERTS ... 5
WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 3	ROBERT G. KING ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. KING.

This was the first peal on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt. The ring has recently been rehung in new steel frames and a new treble added by Mr. Bowell, of Ipswich. The "go" and tone is splendid. Messrs. James and Wilkerson hail from Cambridge, the rest are members of the Royston Society. The band wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. M. de Courcy Ireland) for the use of the bells.

BRANT BROUGHTON.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob and one 720 Fulbeck 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.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 11, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At the Residence of A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Size 18, in G.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 11, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Residence of A. W. CLARK, 135, BRIGHTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

AMOS W. CLARK ... 1-2	WALTER S. WISE ... 5-6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 3-4	WALTER ROWE ... 7-8

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Umpire: W. STATES.

A. W. Clark's first peal on 1-2, and W. Rowe's first "in hand."

HANWELL, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, February 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
At "AUBURN," SHAKESPEARE ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

GEORGE E. HARBOUR ... 1-2	JAMES R. MACKMAN ... 5-6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 3-4	WILLIAM LAWRENCE ... 7-8

Conducted by J. R. MACKMAN.

Umpire: ARTHUR H. HARBOUR.

POSTWICK, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 15, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
At the Residence of A. ROUGHT, 15, NORFOLK COTTAGES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ALBERT G. WARNES ... 1-2	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... 5-6
ALBERT ROUGHT ... 3-4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and has the sixth 19 times wrong and the extent right. First peal rung in Postwick.

A RINGING DAY AT HOLBECK.

REHANGING OF CATHOLIC CHURCH BELLS HOPED FOR.

The St. Francis' Society, Holbeck, had a good response to their invitation when they opened the tower for ringers on Saturday week, on the occasion of the Yorkshire meeting at Leeds. The bells were first set agoing soon after noon, and were in use with very little interruption by mixed bands, including members of the local company, until 9.30 p.m. The methods rung were: Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob and Bob Major. Other higher even-bell methods would no doubt have been rung but for the rather sluggish run of the big bells, which will soon, it is hoped, be rehung with iron headstocks. The tone and volume of sound of the peal is surprising for the weight of metal (11 cwt. tenor). Some good ringing was accomplished during the day by members and friends from Hull, Birstall, Guiseley, Bolton, Bradford, Keighley, Selby Abbey, Mirfield, Huddersfield, Hemmingbrough, Earlsheaton, Peterborough, and Mitcham, Surrey. Handbell ringing also was the order at "The Belmont Inn" during intervals in the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire Triples, Major and Caters being rung. One interesting item was a course of Grandsire Triples by two ringers from Derby, each ringing four handbells. The local men wish to thank all who favoured them with their attendance, and hope that the visitors may soon have the pleasure of ringing again upon the bells after complete restoration of the peal.

THE OXFORD GUILD.

A meeting of the Sonning branch for combined practice was held on Saturday at St. Paul's, Wokingham. Fifteen members were present, representing Binfield, Sandhurst, Wokingham (All Saints' and St. Paul's), Wargrave, Easthampstead and Hurst. Touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman and Plain Bob Minor and Major were rung.

SHIPLEY'S PERFORMANCES IN 1913.

During 1913 the Shipley (Sussex) band, with visits to West Grinstead, rang 105 720's in the following methods: Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Warnham Court, Double Oxford, Oxford, Kent, Violet, Woodbine, Ruser, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Treble Bob, Cambridge, Carlisle, Chester, London, and Beverley Surprise. The principal ringers were: W. Denman, junr., 103, T. Adams 100, G. Lucas 78, F. J. Bowell 77, R. Bowell 59, W. Denman, senr., 42, A. Cripps 34, H. Turrell 36, L. Turrell 28, Miss B. Mitchell 18, C. Killick 22, W. Peirce 3, and A. W. Groves (Worthing) 3.

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SIXTY YEARS A RINGER.

To few men is it given to take an active part in ringing for more than sixty years, yet at the advanced age of 81, and with more than six decades of ringing in Kingston belfry behind him, Mr. John Wright is still able to take his place at the ropes. Mr. Wright was born at Kingston-on-Thames on January 29th, 1833, in what was called in those days the Horse Fair, now known as Wood Street, and when a boy he used to spend all his spare time, when ringing was going on, listening to Bob Singles and Doubles, which were called at that time. There was no Sunday ringing in those days, only chiming, but when Mr. Measer became Vicar the bells were rung for morning service. Mr. Wright first became a chimer and gradually learnt to ring a bell. In 1852 he took part in ringing with the bells muffled for the death of Mr. Gundy, the Vicar, and also for the Duke of Wellington's funeral.



MR. JOHN WRIGHT.

In 1853 he entered a situation as gardener at Kingston Hill, and lived there till 1879. He took part in his first peal of Grandsire Caters on Easter Monday, 1857, and rang the 8th. In 1868 he took part in a College Youths peal of Stedman Caters, ringing the 9th at St. Clement Danes. About the same time he took part in another peal of Grandsire Caters with the St. James' Society. In 1874 he rang another peal of Grandsire Caters at Kingston, with the Waterloo Society, and subsequently he took part in other peals at Kingston, Epsom, Carshalton, Battersca, Putney, Mortlake, Horley, Twickenham, Walton and Molesey, ringing about 30 peals in all, including the first peal rung for the Surrey Association.

On Sunday, June 4th, 1913, he took part in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters at Kingston, and rang the 4th, and on October 12th, 1913, he rang the 2nd to a touch of 1008 of Grandsire Triples, and conducted it. Mr. Wright

is as keen on ringing as ever, and there are very few Sunday mornings in the course of a year that do not see him in Kingston belfry to ring for service, while on Tuesday evenings he is regularly present at the practice. He is an excellent striker, and even now, at his advanced age, it is the rarest thing for him to make a bad blow. He is hale and hearty to-day, and always has a genial smile when one meets him. As already recorded, the recent peal of Grandsire Caters rung at Kingston was in honour of his 81st birthday, and it was also one of his compositions. May he long be spared to take his part in the Sunday service ringing, which is such an important part of the service of the church.

ODD CHANGES.

For the first time in history the Exercise can boast of having in its ranks a Lord Chief Justice, Lord Justice Cherry having been elevated to the position of Lord Chief Justice of Ireland. He has reached this exalted office after a distinguished career, both in law and politics, and the Exercise will join in congratulating him upon reaching one of the highest offices open to his profession.

The new Lord Chief Justice, whenever his duties have permitted, has taken his place in the service ringing at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, and has taken part in several peals. He has identified himself very intimately in the affairs of the Irish Association, at the head of whose executive he still remains.

The dedication of All Saints', Daresbury bells, Cheshire, took place on Sunday, and before evening service a peal was rung on the bells. The ring is a new octave, with tenor 16½ cwt., and they have been installed by Messrs. Warner and Sons, two of whose bell hangers took part in the opening peal.

Several interesting musical features are embodied in this work of restoration, and in view of the various opinions of well-known ringers with regard to the position of the main girders, it will be found that the main girders, as generally known in bell work, have been entirely eliminated. Messrs. Warner's new steel frame is only supported at the four corners of the tower by diagonal steel set-offs, thus taking the bearing at the strongest point of the tower, and also tying all four walls together.

The recent performance which we noted at Newcastle Cathedral, where a visitor from Gosforth raised the tenor (37½ cwt.) in 5 mins. 35 secs., recalls the occasion when Mr. James H. McCracken raised the tenor single-handed at Edinburgh Cathedral (42 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.) in exactly two minutes, timed by Messrs. W. R. Fyfe, J. R. Robertson and J. Whitson. This was on January 25th, 1911.

Is the ring at Brant Broughton the heaviest peal of six bells in Lincolnshire? For the information of the band who rang a peal of Minor there on Saturday perhaps some of our Lincolnshire readers can tell us.

To a correspondent. There is unquestionably an advantage in using a "box" when ringing a heavy bell.

BELFRIES AND TOWERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to encroach on your valuable space to the extent of a few words upon the above subject. Doubtless your readers have read with interest your article and the letters which inspired it. Before saddling the architect with much responsibility, I would ask the writers to remember some of the following points.

In church building work it is seldom that there is enough money to do justice to any particular case in hand. In the great majority of works which the architect has to consider, there is no tower and bells called for; much as he would doubtless desire to crown his design by such a monumental feature. Sometimes, it is true, the lower storey on ample foundations is put in, and remains for years as a melancholy reproach and appeal standing there with its temporary roof. Then there is the case of the tower built perhaps to contain one bell and a clock and strong enough to resist wind pressure only, this is quite insufficient to withstand the additional stresses set up when, in after years, without the advice of an architect, an enterprising Vicar and bell founder, install a peal of bells.

Following on the above, however, I know that there are cases where, under the supervision of an architect, towers have been erected with an insufficient margin of the strength that is required where bells are installed. Whilst I admit that architects should lead the way, after all we must observe that it is a very complex problem, and one which appears to be understood very little by bell founders or campanologists so far themselves.

The "R.I.B.A." last year asked, through their journal, which has a very wide circulation, for any information which could be given on this subject to be kindly sent to the secretary. I am sorry to say that it only evoked some half-dozen replies, one of which, by-the-way, was from a campanologist.

Perhaps some of your readers would care to give any detailed information they may have to add, which would help to form the basis of a probably very useful report, one, as I understand, to be issued to the profession and the public generally in due course.—Yours faithfully,
E. ALEXANDER YOUNG, A.R.I.B.A.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN BRANCH MEETING.

The first meeting of the Western Branch for the year was held at Areley Kings, on Saturday. The Rector conducted a service, and in the course of his address, said how pleased he was to welcome the members to his church, on that, the first visit of the Association. His remarks on the history of the bells, which date from 1621, were listened to with the greatest interest.—The organist and choirmen were in attendance, and materially assisted in making the service a very enjoyable one.

Tea followed in the Parish Room, kindly provided by friends, and very nicely arranged by the local ringers.—The business meeting was afterwards held, the Rector presiding, members attending from the Cathedral and St. John's, Worcester; Upton-on-Severn, Suckley, Martley, Hallow, Bowick, Ombersley, Shrawley, Malvern Link, Madresfield, and the local band, with Mr. T. J. Salter, of Kidderminster, and others.—The quarterly peal was arranged to be attempted at Areley Kings, with Mr. J. Reynolds as conductor.—Welland was the place selected for the next meeting, to be held on June 20th.—One life hon. member, two hon. members, one life performing member, and five performing members were elected.

The bells at the church were rung before and after the service, the touches including Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Stedman, and Plain Bob Minor, and several six-scores of Doubles for the young ringers.

The handbells were used in the Parish Room for Caters and Triples, and were much appreciated. The members who visited Areley Kings were very pleased with the arrangements made for their comfort, which greatly helped to make a very successful meeting.

EDINBURGH CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

This society held their annual general meeting in the library of the Cathedral on Wednesday of last week. Those present were the President, the Very Rev. the Dean of Edinburgh, in the chair, Messrs. Sampson, Fyfe, Robertson, Whitson, Joseph and Jack Stannard, Mowat, Russam, Wm. and John Gallie. The treasurer's financial report, which showed a balance of £5 13s. 6d. carried forward to the ensuing year was presented, and the secretary's report was afterwards submitted, showing that the Cathedral bells had been rung open for the year 84 times, and on seven special occasions, method ringing having been the rule on every occasion, and "Old Graveyard Bob" discarded, a great step in the right direction in the art of change ringing at the Cathedral, which we hope will never be retraced. Ringers had their annual outing in the summer to Inverness, the excursion being well attended.

The following were the office bearers elected for the ensuing year: President, the Very Rev. J. S. Wilson, Dean of Edinburgh; vice-president, the Rev. Anslem Ashley; conductor, Mr. W. B. Sampson; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. R. Robertson, 221, Morningside Road, Edinburgh; committee, Messrs. Whitson and Russam.

The practice night is Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, and the Sunday ringing at 10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT KETTERING.

On the occasion of the quarterly meeting of the Kettering District of the Central Northants Association at Kettering Church, a board was unveiled recording the first peal of Stedman Triples rung in the county in which a lady had taken part. Over 50 members were present from Northampton, Wellingborough, Raunds, Higham Ferrers, Kettering, Irthlingborough, Isham, Cransley, Cranford, Rothwell, Desborough, Burton Latimer, Finedon, Barton, Seagrave and Thrapston. The ringing during the day ranged from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise, and during an interval the Rector (the Rev. C. B. Lucas) visited the belfry and unveiled the board, which records the peal rung on August 5th last, in 3 hrs. 9 mins., by: Miss Evelyn Steel 1, A. E. Payne 2, Mathias Hobbs 3, A. Pettitt 4, C. W. Bird 5, F. W. Sawfoot 6, W. Perkins 7, Alfred Knight 8. Conducted by Walter Perkins.

Tea was partaken of at the Central Restaurant, and was followed by the business meeting. The Rector of Kettering occupied the chair, and there were also present the Rev. E. J. Atkins (Rector of Isham), Rev. R. Copeman (Rector of Stoke Albany), Miss Evelyn Steel (Bedford), Mr. F. Wilford (Northampton), general secretary of the Central Northants Association; Mr. W. Perkins (Irthlingborough), secretary for the Wellingborough district; Mr. P. Stubbs (secretary for the Raunds district), and Mr. J. C. Shafford (secretary of the Kettering district).

It was decided that the next quarterly meeting be held at Cranford in August. Three new members were elected—two from Kettering and one from Rothwell.

The question of affiliation of the different county associations was discussed. It appeared that for some time the matter had been raised in various parts of the country, and the meeting was practically unanimously in favour of such an affiliation.

Mr. Wilford proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for arranging the meeting. After the replies this part of the proceedings was brought to a termination.

THRAPSTON DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Thrapston District was held at Raunds, when, in addition to the local band, ringers were present from Thrapston, Woodford, Ringstead, Addington, Wellingborough and Bedford. Tea was served in the Church Institute, upwards of 30 sitting down, after which the business meeting was held, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. C. C. Aldred), supported by Mr. Fred Wilford, Northampton (general secretary), and Mr. Fred Stubbs, Raunds (District Secretary). Three new members were elected—Mr. Fred Gilbert (Raunds, who received a hearty welcome after returning from abroad), and one each from Woodford and Ringstead.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Aldwinckle.—It was resolved that the Secretary send a letter of sympathy from that meeting to the Rev. Hugh Bryan, Rector of Stok. Doyle (who was the founder of the Association when Vicar of Raunds), on the death of his wife.—Mr. Wilford proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the ladies for waiting at the tea, and to the local band for their hearty welcome.—The Vicar's response brought the meeting to a close.—The ringers again visited the tower, when touches of Double Norwich, Superlative, Kent Treble Bob, Bob Major, Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Triples were brought round.

NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT.

A quarterly business meeting of the Northampton District was held at Dallington on Saturday, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. L. C. Streetfield). Touches of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Plain Bob Minor, Stedman, Grandsire, and Bob Doubles were rung on the bells during the afternoon and evening. A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar, who also gave a very helpful and instructive address. The lesson was read by the Rev. J. O. Hichens (Rector of Guilsborough), the Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. Wilford) presiding at the organ. The Rev. E. L. Tuson (Vicar of Kingsthorpe, hon. member) was among those present. Tea, kindly given by the Vicar, was served at the Wheat Sheaf Inn by Hostess Low. 45 members being present from Northampton St. Peter's, All Saints', St. Giles', St. Sepulchre's, and St. Edmund's; Weston Favel, Kingsthorpe, Boughton, Hardingstone, Cogenhoe, Cold Higham, Towcester, Greensnorton, and Guilsborough.

A short business meeting was afterwards held, presided over by the Vicar of Dallington, supported by the Rev. E. L. Tuson, the Rev. J. O. Hichens, and Mr. James Clarke (Towcester). An apology for non-attendance was received from the Rev. John Williams (Rector of Moulton). It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Guilsborough in July, and a special meeting at West Haddon in April. Messrs. Seale (Guilsborough), A. Millward (St. Giles', Northampton), William Marlow, Harry Marlow, and George Laundon (Hardingstone), William Atterbury (Cogenhoe), Wilfred Hickman, Thomas Loeder (Easton Maudit), John Shaw (Kingsthorpe), and R. Horasby (Greensnorton) were elected members.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. Wilford) brought forward the two important questions of representation of lady ringers on the Central Council and the scheme of affiliation of ringing societies.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his excellent address, and for his kindness in providing tea and presiding at the meeting, which was received with acclamation.—The Vicar suitably replied, this bringing an enjoyable and profitable day's proceedings to a close.

Chelmsford Cathedral Tenor Bell.



The new ring of 12 bells (Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs.) for Chelmsford Cathedral was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans on Saturday, September 27th, 1913.

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RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

In celebration of their golden wedding Mr. and Mrs. Robert Christian entertained the Great Yarmouth ringers and a few friends to a dinner and musical evening at the Savoy Hotel. Mr. Denison Hayward, Master of the ringers, presided, and on behalf of those present offered to Mr. and Mrs. Christian their heartiest congratulations, and trusted they would be spared to see a diamond jubilee. He was pleased to see that Mr. Christian had recovered from his illness, which had prevented that gathering taking place earlier in the month. He had known him for 40 years, and he did not think that many "golden couples" could look back with happier recollections of their past 50 years of married life than their esteemed friend Robert Christian and his wife. Mr. Christian came to Yarmouth from Stamford, in Lincolnshire, in 1872, as a good ringer, and in December, 1874, was elected a member of St. Nicholas' Company. He rang his first peal of Grandsire Triples in Yarmouth, in November, 1881, and had 30 peals of various kinds to his credit. Two attempts for a peal at Yarmouth Parish Church were made to celebrate the golden wedding, but unfortunately came to grief, one such result after ringing 3½ hours with only five more minutes to finish was very disappointing to the company. A peal, however, was rung at Gorleston, and a quarter-peal at Belton, Rutland.

The health of Mr. and Mrs. Christian and family was toasted with musical honours.

Mr. Christian, who was received with loud applause, said how pleased he was to meet his fellow ringers and other personal friends. He said they were a united company of ringers, and they owed a great deal of good fellowship to their captain and conductor, Mr. Denison Hayward. He was sorry that a few who had been invited were prevented from being present with them.

Capital songs were rendered by Messrs. Pestell, Harding and Ingram, and touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Maximus on the handbells were given by the company, whilst others played whist and other games.

During the evening the Chairman said he had another very pleasant duty to perform, and that was to present Mr. Christian with a miniature gold bell from the ringers of Great Yarmouth, the inscription on same being: "To Mr. Robert Christian, on his golden wedding, from the Yarmouth Bell Ringers, 1914."

Mr. George Lupton also paid a tribute to the genial and upright character of Mr. Christian.

Mr. Christian, in thanking the ringers for the kind way in which they had shown their respect, said he was very pleased with the bell, and he would look upon it with happy recollections. He had no idea that he had so many friends, and he thanked everyone present for the kindly feeling towards himself and their good wishes to his wife and family.

"And Lang Syne" brought to a close another enjoyable gathering. In honour of the event, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1914 changes) was rung at the Parish Church, by: F. Pestell 1, W. Harwood 2, G. Clayton 3, O. Harding 4, H. Wright 5, D. Hayward 6, W. Lee 7, A. Ginn 8.

PARTING GIFT TO RINGING CLERGYMAN.

To the great regret of both the parishioners and ringers of Saltburn, the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver is leaving the town to take up an appointment at Doncaster Parish Church. Mr. Oliver is a keen and enthusiastic ringer, and largely through his efforts, coupled with those of the honorary instructor, Mr. J. H. Blakiston, of Middlesbrough, the ringing at Saltburn Church has been raised from the somewhat unsatisfactory condition in which it had fallen three or four years ago, to a high state of efficiency. The ringers, to mark their appreciation of the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver's services in the tower have presented him with a set of 10 handbells (supplied by Messrs. Warner and Sons). The little ceremony took place at the weekly practice, and was presided over by the Vicar (Archdeacon Lindsay). Mr. Peck made the presentation on behalf of the ringers, and Mr. Blakiston, Mr. Milburn (captain) and Mr. Barker spoke in terms of high praise of what Mr. Oliver had done in the cause of ringing at Saltburn. Mr. Oliver fittingly acknowledged the gift, and the proceedings terminated with a touch of Treble Bob Royal on the new handbells.

The testimonial to Mr. Oliver from the parishioners was a gift of £85.

PRESENTATION AT SKELTON.

An interesting presentation took place in the belfry of All Saints' Parish Church, Skelton, on Monday last, when Mr. W. T. Holmes received from the ringers a gift of a walking stick on his leaving Skelton to take up an important position under the education authority in Cumberland. Mr. Clarke (captain) made the presentation with a few well-chosen remarks, and voiced the regret of the ringers at losing so capable a conductor and enthusiastic a ringer, but wished him good luck and prosperity in his new position. Mr. Holmes thanked the members for their kindness, and said he would always look back with pleasure on the happy hours spent in the belfry at Skelton.

HAMMERSMITH.—At St. Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 47 mins., as a birthday compliment to E. Cassell: W. Coombs 1, F. Skevington 2, H. Barrett 3, G. Isles 4, H. Cook 5, C. Hunt (conductor) 6, H. Stevens 7, E. Cassell 8.

A DEAN ON THE BELLS OF HEAVEN.

SERMON AT AN ESSEX MEETING.

The Dean of Bocking preached a telling sermon in the Parish Church on the occasion of the visit of the Essex Association for a district meeting on Saturday week. The ringers attended service, and the Dean, in the course of his sermon (based on the words: "The song of the Lord began with trumpets," from Chronicles ii), referred to the foundation of Bocking Church just over 900 years ago, and said that these bells had always marked the beginning of the services.

From year to year the bells had spoken the same clear and distinct note; the bells changed not, and the old truth which they proclaimed remained. The world was not made by chance, nor left to chance, but at the beginning it depended upon God. As the bells were rung in perfect harmony, so they illustrated the life of Christ from the Manger to the Cross—nothing out of tune or harmony. And so in the life of the Church—every doctrine and sacrament was in harmony, nothing was out of place or superfluous, and nothing could be dispensed with. They dare not blot out any doctrine or sacrament from the Church, because to do so would mean throwing the whole system out of joint; it would be just as wise to take one bell from the church tower and try to ring a peal. Church bells were a picture of the Church system, from which nothing could be taken without serious loss. The Dean added that he did not know whether there would be bells in heaven, as well as trumpets and harps and all that was good, but perhaps there would be bells. Whatever God's servants loved and appreciated on earth would be in heaven to meet them after passing through the valley of the shadow of death. All the trumpets would be sounding, and it might be the bells would be ringing when those who had been faithful in God's service were welcomed on the other side, where Jesus stood to bring all into perfect harmony.

After the service the ringers were entertained to tea by the Dean and Mrs. Brownrigg at the Deanery. Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association) presided at the business meeting, when twelve new members were elected. There were ringers present, in spite of the inclement weather, from Bocking, Braintree, Earls Colne, Colne Engaine, Sible Hedingham, Maldon, Rayne, Stebbing, and Stisted.—At the close the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Vicar of Great Totham, and hon. secretary to the Essex Association, proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Mrs. Brownrigg for their hospitality, and at the same time thanked the Dean for his excellent sermon. Mr. Eyre said he had heard a great many sermons preached on bells and ringing, but never had he heard before the text taken which the Dean of Bocking chose, and from that sermon ringers and other churchpeople could take many sacred and inspiring thoughts.—The Dean of Bocking said he had been delighted to welcome the ringers, and he hoped they would come again.

MEETING AT WALTHAM ABBEY.

A meeting of the North Western Division was held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday week, but, owing to the bad weather, there was only a small attendance. The tea and business meeting were held at the Green Dragon Hotel, the Master (Mr. F. Pitstow) presiding, supported by the secretary (Mr. W. Waits), and Mr. W. A. Alps (Master of the Waltham Abbey Society). Mr. John Negus, of Elmdon, was elected a probationary member, and Mr. W. A. Alps a life member on his leaving the county.—It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Stansted.

Mr. G. Dent proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to Mr. D. Tarling, the steeplekeeper.—Mr. W. A. Alps replied, on behalf of the Vicar and churchwardens, and said they were always pleased to welcome the Association to Waltham Abbey. The following places were represented: London, Walthamstow, Cheshunt, Saffron Walden, Stansted, Harlow St. Mary's, Harlow Common, Broxbourne, and the local company. Various touches were rung on the Abbey bells, including Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The first quarterly meeting of the Winchester district this year was held at Alton on Saturday last. St. Lawrence's tower, with a ring of eight bells, the tenor about 21 cwt., was open, and during the afternoon and evening touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major, Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung. Having such excellent ringers among the company as Messrs. H. White (Basingstoke), G. Williams (N. Stoneham), J. J. Jones (Guildford), F. E. Dawe (Woking), and C. Edwards (Farnham), there was no lack of good conductors. The Ladies' Guild was also well represented by Miss Belcher (Bramley), Miss Alice White (Basingstoke), Miss M. Edwards (Farnham) and Mrs. Williams (N. Stoneham). Members were also present from N. Stoneham, Twyford, Owslebury, Selborne, Basingstoke, Farnham, Guildford, Bishopstoke, Alton, Bramley, Aldershot, Binsted and Winchester.—An excellent tea was provided by Mr. Kerridge, of High Street, Alton, in the Church Room (which had been kindly lent by the Vicar), to which 45 members sat down.—The Vicar of Alton (the Rev. C. R. S. Elvin) very cordially welcomed the visitors, and hoped they would pay him another visit, when he would be able to spend more time with them than he had been able to do that day.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and Church Room.—At a subsequent meeting of the committee, at which the Rev. W. E. Colchester presided, several new members were admitted either as full members or probationers.

PRESENTATION TO A KENT SECRETARY.

MR. W. LATTER'S SERVICES ACKNOWLEDGED.

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association was held at Tunbridge Wells. A bright service was conducted at St. Peter's Church by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Precentor of Canterbury Cathedral, and hon. secretary for the county. Over 70 members attended, the following towers being represented: Chiddingstone, Edenbridge, Cowden, Hadlow, East Peckham, Hoever, Horsmonden, Kilndown, Lamberhurst, Penshurst, Seal Chart, Shipbourne, Speldhurst, Staplehurst, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, and Westerham.

The business meeting followed an enjoyable meat tea at the Parish Room. The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore presided, and among those present were Miss Leny, the Rev. F. L. Schreiber, Vicar of Shipbourne, Mr. W. Latter (hon. secretary for the district), etc.

An interesting presentation was made to the District Secretary at the conclusion of the meal, Miss Leny handing to Mr. Latter a handsome marble chiming clock in recognition of his valued services to the Association. The clock bore the following inscription on a brass plate: "Presented to W. Latter by the members of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association of Chango Ringers, in recognition of his 20 years' service as Hon. Secretary, Jan. 31st, 1914."

The Chairman eulogised Mr. Latter's services to the Association, extending over a period of 20 years. Few knew, he said, of the great amount of work which was involved in ensuring that the affairs of the Association went smoothly, and, therefore, it was fitting that the members should show in some practical form their appreciation of Mr. Latter's untiring energy. In conclusion, the speaker urged the members not to rest until the Kent Association took a foremost place in the country.

Mr. Latter suitably expressed his thanks, stating that the presentation came as a real surprise to him. The secretarial work had been a labour of love, and he was always pleased to do what he could for the Association. He was especially grateful to Miss Leny, and it was an additional pleasure to receive the clock from her. He assured the ringers that he would prize the gift all his life.

INCREASING PROSPERITY OF THE DISTRICT.

In his annual report, Mr. Latter congratulated the members upon the increased prosperity of the district. During the year 15 new members were elected, this being a smaller number than usual, and allowing for the members who left, there was a net increase of two. The district included 19 towers in union with 170 practising members and 19 hon. members. About 30 peals had been rung in which members of the district had taken part. The ringers at Lamberhurst and Horsmonden were to be complimented on their success in ringing peals in no less than 14 different methods (applause). He wished to express his sincere thanks to the clergy of the various churches visited, to the organists and choirs for their kind assistance at the services, and to the local Secretaries.—The balance sheet for the year showed receipts amounting to £21 16s., and expenditure totalling £7 7s. 6d., leaving a balance in hand of £14 8s. 6d.

Mr. Latter was unanimously re-elected Hon. Secretary for the district, and Mr. G. Edwards was appointed District Representative on the Central Committee.

It was decided to visit Hawkhurst or Staplehurst in the spring, Speldhurst in the summer, Shipbourne in the autumn, and Tonbridge next January for the annual meeting.

The Rev. F. L. Schreiber stated that he would be delighted to welcome the members to Shipbourne in October. Although there were only six bells at the church the ringers were very keen, and the visitors would be assured of a cordial reception (applause).

Mr. W. Latter proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore for conducting the service in the church and presiding at the meeting. He read a letter from the Rev. J. L. Cobham, Vicar of St. Peter's, expressing his regret at being unable to be present.

The proposition was heartily carried, and the Chairman having replied, a further hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of St. Peter's for kindly allowing the use of the church and Parish Room, to the churchwardens (Messrs. B. R. Collins and J. Barten), to Mr. James Clark, and to Mr. Archer (organist) and the choir for assisting at the service.

During the afternoon and evening ringing in various methods was enjoyed by mixed bands at the church.

Mr. Latter writes: "I should like to add my sincere thanks to all who subscribed to the fund for the very handsome present the members made to me at the meeting, and especially to those who organised the idea, to Miss Leny for coming down to make the presentation, and for her kind remarks, and to our esteemed hon. secretary, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, for attending the meeting and conducting the service, and for his appreciation of my services. The presentation took me so much by surprise that I am afraid I did not express my thanks to all in the manner I should like to have done."

We are asked to say that whoever picked up a pair of lined gloves at the Parish Room at the meeting is requested to return the same to 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

WHITCHURCH, GLAM.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 40 mins.: P. J. Bailey, junr. (first attempt) 1, W. B. Biss (conductor) 2, L. Wright 3, F. J. Bailey, senr., 4, G. Mortimer 5, T. Middleton 6.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.
PRESENTATION TO THE PRESIDENT.**

The members of the Romney Marsh and District Guild held their annual meeting at Appledore. The attendance totalled about 25, and the towers represented were: Appledore, Ashford, New Romney, Rolvenden, Rye, Stone-in-Oxney, Tenterden and Woodchurch. The bells were available during the afternoon, and touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. The ringers attended service, intoned by the President (the Rev. A. O. Scutt) in the grand old church, and afterwards sat down to a bountiful tea at the Swan Hotel. The Rev. A. O. Scutt presided.

STEADY PROGRESS.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. J. Youngs, of Rye) presented the balance sheet for 1913, the eleventh year of the Society. With regard to the finances, he said they wound up the year with an excellent balance in their favour, considerably higher than some preceding years. He then proceeded to give some details as to membership, showing the growth of the Society: 23 members in 1909, 25 in 1910, 37 in 1911, 41 in 1912, and 49 in 1913. They had had eleven meetings during the year, and the assemblies had been very successful. The attendance, too, had been very good, and the gatherings were held under favourable atmospheric conditions. Undoubtedly the Guild had had about the best year since its inauguration, and the most noteworthy improvement was in the matter of accomplishing peals. Eleven of these performances had taken place, three being rung at New Romney, two at Appledore, two at Rolvenden, and one each at Rye, Beckley, Iden, and Stone-in-Oxney. Novices in the art benefited in these achievements, many of them ringing their first peal. Mr. G. Billenness and Mr. C. W. Player conducted four peals each, Mr. H. S. Humphrey two, and Mr. K. Hart one. Thanks to the visit of the last-named experienced conductor, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung by the Guild for the first time, and was a conclusive proof that ringing was never so far advanced in the district as at the present day. Wherever the meetings had been held, the incumbents readily consented for the members to use their bells, and hearty thanks were due to those clergy.

The balance sheet was unanimously adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. C. Tribe, the Rev. A. O. Scutt was unanimously re-elected President, and suitably expressed his thanks. He said he noticed in their report that they thanked the clergy of various churches for the use of their bells, and he would convey that vote of thanks to the next meeting of the clergy in the Deanery.

PRESIDENT RECEIVES WEDDING GIFT.

An interesting presentation was then made to the President, on the occasion of his approaching marriage.

The Master (Mr. G. Billenness) was to have handed the gift to the reverend gentleman, but at the last moment was unable to attend. He, however, sent a letter referring to the great interest the Rev. A. O. Scutt had taken in the Guild, and the Hon. Secretary paid a warm tribute to the reverend gentleman's services, after which Mr. G. Johnson, on behalf of the members, handed a handsome syphon holder and flower vase combined to the President, also a sugar castor for his bride.

The President was vociferously applauded on receiving the presents, and the gift to the reverend gentleman was beautifully engraved with the following inscription: "Presented to the Rev. A. O. Scutt by the Romney Marsh and District Guild of Change Ringers on the occasion of his marriage, 7th February, 1914."

In the course of his reply, the Rev. A. O. Scutt said it came as a great surprise to him. He was sure his bride, in co-operation with him, would take great interest in the Guild to the best of her powers, and he hoped both of them would have the opportunity of meeting the members in the near future. He thought he had done so little for the Society, but he was always ready to do his utmost whenever they needed his assistance. He returned hearty thanks on behalf of Miss Palmer and himself for their valuable gifts.

Mr. G. Billenness was unanimously re-elected Master, and Mr. G. J. Youngs, hon. secretary. Six members were elected to serve on the committee, and Mr. E. B. Terry (chairman of Appledore) was admitted as an hon. member of the Guild. Messrs. E. Curd and W. Youngs, of Rye, were elected members, and it was decided to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples at Appledore on the president's wedding day. It was decided also, to hold the February meeting at Woodchurch. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Chairman, Host Grant, and the hon. secretary.—The remainder of the evening was spent in a convivial manner with Mr. O. Tribe in the chair, the time passing pleasantly with songs, recitations and handbell ringing.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Central Division was held at Buxted on Saturday last. Ringing took place during the afternoon, and a short service was held in church, at which an interesting address was given by the Rector (the Rev. G. S. Powrall, M.A.). Subsequently, the members assembled at the White Hart for tea. The usual business meeting followed, the Rector presiding.—New members were elected from Buxted and Henfield, and it was left to the divisional secretary to arrange a quarterly peal at Buxted. The tower was then again visited, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob were rung, the local ringers receiving a very useful practice.

NOTICES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 26th; Southwark Cathedral on the 24th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.

—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Harlingden, on Saturday, Feb. 21st, 1913. Bells ready at 5.30 p.m. Meeting at 7.30. Subscriptions are also due. A good attendance requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.

—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Eastbourne, on Saturday, February 21st. Ringing from 3 to 5 o'clock. Short service 5. Tea at 5.30 p.m., by kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Allen, B.D.). St. Saviour's bells, by kind permission of the Rev. H. U. Whelpton, M.A., Vicar, will be available from 7 to 8 o'clock. Will secretaries of bands please note that subscriptions for 1914 are now due. There are several outstanding subscriptions for 1913, which should be paid before this meeting.—Geo. H. Howse, Honorary Divisional Secretary, Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.

—Next branch meeting at Wilmslow, Saturday, 21st inst. Denton tower not available. — A. T. Beeston, Honorary Branch Secretary, New Mills.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.

—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cropthorne on Saturday, February 21st. Bells available afternoon and evening. Business meeting at 6 p.m.—J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD.—

The next quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Shifnal on Saturday, February 21st, 1914. Ringing at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.

—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Prestwich, on Saturday, February 21st. Bells available from 3.30. Meeting at 7. Service in church 7.15; bells after service 8 to 9.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.

—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Bicker on Saturday, February 21st. Service, with address, at 3.30 p.m. Dinner will be at the White Swan Inn at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 3d. each.—G. Ladd, Hon. Secretary, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—

The pre-Lent meeting of the above Association will be held at Cramlington on Saturday, February 21st, 1914. Bells available afternoon and evening by kind permission of the Vicar. Committee meeting at 4.30 p.m., and tea at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall.—R. Stephenson, 2, Cleveland Terrace, West Hartlepool.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—York-

town District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oatlands Park on Saturday, February 21st. Attractions:

ringing, service and address, tea and business meeting, social evening. Full particulars on application for same. Admission by ticket. Members 6d. Visitors 1s.—George B. Edser, 170, Gipsy Road, S.E.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—

The quarterly meeting and eight bell contest will be held at Brighthouse on Saturday, February 21st, 1914. The draw to take place at the "Ring of Bells" at 2.45 prompt.—F. Salmons, 8, Salisbury Place, Akroydon, Halifax.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—

Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Oxhey and Bushey on the 21st inst. The bells of the former church will be available at 3.30, and those at the latter after tea. Tea at the Institute, Bushey, at 5.30.—H. Eden, Hon. Secretary, 42, Heath Road, Oxhey, Watford.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF

BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Olde Royal Hotel on Saturday, February 28th, at 6.30 p.m., when the chair will be taken by Canon J. W. Willink, Rector of Birmingham. Tickets free to all fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date, to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and St. John's (8) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Anston (Kiveton Park Station) on February 28th. Bells available 2 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea at 5 p.m., at 1s. per head to all who notify S. Smith, South Anston, Sheffield, not later than the 24th. A good attendance is requested.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary, 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—

Canterbury District.—A meeting principally for Stedman Practice will be held at Chilham, on Saturday, February 28th, commencing at 4 p.m. All are welcome.—E. Trendell, Hon. District Secretary.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—

The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 7th. Tower open at 3.30. Service in Church at 5 o'clock, to be conducted by the President, the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar of Dudley. A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, March 4th. Business meeting afterwards. All subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Secretary, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—

Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above branch will be held at the Church of St. James, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, March 7th, 1914. By kind permission of the Vicar, the peal of eight bells will be available at noon. Meeting at 4 o'clock. Tea kindly provided by the local ringers after the meeting.—W. Robinson, Branch Secretary, Thorn Fold, Smithy Brow, Ambleside.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND

LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Feltham, on Saturday, March 7th. Ringing from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at a small charge at 6 o'clock.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEF-

FIELD.—The annual meeting of the above society to be

held at the Parish Church, Sheffield, is postponed from February 21st till March 14th. Bells (12) will be available for ringing from 3 to 7.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—J. Evinson, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 14th, at the Parish Church, SS. Peter and Paul, Swanscombe. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. Half railway fares allowed. Subscriptions are now due.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch will be held at Swanbourne. Service at 3 p.m.—Thos. Best, Secretary, Bletchley.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The meeting for practice at Shoreditch is altered to the second Thursday in the month instead of second Wednesday.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Secretary.

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DEATH.

FUSSELL.—On 28th ult., at Farnburn Avenue, Slough, Mary Jane, widow of the late J. R. Fussell, of Slough, in her 74th year.

On the occasion of the marriage of Mr. John Davies, of Barry Dock (formerly for some years a member of the Luton Parish Church Society) and Miss Burgess, of Luton, a quarter-peal (1344 changes) of Bob Major was rung at the Luton Parish Church, Beds.: A. Rookwood 1, A. King 2, E. White (Elstow) 3, G. Newson 4, B. Wilson 5, H. J. Burgess (Toronto, Canada) 6, C. Wing 7, F. Hunt (conductor) 8.

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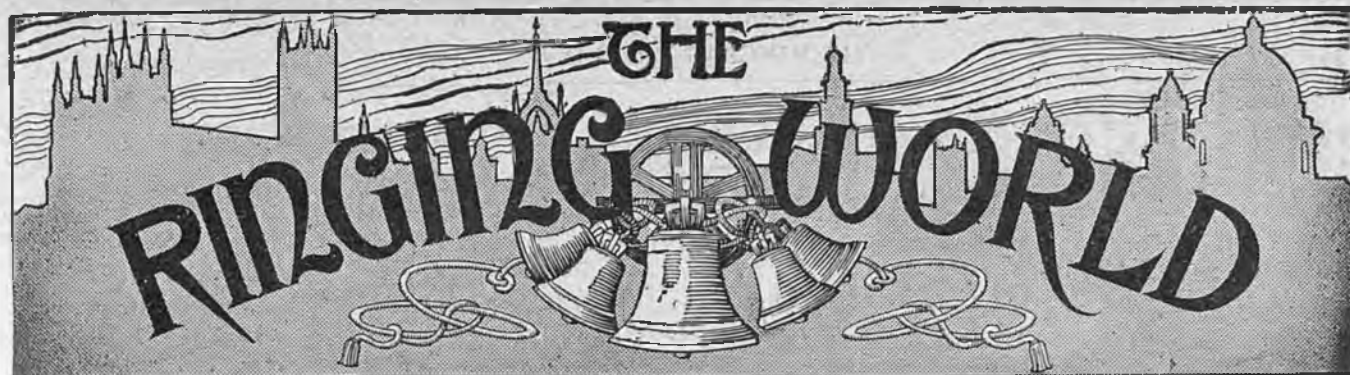
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THE LATE MR. N. J. PITSTOW.

Death has caused another gap in the ranks of those who may undeniably be claimed to have been pillars of the Exercise in the past. Nathan Pitstow was known in person to a very large number of ringers, but, in name, he was known to a far wider circle, for his compositions have been rung in hundreds of belfries throughout the country. Good ringer though he was, it is principally as a composer that he is known, and he may be looked upon as one of the pioneers of investigation among the higher methods. Much of his most valuable work was done a generation ago, when the full possibilities of that phase of the Art was only just beginning to be realised through the efforts of such men as Mr. Pitstow, Mr. Charles Hattersley and Mr. Henry Dains and others, and it is among the older school of ringers that, perhaps, the fuller appreciation of the work of these composers is to be found.

Although he was not so much in the public eye in late years as formerly, Mr. Pitstow was by no means inactive in the department of our Art that specially appealed to him, and we understand that he has left a great deal of manuscript work. It is to be hoped that this may be examined, in order that the labours of the now departed composer may not be lost. Happily there survive him other members of his family, no whit the less keenly enthusiastic in the Art which he loved so well, who will be able to appraise what remains of Mr. Pitstow's work at its right value, and thus save it from the destruction which, we are afraid, has sometimes overtaken the labours of other masters of the past whose work has come into the hands of those who did not understand it, and consequently looked upon it as merely so much waste paper.

Nathan Pitstow was one of nature's gentlemen, and his place in the ringing world will not be easily filled. He was a man who always took the greatest pains to perfect himself in whatever he did, and it was to this trait that probably the Exercise owes the advantage of so much of his genius, for in his early ringing days only his inborn enthusiasm to succeed could have kept him attached to the Art in which, by his own initiative and energy, he rose to occupy such an eminent and respected place. Nathan Pitstow is now but a name, but it is a name which will endure in the Exercise, because it belonged to a man who gave the Exercise something that is worth keeping. His compositions are compositions of merit, and will outlive much that is newer but has no claim to anything but mediocrity.

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ALFRED B. PECK Treble	ERNEST G. FENN 6
EDWIN HORREX 2	ERNEST BRETT 7
ROBERT W. GREEN 3	EMANUEL HALL 8
HERBERT LANGDON 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES 9
JAMES SCHOLES 5	FREDERICK J. HARDY Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

SURFLEET.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS. 5020 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 7 lbs., in F.

RUPERT RICHARDSON Treble	REV. H. LAW JAMES 6
CLEMENT GLENN 2	*GEORGE LADD 7
SIDNEY J. PALMER 3	JOHN T. HOLMES 8
*WILLIAM J. SEAMER 4	WILLIAM DICKINSON 9
JOHN T. BROTHWELL 5	ARTHUR ANDREWS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STONEHOUSE, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, February 16, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CAPT. C. F. JERRAM, R.M.L.I. ... Treble	WARREN S. HORN BROOK ... 5
ERNEST W. MARSH ... 2	JOSEPH WOODLEY ... 6
† WILLIAM H. HOOPER ... 3	WILLIAM FORD ... 7
REV. EVERARD S. POWELL ... 4	* HARRY ADAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

* First peal and first attempt, and was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting. † First peal of Triples with a bob bell.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

* ERNEST BOVLIN ... Treble	VICTOR WHITE ... 5
GEORGE GARRISON ... 2	* ALLAN J. CARTWRIGHT ... 6
† HERBERT J. BENFIELD ... 3	ALFRED HACKETT ... 7
HORACE HOWELL ... 4	† GEORGE PIGOTT ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by GEORGE PIGOTT.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First away from the treble in the method. ‡ First in the method as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. C. H. Rafter, wife of the Chief of the Birmingham City Police.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF WASHBROOK'S TWENTY-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

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

Conducted by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

* First peal of Stedman.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 16, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, DEANE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

* JOSEPH RIDYARD, JUNR. ... Treble	TITUS BARLOW ... 5
THOMAS WORSLEY ... 2	* P.C. PETER CROOK ... 6
JOHN WELSBY ... 3	* WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 7
GEORGE PINCOTT ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD, SENR. ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP, and
Conducted by J. RIDYARD, SENR.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Ex-P.C. R. Newton, now of Boston, U.S.A.

CAVERSHAM.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.)

On Monday, February 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

HARRY SMITH ... Treble	CHARLES GILES ... 5
WILLIAM PAICE ... 2	REV. CYRIL JENKYN ... 6
FREDERICK POUNDS ... 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 7
ERNEST MENDAY ... 4	HENRY SIMMONDS ... Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

A birthday peal for the conductor.

HAWKHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(HAWKHURST BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 17, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 0 qr. 19 lbs.

THOMAS ASHENDEN ... Treble	OLDER WAGHORN ... 5
* FRANK CHAPMAN, JUNR. ... 2	ALFRED H. WELLARD ... 6
* JOHN H. DURRANT ... 3	GEORGE BILLENNESS ... 7
JOHN BLAKE ... 4	* FRANK CHAPMAN, SENR. ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal. First peal by a local band and rung at the first attempt.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 17, 1914, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH E. SYKES ... Treble	WILLIAM B. BISS ... 5
CLARENCE O. HOBBS ... 2	* ALBAN E. SLATTER ... 6
CHARLES H. PERRY ... 3	SIDNEY DAWE ... 7
* FREDERICK B. STEDMAN ... 4	BENJAMIN THORP ... Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells and run as a farewell to the Rev. C. E. M. Williams Millar who is shortly leaving the parish to take up new duties at St. Tidvil's, Merthyr.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 17, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

EDWIN WHITING ... Treble	HENRY GARNHAM ... 5
FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 2	FREDERICK ROOPE ... 6
* HERBERT PIERCY ... 3	ERNEST WHITING ... 7
CHARLES BAKER ... 4	CHARLES ROOPE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by EDWIN WHITING.

* First peal.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 18, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	RICHARD N. RUNHAM ... 5
ERNEST E. GRIMES ... 2	EDWIN F. PIKE ... 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 3	WILLIAM GRIMES ... 7
FRANK I. HAIRS ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... Tenor

Composed by W. WILLSON, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

This peal was arranged for W. Grimes, who hails from Debenham, Suffolk.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 18, 1914, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qrs.

GEORGE PINCOTT ... Treble	TITUS BARLOW ... 5
* GEORGE POWNALL ... 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... 6
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 3	JOHN POTTER ... 7
JOHN WELSBY ... 4	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... Tenor

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

* First peal.

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

ACTON (ST. MARY'S) GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 18, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*HAROLD HOLLOWAY... ..Treble	VICTOR R. HOLLOWAY ... 5
HORACE W. COTTON ... 2	JOSEPH W. FRUIN ... 6
CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ... 3	JAMES R. MACKMAN... .. 7
ROBERT E. HOLLOWAY ... 4	*JAMES R. SIMS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. R. MACKMAN.

* First peal. Rung by an entirely local band as a farewell to Mr. E. H. Hayward (churchwarden), who is retiring. The peal was also a birthday compliment to V. R. Holloway.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 17 cwt.

†THOMAS A. ELLIOTT... ..Treble	ALEX. HUTCHISON 5
*G. ARTHUR BOWMER ... 2	WILLIAM J. TEYNG... .. 6
HERBERT DAY 3	FRED W. HILL 7
ALFRED C. WRIGHT... .. 4	HENRY GEORGE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by FRED W. HILL.

* First peal in the method. † First peal and first attempt.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 18, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently, with 7—8 covering.

Tenor 21 cwt.

*HARRY PRIEST ... ..Treble	FRANK DAVISON 5
†JOHN R. FRYERS 2	JOHN R. BARTON 6
†ALFRED RAYNOR 3	THOMAS COLE 7
TOM WARDMAN 4	*ALF W. DITCHBURN... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. R. BARTON.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. ‡ First peal on tower bells. First peal of Minor by all the band and on the bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Wardman, of Ilkley, father and mother of the ringer of the 4th, on the 51st anniversary of their wedding day.

WOLVERHAMPTON.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thursday, February 19, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 33 cwt.

*ISAAC PURSER ... ..Treble	ALBERT LITTLE 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... 2	WILLIAM FISHER 6
GEORGE HUGHES 3	HERBERT KNIGHT 7
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	JOSEPH PIGOTT ... ..Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM G. HALL, and

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

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

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 19, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt., in F sharp.

JAMES MOTTS ... ..Treble	GEORGE JENNINGS 5
ROBERT H. HAYWARD ... 2	GEORGE ANDREWS 6
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON ... 3	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 7
ARTHUR EDWARDS 4	HENRY F. COOPER ... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

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

On Thursday, February 19, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKFRIARS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM C. LEE ... ..Treble	WILLIAM T. POWELL ... 5
*LAWRENCE B. PORTER ... 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 3	RICHARD N. RUNHAM ... 7
WALTER G. MATTHEWS ... 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER... ..Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

* First peal in the method.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 19, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

PETER NUTTALL ... ..Treble	RICHARD P. HEALD 5
WALTER GORTON, SEB. ... 2	P. C. PETER CROOK 6
SYLVESTER WORTHINGTON ... 3	THOMAS BRATBY 7
ROBERT BENNETT 4	JOHN NUTTALL ... ..Tenor

Conducted by P. C. CROOK.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to T. Bratby. Much credit is due to the tenor ringer, who is only 17 years old, as the "go" of the bell is not of the best.

NEW SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 19, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*THOMAS BURTENSHAW, JUN. Treble	THOMAS BURTENSHAW, SEN. 5
ROBERT NOAKES 2	GEORGE GATLAND 6
BERT CHALLENGE 3	HENRY STALHAM 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	HARRY SAMSON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by W. STALHAM.

HULL.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 19, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*THOMAS W. HARRISON ...Treble	DANIEL MEADLEY 5
†TOM STOCKDALE 2	A. BERNARD COOK 6
ERNEST CUTSFORTH... .. 3	THOMAS WHITFIELD... .. 7
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 4	FREDERICK MERRISON ...Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. † 80th peal for the Association.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, February 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lbs.

PERCY H. DOICK... ..Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	ALBERT E. REEVES... .. 6
LEONARD STILWELL 3	WILLIAM WELLING 7
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 4	JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by W. WELLING.

Arranged for P. H. Doick, of Pulborough, Sussex, this being his first peal of Stedman Triples. It was also rung as a birthday compliment to L. Stilwell.

MACHEN, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEORGE COUSINS Treble	BENJAMIN THORP 5
JOSEPH E. SYKES 2	SAMUEL JONES 6
JOHN BUTLER 3	CHARLES GREEDY 7
JOHN W. JONES 4	JOHN GODDARD Tenor

Composed by JOHN ASPINWALL, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

* First peal. The peal was rung as a welcome to the new Rector, a previous attempt having failed.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*WILLIAM DIXON Treble	*HARRY STOTT 5
*THOMAS BANCROFT 2	ROBERT W. JENNISON 6
JOHN B. JACKSON 3	WILLIAM B. SMITH 7
CHARLES E. WAITE 4	SMITH MURGATROYD Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM B. SMITH.

* First peal in the method.

HYTHE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

STEPHEN T. BINFIELD Treble	WILLIAM H. WOOD 5
ALFRED R. MANNING 2	*FREDERICK JORDAN 6
ERNEST CHEESMAN 3	PHILIP H. PIERCE 7
WILLIAM BIDNELL 4	†WALTER KNIGHT Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP H. PIERCE.

* First peal of Stedman away from tenor. † First peal.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

SAM THOMAS Treble	R. WILFRED COLLIER 5
*JOSEPH OSGUTHORPE 2	†GEORGE THORPE 6
*JAMES E. L. COCKEY 3	WILLIAM S. PLANT 7
ARTHUR WARD 4	CHARLES HAYNES Tenor

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

* First peal of Plain Bob. † First peal. The ringers were entertained to supper after the peal by the Vicar of Dore, Rev. W. R. Gibson, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, BARKING, GREAT TOWER STREET, CITY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE Treble	ARTHUR D. BARKER 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	EMANUEL HALL 6
JAMES SCHOLES 3	HENRY TORBLE 7
WILLIAM TRUSS 4	ALFRED JOYCE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung on the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the bells, also to commemorate the first peal upon them, March 28th, 1814.

READING, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

LEONARD OSBORNE Treble	JOSEPH WHITE 5
WALTER A. WEBB 2	AMBROSE W. OSBORNE 6
ALFRED T. REEVES 3	CHARLES GILES 7
CHARLES HIGGS 4	ARTHUR W. PIKE Tenor

Composed by C. T. MARTIN, and
Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. E. Bailey, one of the St. Giles' ringers, whose wedding took place at the above church on this day.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM BRAMMER Treble	SAMUEL WOOD 5
CHARLES BOWER 2	JOSEPH MELLOR 6
THOMAS JAKEMAN 3	BENJAMIN GILL 7
CHARLES BROADBENT 4	SAMUEL BOOTH Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by SAMUEL BOOTH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to William Brammer.

IRTHLINGBORO, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN Treble	JAMES HOUGHTON 5
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN 2	ALFRED H. MARTIN 6
ROBERT TURNER 3	JAMES T. WARD 7
JAMES GARRATT 4	JOHN J. MAWBY Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON.

DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*FREDERICK ROBERTS Treble	†JAMES FOSTER 5
JOHN HARPER 2	EDWARD UNITT 6
JAMES ADAMS 3	JOHN A. BROWN 7
TITUS LOWE 4	THOMAS JUSTICE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. BROWN.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal away from the tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Thomas Justice, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. Messrs. Lowe, Foster and Unitt were elected members of the Guild previous to starting the peal.

KIRTON (IN HOLLAND), LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN W. DAUGHTON Treble	HERBERT TAYLOR 5
*FRED LEGGOTT 2	HARRY BISHOP 6
*HAROLD PALMER 3	FRED TAYLOR 7
GEORGE COLEMAN 4	WILLIAM BARKER Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM BARKER.

* First peal of Major.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

At THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

RICHARD F. LANE Treble	HARRY WHITTLE 5
WILLIAM HYDE INGLESANT 2	JOHN SMITH 6
JOHN OLDHAM 3	*WILLIAM SMITH 7
ERNEST W. LESLIE 4	EDWARD READER Tenor

Composed by WM. HYDE INGLESANT, and
Conducted by EDWARD READER.

* First peal in the method.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM NIBLETT Treble	HENRY CHANCE 5
FREDERICK STANTON 2	CHARLES CANN 6
FREDERICK BRYAN 3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES 7
JOSEPH BROWN 4	ALBERT RICHINGS Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor; also first in the method as conductor. This is the first peal of Stedman rung in this part of the county by an entirely local band.

LONDON.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES H. AUSTIN Treble	*RICHARD N. RUNHAM 5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER 2	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 6
WALTER J. BOWDEN 3	JAMES PARKER 7
EDWARD F. COLE 4	GEORGE PAICE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

* First peal in the method.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*CHARLES E. PERKINS Treble	JOHN LLOYD 5
JOHN BASS 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6
VICTOR WHITE 3	ALFRED HACKETT 7
THOMAS J. SALTER 4	VERNON ALLEN Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* 50th peal.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE GATLAND Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
EDWIN BRISTOW 2	BERT CHALLEN 6
ARTHUR HUTCHINGS 3	EDMUND LINDUP 7
*JOHN BOYD 4	†PERCY ALLFREY Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

NEWBURY, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ST. PETER'S, CAVERSHAM, SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr.

HENRY SIMMONDS Treble	ERNEST MENDAY 5
WILLIAM PAICE 2	REV. CYRIL JENKYN 6
ALBERT CULLUM 3	HARRY SMITH 7
GEORGE ESSEX 4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

First peal of Major on the bells.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs.

*WILLIAM DUNCAN Treble	ALFRED NEWSON 5
FREDERICK C. BURROWS 2	OLIVER BULLMAN 6
HORACE HAYLETT 3	JAMES FULCHER 7
†SIDNEY GASKIN 4	WILLIAM MEARS Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS, and
Conducted by F. C. BURROWS.

* First peal of Major and first attempt. † First peal of Major with a bob bell. N.D.A. Report, 1911, No. 2391.

COLNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM MALLINSON Treble	WILLIAM E. WILSON 5
WILLIAM TOWNSON 2	JOHN MCKELL 6
EDWARD MALLINSON 3	JOHN WATSON 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 4	WILLIAM HILLARY Tenor

Composed by CHAS. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by JOHN MCKELL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Edward Mallinson. Messrs. W. Towson and J. McKell belong to Gargrave, W. Hillary to Skipton, E. Wilson, J. Watson and A. Tomlinson to Blackburn, and W. and E. Mallinson to Colne.

BOLTON.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr.

TITUS BARLOW Treble	REV. H. J. ELSEE 5
THOMAS WORSLEY 2	WILLIAM PENNINGTON 6
JOHN WELSBY 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 7
GEORGE PINCOTT 4	*N. J. HEWITT Tenor

Conducted by J. RIDYARD.

* First peal.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

PERCY MARCHANT Treble	ALFRED J. PIERPOINT 5
FREDERICK TESTER 2	JAMES A. HART 6
GEORGE ADES 3	HENRY STALHAM 7
ARTHUR CAUSLEY 4	ARTHUR COSHAM Tenor

Conducted by JAMES A. HART.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th, and a silver wedding compliment to the ringer of the tenor and his wife.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.

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

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF GREAT ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM SABAN Treble	REUREN SANDERS 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	ISAAC CAVILL 7
GEORGE RADLEY 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

SIX BELL PEALS.

MEOPHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*H. LYNDS Treble	H. HOLDEN 4
G. A. JONES 2	*S. BRENCHLEY 5
B. C. OWEN 3	J. BURLS Tenor

Conducted by J. BURLS.

* First peal: Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. H. Holden. The band wish to thank the Rev. A. F. C. Owen for the use of the bells.

RODMERSHAM.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, 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, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob.

WILLIAM J. WOOD Treble	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS... 4
FREDERICK HOLLANDS ... 2	THOMAS JULL 5
HARRY JEWISS 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

CRATFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH SOCIETY.)

On Monday, February 16, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob Minor.

Tenor 20 cwt., in E.

WILLIAM PEIRCE... .. Treble	ARTHUR H. TOOK 4
FREDK. C. LAMBERT ... 2	JAMES HOWARD... .. 5
WALTER LAST 3	JOHN LARTER Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

First peal on these fine-toned bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. H. Took. The conductor's 100th peal.

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 19, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob and five of Plain Bob.

*HAROLD CARBUTT Treble	HENRY C. WATTS 4
†SAMUEL MUMBY... .. 2	ERNEST WELLS 5
SAMUEL H. NORTH 3	JOHN B. HALLIFAX Tenor

Conducted by JOHN B. HALLIFAX.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell.

RAINHILL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 19, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 changes each of College Single, Woodbine, Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*HERBERT ASHTON Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE 4
*JAMES R. GRIFFIN 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5
HENRY FYLES 3	THOMAS MURRAY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal in seven methods, also first peal in seven methods on the bells.

DOWNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JIM HURRELL Treble	HENRY WILKES... .. 4
FRANCIS FRASER 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 5
WILLIAM J. BROWNING ... 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Seng. Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

This is the first peal on the bells.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

WILLIAM R. JOLLEY... .. Treble	ELLIS NICHOLLS 4
ARTHUR JONES 2	HERBERT JONES, Seng. ... 5
HERBERT JONES, Junr. ... 3	ALBERT J. GREEN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. GREEN.

First peal of Minor on the bells, and first of Minor by all the band except the conductor.

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt., in E.

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

Conducted by P. WEBB.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell peal for the vicar (the Rev. F. J. Tackley), who has been appointed vicar of St. Alfege, Greenwich.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

In seven methods, viz., London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST STONE Treble	GEOFFREY J. STONELEY... 4
REV. R. P. FARROW... .. 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 5
WALTER J. HORTON 3	E. HARRY STONELEY Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

This is the first peal on these bells since September last, owing to illness in the village.

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

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOHN PENNINGTON Treble	LESLIE SMITH 4
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	JOHN TOPLEY 5
JOHN HOUGH 3	PHILLIP SODALE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HOUGH.

* First peal and first attempt, and was made member before starting.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE ISHAM SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford
Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS GARLEY Treble	E. MAURICE ATKINS 4
WALTER T. WILSON 2	JOSEPH FORBY 5
FRANK H. TALBUTT 3	GEORGE A. BLANLEY Tenor

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

First peal other than Doubles by ringer of treble, and first containing Cambridge by ringer of the fifth.

KEEVIL, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 21 cwt.

CHARLES RAISON Treble	GILBERT H. HARDING 4
ARTHUR K. HARRISON 2	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 5
HORACE TAYLOR 3	*JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

Umpire: WM. BAXTER.

* 50th peal. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, Rev. A. T. Richardson, who very kindly entertained the band at the conclusion of the peal.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

GEORGE WEBB Treble	FRANK SHARPE 4
WILLIAM WEBB 2	BERTRAM TOBB 5
FREDERICK GRISDALE 3	FREDERICK BARKER Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK BARKER.

This peal contained 183 singles and 80 bobs.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Beverley, Cambridge, London, Wells,
Durham and York. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MISS DOROTHY STEEL ... Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 4
PERCY J. COOKE 2	HERBERT SHARP 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

First peal of Surprise Minor by the Misses Dorothy and Evelyn Steel, and first peal of Surprise Minor in which two ladies have taken part. 50th peal of Minor by W. Stapleton.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 16, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;

BERTRAM PREWETT 1-2	WILLIAM PYE 7-8
GEORGE R. PYE 3-4	JAMES HUNT 9-10
ERNEST PYE 5-6	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 11-12

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: W. GRIMES. Witness: H. FRANKS.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 17, 1914, in Two Hours,
AT 5, CHURCH STREET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being one 720 of New London, two each of Kent and Oxford Treble
Bob and Plain Bob.

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

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

This is the first peal in four methods on handbells by all.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 19, 1914, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,
IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

JAMES M. BAILEY 1-2	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5-6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3-4	*GORDON THOMPSON 7-8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: ALLEN F. BAILEY.

* First peal "in hand."

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT PEMERROKE COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

*F. PHILIP CHEETHAM ... 1-2	†WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 5-6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... 3-4	J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... 7-8

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by J. B. WILLIAMSON.

* First peal away from the tenor. † 50th handbell peal. First peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the coming-of-age of G. E. S. Fursdon.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sunday, February 22, 1914, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT 130, CLONMORE STREET, SOUTHFIELDS, S.W.,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT ... 1-2	JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... 5-6
FRANK I. HAIRS 3-4	MISS ELSIE MATTHEWS ... 7-8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

Witness: CECIL J. MATTHEWS.

Miss Bennett's 50th peal. Believed to be the first peal of Major "in hand" in which two ladies have taken part.

Owing to the large number of peal reports received this week a few are unavoidably held over.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. THE BELLS AT ALDERSHOT.

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Aldershot on Saturday, and was attended by 40 members. Service was held at the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel, and an address given by the Vicar. Tea took place at the Church Room, presided over by Mr. F. E. Dawe, a letter of resignation of the office of chairman having been read from Mr. C. Willshire. The letter stated that it was with very deep regret he was compelled to sever his connection with the Guild, as he was leaving the Diocese, and probably the country.—Amid universal expressions of regret at losing "Charlie," it was resolved that the question of a successor be deferred to the Shrove meeting.—Fourteen new members were elected, including six from Scale.—Mr. C. Edwards said he had £4 10s. in hand towards increasing the peal at Aldershot to eight, and that the pits were ready for them.—Mr. Fisher was afraid it would be a long time before they could raise the money locally, as it was a poor neighbourhood, with no resident gentry at all.—Mr. R. Whittington gave a resume of the Central Committee meeting at Winchester on the preceding Wednesday, and said they had been granted permission to hold an extra meeting at Capel, making eight meetings altogether in 1914 for the district.

During the afternoon and evening touches were rung in the following Minor methods: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Woodbine, Cambridge and London Surprise, Double and Single Oxford, Double Court and Stedman Doubles.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. EASTERN BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The 27th annual meeting of the Eastern branch was held at Skirbeck on Saturday last, when members attended from Boston, Freiston, Frampton, Stickney, Kirton-in-Holland, and the local tower. Service was held in church, the Guild's special form being used, and a valuable address given by the Rector (the Rev. W. T. Jennings). Tea was afterwards provided by Mr. S. Chamberlain in the Schools, and the business meeting followed, the President (the Rev. W. T. Jennings) taking the chair.—The report and balance sheet were presented and adopted.—It was proposed to bring up a new rule in connection with life skilled members, and the matter was left to the President to introduce at the next quarterly meeting.—It was also proposed, on the motion of Mr. H. Palmer, seconded by Mr. S. Lovell, of Stickney, that committeemen shall not receive any expenses in future, except when they are called to a special committee meeting.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Spilsby.—The whole of the officers were re-elected for the coming year, and the Rev. Law James (Master of the Guild) said he hoped there would be more members of the Eastern branch attend the annual Guild meeting, which was to be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 27th.

HEPTONSTALL PEAL RECORDED. PRESENTATION TO OLDEST RINGERS.

In the belfry of Heptonstall Church (Yorks) has been unveiled a handsome marble peal tablet erected by 13 subscribers, and recording a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major, the first on the bells, rung on November 29th last, on the first anniversary of the opening of the peal. A brief service of dedication was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. O. Lewis), and the tablet was unveiled by Mr. James Sutcliffe-Thomas, the donor of two of the bells. Afterwards the company sat down to a capital meat tea, after which the loyal and other toasts were honoured, including "The Health of Mr. Joseph Nowell," the oldest ringer; "Mr. James Sutcliffe-Thomas," "The Clergy," "The Bell Ringers," "The Churchwardens," and "The Verger." In the course of the evening, Mr. Sutcliffe-Thomas presented to Mr. Nowell a walking stick and briar pipe and tobacco pouch, the stick being inscribed, "Mr. Joseph Nowell, from the ringers, 1914." Mr. Nowell, who has reached his 70th year, has been a ringer at Heptonstall Church for a period of 40 years. This recognition of his long services took Mr. Nowell quite by surprise, and he suitably acknowledged the gifts. Subsequently a musical programme was carried out, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the donors of the tablet.

OLD RINGER'S DEATH: SAFFRON WALDEN.

Within a week, the Saffron Walden ringers lost two of their oldest members, Mr. N. J. Pilstow, whose death is recorded elsewhere, being predeceased by a few days by Mr. Jonathan Freeman, who passed away at the advanced age of 78 years. Mr. Freeman was a member of the old chiming society at the church, and joined the ringing society about 1870. He took great delight in ringing, although he only took part in three peals, two of Stedman and one (on the treble) of Superlative. He was very regular in his attendance at the belfry, and was much respected by the company.

The funeral took place on Wednesday of last week, and was attended by members of the local Court of Foresters, of which deceased was a member, and the ringers, the latter also sending a wreath. Bro. J. F. Penning read the Foresters' funeral address at the graveside. In the evening a fully muffled touch of Stedman Triples (deceased's favourite method) was rung on the bells of the Parish Church.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT EASTBOURNE.

One of the most successful ringing meetings ever held in the town of Eastbourne took place on Saturday last, members turning up from all parts of the county. The Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, of Doncaster; Mr. James Shepherd, of Birmingham; and Mr. J. Thomas (of the firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank) also taking part in the ringing done at Christ Church and St. Saviour's. The Rev. Canon Allen, B.D. (Vicar of Christ Church) was present at the tower to welcome the members. He also conducted the service which was held, the Rev. Harold Pain presiding at the organ. Through the kindness of the Vicar and Mrs. Allen the company sat down to a bountiful tea in the Parish Room, Canon Allen presiding, while Mrs. Allen and Miss Davis kindly attended to the wants of those present.

At the business meeting that followed, the Chairman was supported by the Rev. H. Pain, Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, Messrs. G. Watson, G. Penfold, etc.—Mr. Rapley, of Boxhill, was made a ringing member of the Association, and the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver was elected a non-resident life member.—It was arranged to attempt the next quarterly peal (Stedman Triples) at Christ Church, Eastbourne, with Mr. E. W. Bray as conductor.

Mr. Watson proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded Canon and Mrs. Allen for their kindness in providing such a splendid tea, and to Mrs. Allen and Miss Davis for gracing the company with their presence. He (Mr. Watson) said he would like also to take the opportunity of congratulating the Christ Church band in having won (for the second time) the county challenge bell with 333 points, and the Vicar, in having such an enthusiastic band of ringers.—Needless to add, this vote for carried unanimously.

The Vicar, in reply, thanked Mr. Watson for this congratulation. He considered the Christ Church ringers were the best in England, therefore in the world. He had been Vicar of the parish 16 years, and only once in all that time had the bells been silent on Sunday for service ringing—and that was only through a mishap to the belfry door.

After the meeting, the members journeyed to St. Saviour's, Mr. W. Ware (captain) being present to welcome the company. Touches were rung in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise, these fine bells being heard to advantage in a well-struck course of the last-named method.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING AT WINCHESTER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—A committee of the Winchester Diocesan Guild has been formed to assist representatives on the above Council, who may be attending the annual meeting on Whit-Monday and Tuesday, June 1st and 2nd next.

A list of hotels and lodgings is now being prepared, with charges for board and lodging, and any representatives who desire accommodation, are requested to apply to Mr. J. W. Elkins, 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

Any members, or party of members, who wish to secure a tower in the Winchester district for a peal, previous to the Central Council's meeting on June 2nd, or possibly after the meeting, should communicate in good time with Mr. George Williams, Westend, Southampton.—Yours very truly,

CHARLES E. MATTHEWS,

Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

Titchfield Vicarage, Hants.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AT MANCHESTER.

On Saturday week a mixed band of the Lancashire Association met at the Town Hall, Manchester, to attempt a peal of Stedman Caters on the noble peal of ten (whose tenor is 52 cwt.), in honour of the birthday of Mr. Richard Newton, now in Boston, U.S.A. Mr. Newton was for over 27 years a member of the Manchester City police force, and a well known and respected member of the Town Hall band of ringers.

Unfortunately, owing to a trip in the slow, the attempt for the peal came to an untimely end in the sixth course. Time not permitting another start to be made, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters was rung in grand style by: H. W. Wilde 1, H. Jackson 2, J. T. Bottrill 3, F. Page 4, C. Page 5, J. Ridyard 6, J. Potter (conductor) 7, W. Davies 8, H. Chapman 9, R. F. Williams 10. An adjournment was afterwards made to the Midland Hotel, where, by the kind forethought of Mr. Newton, refreshments had been provided. Wishes for "many happy returns of the day" to the absent friend were cordially expressed.

RINGERS' FAREWELL TO BISHOP!

At the Parish Church, Luton, on Sunday, on the occasion of the farewell visit of the Lord Bishop of Ely to Luton, which will, in a few weeks come under the diocese of St. Albans, a 504 Stedman Triples was rung for morning service, conducted by W. Payne, and for evening service a quarter-peal (1312 changes) of Kent Treble Bob Major was brought round in 50 mins.: G. Newson 1, B. Wilson 2, T. Kendall 3, H. Walker 4, F. Hunt 5, J. Rookwood 6, W. Payne 7, A. King (conductor) 8.

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This bell was recast, and the peal of twelve rehung by us in September, 1911. Since then the following peals have been rung on the bells:—

Cambridge Surprise Maximus	2 peals
Treble Bob Maximus	3 "
Stedman Cinques	9 "
Stedman Caters	1 peal

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Musical Handbells in sets, Bell Ropes, &c.

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DEATH OF MR. NATHAN PITSTOW.

THE PASSING OF A GREAT COMPOSER.

Death has removed from the Exercise another of its shining lights; Mr. Nathan John Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, Essex, whose name, as a composer, is as widely known as that of any man of modern times, has passed to his long rest. The sad event took place on Wednesday of last week, and the intimation reached us by wire just too late to include the mournful tidings in our last issue. For some time past Mr. Pitstow had been in failing health, and the end was not unexpected.

Nathan John Pitstow was one of the ornaments among those who cherish our Art, and he had taken no small share in advancing its scientific side. He delved deeply into the mysteries of composition, and he has given us some gems in this department of ringing. His work was done at a time when composers had to explore for themselves, before the ground had been so well marked out as it is to-day by knowledge based upon the labours of others. It is as a composer that the late Mr. Pitstow will be best



THE LATE MR. NATHAN PITSTOW.

remembered—although he was a ringer of no mean order—and, if there is any truth in what we are so often told, that what is good will last, Nathan Pitstow's name will endure as long as peals are rung. It is impossible, in the space at our disposal, to touch in detail upon his many wonderful compositions, but his 5088 of Superlative has become almost a classic in that method, while his variation of Thurstans' peal of Stedman Triples is almost equally well known.

Mr. Pitstow, who was born on August 6th, 1846, had been connected with ringing for close upon 50 years, for he became associated with the Saffron Walden Society in 1867. Whatever he put his hand to he did well, and he lost no opportunity of making himself proficient. With his brother, Fred, he used to undertake long walks to towers in the district in pursuit of practice, and his ringing in Surprise methods was largely learned with Squire Proctor's band. His peals covered the whole gamut from Grandsire Triples to London Major; from Plain Bob to Stedman Cinques. During his active ringing career he took part in 182 peal performances, a list of which is given below, but, as we have indicated, his chief contribution to our Art was in the realm of composition.

Originally a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, Mr. Pitstow subsequently transferred his affections to the

College Youths, of which he was a member at the time of his death. One of the earliest members of the Essex Association, he represented that society on the Central Council, and, in addition, was a member of the Midland Counties, Norwich, Oxford and Ely Diocesan and Yorkshire Associations.

The peals rung by Mr. Pitstow were as follows:—

	Rung.	Conducted.
Grandsire Triples	3	
Grandsire Caters	7	
Stedman Triples	31	
Stedman Caters	10	
Stedman Cinques	3	
Bob Major	6	4
Bob Royal	2	
Kent Treble Bob Major	41	15
Kent Treble Bob Royal	11	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	5	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2	
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	2	
Double Norwich Major	20	2
Double Oxford Bob Triples	1	
Double Oxford Bob Major	1	
Superlative Surprise Major	26	5
Cambridge Surprise Major	8	
London Surprise Major	3	

Total ... 182 Conducted 28

Beginning life as a pupil teacher, Mr. Pitstow soon turned his attention to commercial matters, and entered an auctioneer's office, in which he rose to a responsible position. Ringing, however, was not the only pursuit in which Mr. Pitstow found pleasure and recreation. He was devoted to music, and was a member of the town musical societies. He was a 'cello player of much talent, and has appeared in many chamber concerts with that instrument. On the playing field, in his younger days, he made a name locally as a cricketer, and, as a member of the Saffron Walden Town Club, he was one of the eleven which played for the town in 1872 and did not lose a match.

The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon, and was attended by a great number of the deceased's fellow townsmen, by whom he was held in great respect, and ringers from London, Cambridge, Ickleton, Stansted, Bishop's Stortford, etc. A large number of wreaths were sent, among them one from his brother ringers of the Saffron Walden Society, and another by Mr. H. J. Tucker. In the evening a mixed band attempted a muffled peal of Double Norwich, which, however, came to grief after an hour's ringing: H. J. Tucker (conductor) 1, R. Strong 2, W. J. Nevard 3, York Green 4, G. R. Sparrow 5, G. R. Dennis 6, A. James 7, W. Watts 8. Subsequently touches of Stedman Triples were brought round. On Sunday, the bells were again rung, muffled, and in the evening the Vicar (the Rev. J. J. Antrobus) feelingly referred to the great loss which the church had sustained by the death of two of the oldest ringers, who had rung for the services for more than 40 years. The organist played as a voluntary, "The Lord is Mindful," and Chopin's "Marche Funebre."

At Braintree, as a last token of respect, 518 Grandsire Triples was rung on Saturday with the bells muffled, by: F. Webb 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, H. E. Hammond 3, G. Milbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, F. Ely 6, G. Lindridge 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

MUFFLED BELLS.

The death of Mr. W. T. Ette, for many years a ringer at Wellingborough, has taken place, and on Thursday of last week the local company rang a touch of 704 Grandsire Triples with the bells deeply muffled as a last tribute of respect: C. Fairley 1, F. Underwood 2, W. Wood 3, A. Plowman 4, W. Perkins (Irthlingborough) 5, H. Pettitt 6, F. Wood (conductor) 7, H. Lilley 8.

As a token of respect to the late Rev. Charles H. Blagden, father of the Rector of Rugby, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung by the St. Andrew's (Rugby) Society on Wednesday of last week by: W. Mallins 1, R. W. Jesson 2, J. George 3, B. H. Haywood 4, C. E. Joyes 5, C. W. Wheeler 6, H. O. White (first attempt as conductor) 7, R. Clarke (first quarter-peal) 8.

OXFORD GUILD AT TWYFORD.

We call, from tower and steeple,
Upon the day of days.

In response to the kind invitation of the Vicar of Twyford, a good muster of the members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, visited this quiet and quaint little Berkshire town. Hemmed in on one side by the Great Western Railway, and on the other by the Great Bath Road, the principal thoroughfare is now Church Street. Built in with modern houses, it forms a connecting link between the two old parallel routes, and has provided a valuable site for the beautiful church which has recently been erected here, the tower of which possesses a sweet ring of eight by the old Whitechapel firm. The typewritten, business-like invitation sent to me simply stated: "Ringing 3, service 5, tea and social 6 p.m.," and on arrival, although the weather was unfavourable, I found a full belfry, including the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), the Vicar (the Rev. R. W. H. Ackworth), and the curate (the Rev. M. H. Waller), Miss Chillingworth, and the Misses Hopgood, Father W. Newell, and Mr. W. P. Routh, of Reading, and many neighbouring fellow ringers too numerous to mention representing the following towers, and totalling up nearly 70: Reading (3), Boyne Hill, Caversham, Shiplake, Henley-on-Thames, Waltham (2), East Hampstead, Wokingham, Sonning Hurst, Slough and Wargrave. Dissected portions of the Standard methods and a few call changes with the Master on the 7th having been rung to the satisfaction of experts and novices alike, a touch of Superlative was brought into rounds with the aid of a few of the Caversham "Arabs," and Messrs. Hopgood and Osborne, also of Reading.

"Our lives, like bells, while changing,
An ordered course pursue."

The south side of the Church somewhat reminded one of a fine Sunday at Chingford old Church, owing to the array of cycles stored along the wall by cyclists who had travelled from far and near in order to be present at this ringers' service. How can I impress the service upon your imagination: you who were not present, for it was truly a "ringers' service," and quite unlike most of those similarly held by the C.E.M.S. The interior of the Church is faced with white stone, and the lighting somewhat dim, showing out the architectural features of arch and moulding with bold shadows. There was no choir, the three robed clergymen performing their duty with a loneliness that added stateliness to the simple evensong. The Vicar offered the prayers, the lessons were read by the curate, and the Master gave a brief address on the one word "fellowship" without text or prefix, in clear and manly discourse. His kindly words led one to wonder if Owen Meredith longed for fellowship when writing these lines to a friend:—

If cold should kill his heart at last,
Regret will idly muse, and think,
In at what window blew the blast?
Or how we might have stopped that chink.

Miss Eley presided at the organ, while the empty choir stalls were adequately atoned for by the hearty singing of the congregation, and those present will not readily forget the impressiveness of the hymn, "Unchanging God who livest," rendered in full deep tones by a body of men as if the words were their very own, as indeed they were intended to be by its composer, the Rev. H. C. Wilder, who himself is a practical ringer.

Close by the church is the Church House, newly built and complete with every convenience for lecture, dance, tea or concert, as well as other more serious and solemn gatherings. It has filled a long-felt want in Twyford, and has been the means of bringing many parishioners together who have seldom met before, and on this occasion it brought into touch dozens of churchmen who do not frequently have the opportunity of meeting in joyous brotherhood as do the members of other church societies we could mention. Here tea was hospitably laid out upon two long tables in the large hall, the Master and Vicar presiding respectively, whilst the fragrant cup was handed round by willing helpers in Mrs. Ackworth, Mrs. Osman, Miss Roe, Mrs. Dentry and Miss Naish. There was much to discuss besides ham sandwiches and the Sonning Branch, Swiss roll and Grandsire Doubles, iced cake and Little Bob. Grace said and the cloth removed, clouds of smoke were soon floating—sanctioned by the sisters—cigarettes being handed round by the Vicar. The radiators were working well, and unlike most tea fights, when one occasionally gets a touch of the cold shivers, everyone was made cosy and comfortable in readiness for an impromptu concert that followed.

As a retrospective programme I would mention that Messrs. J. Portsmouth, Higgs, W. Newell and A. Martin gave us songs; the Rev. M. H. Waller, a ghost story, after distinguishing himself in the belfry by ringing courses of Grandsire Triples; Messrs. Martin, Fussell and Newell, handbell tunes upon a useful peal of twelve; and Messrs. Pike, Menday, Fussell, Hopgood and Osborne, a good course of Grandsire Caters.

A vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Ackworth for their kind arrangements and reception was proposed by Mr. A. W. Pike, and seconded by Mr. W. H. Fussell, and the Rev. E. Broome, the ancient solvent treasurer of the local branch, also expressed his pleasure at being present at such a happy gathering.—In returning thanks, the Vicar paid a compliment to his foreman, Mr. F. Dentry, and mentioned how

well his own men were getting on in half-pull ringing. The happy proceedings terminated at 10 o'clock, many having to catch early trains, but not before another touch or two was rung on the tower bells, concluding at 9 p.m. with one of Cambridge Surprise, and so the annals of an eventful day with new bells in a new church and parish, with a new type of Vicar, may be closed with a heartfelt toast:—

"Here's to our next."

W.H.F.

READING BRANCH MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Reading Branch of the Oxford Guild took place at St. Mary's Church, where a service was held, and the Rev. R. W. Wickham Legge gave an appropriate address at the supper which followed, between 50 and 60 members sitting down to a capital spread. The business meeting was subsequently held, Mr. W. P. Routh being in the chair. There were also present the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild), the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis (treasurer), the Rev. R. W. Wickham Legge, the Rev. C. W. E. Cleaver (Caversham), Mr. S. Goodall (churchwarden of St. Mary's), Mr. A. J. Wright, and members from Shiplake, Henley, Tilehurst, Caversham, and St. Mary's, St. Lawrence's and St. Giles', Reading.—Mr. W. P. Routh was again elected President of the Branch, and Mr. A. W. Osborne, hon. secretary and treasurer. Mr. R. T. Hibbert was elected to serve on the Guild Committee. It was most gratifying to hear the branch affairs were in a very satisfactory state.—The Rev. R. H. Davis, in the absence of the secretary (Mr. A. E. Reeves), who was ill at the time, gave a few interesting details on the finance of the Guild. This, he was sorry to say, was not as progressive as he would like to see it. The balance was slowly diminishing, and he urged that efforts should be made to increase the membership. During the evening the Shiplake ringers rang some excellent tunes on their handbells. Songs were also sung by Messrs. W. Newell, C. Higgs, W. Dormer, H. Simmonds and J. Goodenough, Mr. A. Lusty being the pianist. The meeting proved to be the most successful that the Branch has ever held.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASHFORD DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Ashford district was held at Tenterden on Wednesday of last week, about 30 members attending, representing Appledore, Biddenden, Bonenden, Halden, Mergham, New Romney, Rolvenden, Stone, Woodchurch, and the local tower. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were brought round in the afternoon, and a knife and fork tea, kindly provided by the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Babington), who presided, was then enjoyed.—The business meeting followed, at which six new members were duly elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting of the district at Saltwood, near Hythe, in April.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his hospitality, for the use of the tower, for the special service and for presiding at the tea and meeting was proposed by Mr. G. B. Anderson, seconded by Mr. O. W. Player, and carried with acclamation, the Vicar suitably replying. Subsequently a special service was held in the church, the Association form being used. The tower was then again visited, and more touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and a course of Bob Major very creditably rung, thus concluding a successful and enjoyable meeting.

5020 NORWICH STEDMAN CATERS.

By the Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

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Repeat four times, calling the first course in each repetition, 4, 5, 16, and omitting the last course in each repetition, and also the bob at 16 in the last course; then call 3, 8.

GOOLE RINGERS.

The ringers of Goole and District held their monthly practice at Howden on Saturday, when members from Hull, Goole, Selby, Hatfield, Snaith and Hemingborough attended. Some excellent practice was indulged in, and tea, which had been kindly provided by the Vicar, was served in the Mission Hall. The Vicar presided, and Major Blackburn (churchwarden) was also present. Afterwards, a short but pointed address was given by the Chairman, and the ringers heartily thanked the Howden Church officials for so kindly entertaining them. After a little music on the handbells a return was made to the tower, where the bells were kept going until 8.30. This proved one of the most successful practices that has been held in the district. The thirty ringers attending were able to practice Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and Plain Bob Major and Minor.

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NOTICES.

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NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Anston (Kiveton Park Station) on February 28th. Bells available 2 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea at 5 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary, 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting principally for Stedman Practice will be held at Chilham, on Saturday, February 28th, commencing at 4 p.m. All are welcome.—E. Trendell, Hon. District Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on March 3rd and 17th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 12th and 26th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 3rd and 31st; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 17th; Southwark Cathedral on the 24th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 7th. Tower open at 3.30. Service in Church at 5 o'clock, to be conducted by the President, the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar of Dudley. A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, March 4th. Business meeting afterwards. All subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Secretary, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above branch will be held at the Church of St. James, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, March 7th, 1914. By kind permission of the Vicar, the peal of eight bells will be available at noon. Meeting at 4 o'clock. Tea kindly provided by the local ringers after the meeting.—W. Robinson, Branch Secretary, Thorn Fold, Smithy Brow, Ambleside.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Feltham, on Saturday, March 7th. Ringing from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at a small charge at 6 o'clock.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, March 7th. Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence, 8 bells, tenor 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt., available 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at The Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available at 5 p.m.; meeting 6.30 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Newhall, on Saturday, March 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; business meeting at 5.—H. Wakley, Local Hon. Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, March 14th, 1914. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, on Saturday, March 14th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—(Canterbury District).—The next meeting will be held at Birchington, on Saturday, March 14th, 1914. The bells of both the Parish Church and Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, will be available from 3 p.m. Divine Service in the Parish Church at 5 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting in the Institute Hall. Will all those who intend being present kindly let me know by Tuesday, March 10th. Subscriptions are now due and may be paid at this meeting.—E. Trendell, Hon. District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 14th, at the Parish Church, SS. Peter and Paul, Swanscombe. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. Half railway fares allowed. Subscriptions are now due.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch will be held at Swanbourne. Service at 3 p.m.—Thos. Best, Secretary, Bletchley.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The meeting for practice at Shoreditch is altered to the second Thursday in the month instead of second Wednesday.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Secretary.

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IS IT A PEAL ?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On a recent date, a peal of Minor in ten complete methods was arranged. Owing to a late start, the band did not think there was time for the full length owing to service at the church, but, at the end of 5040, it was found that there was time to go on to complete the ten methods. Unfortunately, however, we had a breakdown afterwards. What the band wishes to know is, "Can they claim a peal for the 5040, which, being Minor, came out true?" Perhaps some of your readers will oblige as we do not wish to claim for a peal unless we are entitled to it.

ANXIOUS.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Wellingboro' district was held at Wilby on Saturday last. The light peal of five were at liberty for ringing during the afternoon and evening, and 30 members were present from Wellingboro', Finedon, Earl's Barton, Doddington, Higham Ferrers, Mears Ashby, Woodford, and the local tower. The members assembled at the Church Institute for tea, and the usual business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding.—Seven new members were elected from Mears Ashby, Wellingboro' and Higham Ferrers, and it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Wollaston.—A hearty vote of thanks, accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for providing tea, concluded the meeting.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE AT BISHOP'S CANNINGS.**

A monthly meeting of the Devizes branch was held at the grand old Church of St. Mary's, Bishop's Cannings, near Devizes, on Saturday, and although the weather was very stormy, a good number of ringers assembled from the neighbouring towers of St. John's and St. Mary's, Devizes, Chirton, Southbroom, Westbury, and Bishop's Cannings. The fine ring of eight bells was utilised during the afternoon. At the village reading room an ample tea was provided by the liberality of the Vicar (the Rev. H. H. Mogg, B.A.), who kindly presided at the table (in the unavoidable absence of the branch chairman), and was supported by Mr. H. Brownlee West, hon. branch secretary.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness, and the use of the Church bells was proposed by Mr. H. B. West, seconded by Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, and carried unanimously.—The Vicar, in responding, spoke of the pleasure he gave him in welcoming the Guild to Bishop's Cannings, and said that on any future occasion, as long as he was Vicar, the ringers would always receive a warm reception. He also spoke very kindly and encouragingly of his own band at Bishop's Cannings, saying how very loyal and enthusiastic they all were in their duties at the Church.

Further ringing followed in the tower, where the bells were kept going until 8 p.m., and then left "set," ready for ringing on Sunday morning.—A remarkable thing happened about 4 o'clock on Sunday morning, the stay of the 2nd bell suddenly giving way, thus allowing the bell to ring itself "down," much to the wonderment of the steeple-keeper, who was aroused from his sleep by the uncommon sound of the bell at such an early hour.

Bishop's Cannings has always been famous for music, football, and bell ringing, for we read that in the days of King James I, when the King and his Queen (Anne of Denmark) were returning to London, after a visit to Bath, and proceeding homeward, along the London Road past Bishop's Cannings, the Vicar of that day, the Rev. George Perche (who was Vicar from 1593 to 1613) met the Royal party, with a band of his musicians, singing a poem of his own composition, closing with these words:—

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And listen to the bells of Bishop's Cannings steeple.

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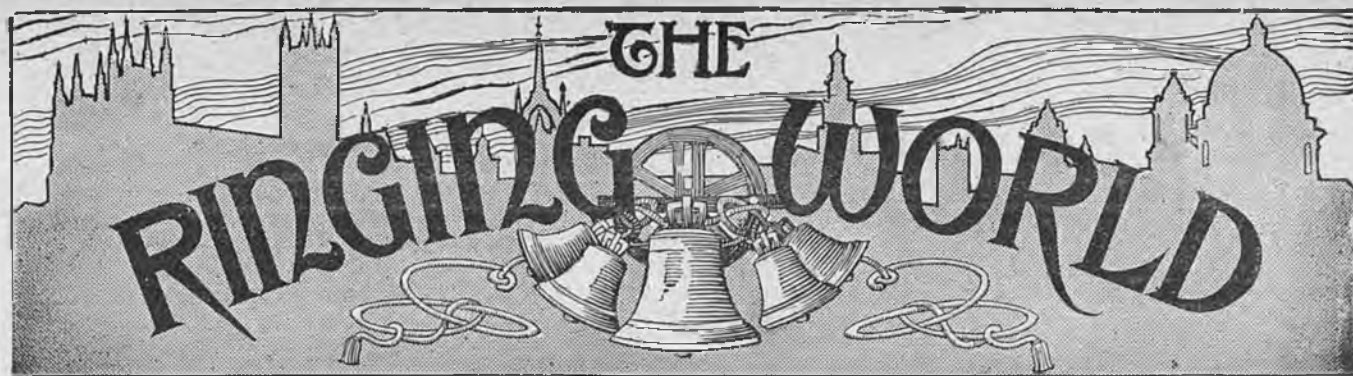
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BIRMINGHAM'S RECORD.

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham cherishes many records in the ringing annals, and now another record has been set up on the bells of St. Martin's Church—the home of the Guild. We publish this week the one hundredth peal of Stedman Cinques upon the bells, truly a unique record, for we should imagine that there is no other twelve-bell tower where there has been rung anything approaching this large total of peals in the method. The first of them goes back to 1820, and what stalwarts in the Art are recalled to mind when one thinks of those who, in the past, have taken a share in the building up of this record. Birmingham has possessed many great men, who have helped to make history in the Exercise, and the peals which were the foundation of the present record were performances by no means so often accomplished as are peals in these days. There was a time when the ringers were surprised if they rang a peal, to-day it is almost a case of being surprised if they lose one. Certain it is in Birmingham that the peals have been added to at a very rapid rate within the last quarter of a century.

That this is so may be judged from the fact that among the band who rang the century peal were no fewer than half-a-dozen who can claim to have taken part in more than 50 peals of Stedman Cinques, and they are not all veterans either who shared this distinction. Altogether 155 peals have been rung on St. Martin's bells, and by a curious coincidence this number is almost exactly the equivalent of one peal for every year since the first was rung in November, 1758. It was a further coincidence that the "century" peal of Stedman Cinques should have been rung in the same week as the Johnson commemoration dinner, for the late Henry Johnson did as much as any individual to build up the reputation of St. Martin's. Saturday's gathering was typical of the many by which the memory of this great ringer has been perpetuated, and it was only natural that the new record set up in the tower as well as the realisation of that other project—the recasting of the second bell—accomplished since the last annual gathering should be a matter of much felicitation.

St. Martin's Guild, even in its long and successful career, was never in a stronger or healthier position than it is to-day, and while its members—particularly those who are responsible for the ringing at St. Martin's Church—retain the same active interest and patriotic fervour in their Guild the prospects of the future are not likely to be dimmed by the brilliant records of the past. We hope the society will long continue to hold its present honoured position in the Exercise, and continue to add to the laurels it has won during nearly a century and a half of existence.

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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.
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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, February 24, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

CHARLES DICKENS Treble	JAMES GEORGE 7
THOMAS H. REEVES 2	JOHN NEAL 8
ALBERT WALKER 3	ALF. PADDON SMITH 9
JOHN CARTER 4	SAMUEL GROVE 10
THOMAS MILLER 5	JAMES E. GROVES 11
EDMUND J. HYLAND 6	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

This is the 100th peal of Stedman Cinques rung in the tower, and is a record. It was rung on the 66th birthday of the tower-keeper (Mr. F. Banks), to whose careful attention is due the fact that the bells always "go" like the proverbial fiddle. It was also Mr. A. Paddon Smith's 60th peal of Stedman Cinques.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, February 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

EDWIN HORREN Treble	JOHN N. OXBORROW 7
EDWIN GIBBS 2	JOHN W. GOLDING 8
ALFRED B. PECK 3	CHARLES S. BURDEN 9
THOMAS FAULKNER 4	JOHN H. B. HESSE 10
WALTER S. WISE 5	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 11
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 6	WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by A. B. PECK.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Horren and Wise, the former being 76 years old on the above date; also as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Banister, who was born on February 29th, 1824, and is a very old member of this Society.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANCES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

† EDWIN BARNETT, JUNR. ... Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 7
EDWIN BARNETT, SENR. ... 2	† WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 8
WILLIAM HEWETT 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 10
FRANK BENNETT 5	HARRY FLANDERS 11
* REGINALD BROUGH 6	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES, and
Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SENR.

* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Maximus. This is the first peal of Bob Maximus on tower bells by the Kent County Association. It is also believed to be the first on tower bells rung in London for more than a hundred years, and the first peal of Maximus on the bells since being rehung last year by Messrs. J. Warner & Sons.

TEN BELL PEAL.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, February 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANCES;

CHARLES BOWER Treble	BENJAMIN GILL 6
SAMUEL WOOD 2	SAMUEL BOOTH 7
THOMAS JAKEMAN 3	JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... 8
JOSEPH MELLOR 4	HARRY CHAPMAN 9
FREDERICK PAGE 5	ALBERT ADAMS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK,

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EPHING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

T. DAY'S SIX-PART PEAL.

Tenor 20 cwt., in E flat.

GEORGE H. FIGHTLING ... Treble	HENRY RUMENS ... 5
GEORGE DENT ... 2	WILLIAM A. ALPS ... 6
GEORGE F. MARGETSON ... 3	FREDERICK C. MAYNARD ... 7
WILLIAM D. SMITH ... 4	ALBERT A. HUGHES ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. ALPS.

First peal on the bells, recently installed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, which "go" magnificently. Each of the band represented a different parish in the County, viz.: (in the order of standing) Epping, Harlow, Chigwell Row, Leyton, Walthamstow—St. Saviour's, Waltham Abbey, Walthamstow—St. Mary's, and Leytonstone.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

HENRY C. KILN ... Treble	ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN ... 5
ERNEST BUTLER ... 2	WILLIAM H. DAYNES ... 6
JOHN DALE ... 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... 7
THOMAS H. HAWKINS ... 4	FREDERICK H. GOOCH ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

Mr. John Dale, the tower-keeper, has now rung each of these bells to a peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. H. Gooch.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES SOCIETY.)

On Monday, February 23, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK, S.E.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lbs.

THOMAS WALKER ... Treble	RICHARD N. RUNHAM ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 6
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES ... 3	C. W. ROBERT GRIMWOOD ... 7
ARTHUR JONES ... 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

This is the first peal of Surprise upon the bells.

BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 23, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALBERT E. SEERS ... Treble	ALBERT E. ALEXANDER ... 5
THOMAS HOGSFLESH ... 2	RICHARD J. COUSINS ... 6
CHARLES GOODENOUGH ... 3	CHARLES DENSLEY ... 7
FREDERICK C. RICH ... 4	HENRY W. BROWN ... Tenor

Conducted by R. J. COUSINS.

This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Warner & Sons, the "go" being excellent. The peal was rung as a compliment to the Rev. Henry J. Heard, M.A., who has just completed his 20th year as Rector of St. Michael's.

ASHSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 23, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-nine 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	JOHN CRAWFORD ... 5
WILLIAM H. CORBETT ... 2	GEORGE A. COOK ... 6
WILLIAM COOK ... 3	RICHARD KENDALL ... 7
JOHN WYATT ... 4	DAVID ANSCOMB ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

Rung on the occasion of the 21st birthday of Mr. G. A. Cook and as a birthday compliment to Mr. James Wyatt.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 23, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, E.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*CHARLES T. CLARK ... Treble	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... 5
REUBEN SANDERS ... 2	THOMAS H. HAWKINS ... 6
EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 3	HAROLD W. CLARK ... 7
ARTHUR J. NEALE ... 4	DALBY HODGSON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Charles T. Clark. It was his first peal and great credit is due to him for the way he rang throughout the peal. It was rung also on the eve of the 70th birthday of Mrs. G. Hawkins, mother of the ringer of the 6th, and a much respected member of the congregation at this church.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE EDSEY, Senr. ... Treble	FERRIS SHEPHERD, Senr. ... 5
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 2	ALFRED WOODROW ... 6
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... 3	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD ... 7
JOHN EMERY ... 4	GEORGE WOODISS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Arranged for G. Woodiss, a former ringer at the above church.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 24, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 17 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lbs.

*ERNEST FLETCHER ... Treble	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... 5
ISAAC HUFTON ... 2	JAMES F. GEORGE ... 6
HENRY HARRISON ... 3	CECIL J. BAKER ... 7
JOSEPH H. ILIFFE ... 4	HENRY BEARDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of Mrs. Maltby, wife of Mr. C. Maltby, who has been churchwarden for 25 years.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(AND THE SOCIETY OF BROMLEY YOUTHS.)

On Tuesday, February 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE HUNLEY ... Treble	SPENCER MARSHALL ... 5
GEORGE DORLING ... 2	ALFRED JAMES, Senr. ... 6
ALBERT E. NEWICK ... 3	ISAAC EMERY ... 7
ERIC G. FILTNESS ... 4	ARTHUR BYGRAVE ... Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

First peal of Stedman by the local Society.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

*MISS BLANCHE L. MITCHELL Treble	MISS MARY E. N. JUKES ... 5
†ERNEST GOLDSTONE ... 2	*MISS EDITH M. HOLE ... 6
MISS NELLIE GILLINGHAM ... 3	WILLIAM GILLINGHAM ... 7
*MISS DORIS COLES ... 4	*ALBERT E. COLBOURN ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST GOLDSTONE.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. All are members of the local band. The ringer of the 4th is only 14 years of age.

HURST, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ST. PETER'S, CAVERSHAM, SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, February 24, 1914, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.			
RICHARD T. HIBBERT Treble	HARRY TUCKER 5		
ALBERT D. CULLUM 2	ERNEST W. MENDAY 6		
GEORGE MARTIN 3	HARRY W. SMITH 7		
EDWIN J. MENDAY 4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... Tenor		

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 19 lbs., in F.			
*CHARLES MILLS Treble	HENRY W. KIRTON 5		
†HIRZEL EDWARDS 2	*JOSEPH ROOTE 6		
*ARTHUR CHURCH 3	JOHN WOOD 7		
ARTHUR EDWARDS 4	*WILLIAM ALLEN Tenor		

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

* First in the method. † First peal. First in the method on the bells. This peal was rung in commemoration of the first Bishop of the Diocese of Chelmsford whose consecration took place the same day at St. Paul's Cathedral.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND
THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, February 26, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 28½ cwt.			
ALGERNON P. G. STONE ... Treble	JOHN H. SWINFELD 5		
CHARLES SANDERS 2	JOHN HODGH 6		
EDWARD I. STONE 3	ALBERT P. WAKLEY 7		
GEORGE BULL 4	WILLIAM C. WAKLEY ... Tenor		

Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the composer, Mr. N. J. Pitstow, who was a highly esteemed honorary member of the St. Paul's Society.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 26, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE. Tenor 20 cwt.			
E. E. FOREMAN Treble	A. BIGGS, JUNR. 5		
W. J. WOOD 2	T. HUNT 6		
R. STAINES 3	E. DOBBIE 7		
S. R. GARNER 4	G. WOOD Tenor		

Conducted by T. HUNT.

Rung in honour of the 71st birthday of Mr. A. Biggs, Senr.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(NORWICH SCHOLARS.)

On Thursday, February 26, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 14 cwt., in F.			
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS 5		
*FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS ... 2	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 6		
FREDERICK KNIGHTS 3	ALBERT G. WARNES 7		
*ALBERT ROUGHT 4	GEORGE HOWCHIN Tenor		

Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

* First peal of Stedman. This is the first peal of Stedman on these bells since March 3rd, 1853, and, by a strange coincidence, it was the same composition that was rung.

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

On Friday, February 27, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 0 qr. 24 cwt.			
VICTOR R. HOLLOWAY ... Treble	THOMAS BEADLE 5		
WILLIAM NEW 2	FREDERICK G. GODDARD ... 6		
*GEORGE MILES 3	GEORGE SPENCER 7		
CHARLES J. TRICKER 4	HARVEY T. BEADLE ... Tenor		

Conducted by GEORGE SPENCER.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. A. Ransom, of the local band.

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

On Saturday, February 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ROTHERHITHE, S.E.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.			
THOMAS WALKER Treble	WILLIAM SHIMMANS 5		
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	C. W. ROBERT GRIMWOOD ... 6		
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES ... 3	WILLIAM BERRY 7		
RICHARD N. RUNHAM 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... Tenor		

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

This is the first peal of Surprise on the bells.

BURNHAM, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt.			
*WILLIAM CRANDON Treble	HARRY LAWRENCE 5		
FREDERICK ILEY 2	WALTER WORGAN 6		
ALEXANDER EVANS 3	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN ... 7		
GEORGE H. PRUEN 4	†WILLIAM COURT Tenor		

Conducted by G. CHAMBERLAIN.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal, and elected a member previous to starting. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Prebendary R. Hayes Robinson, whose induction as Vicar of the parish took place on the same date.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 28, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.			
*GEORGE WITHERS Treble	*WILLIAM SMITH 5		
JOHN BASS 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6		
VICTOR WHITE 3	JOHN WITHERS 7		
WILLIAM SHILVOCK 4	ALFRED HACKETT Tenor		

Composed by H. PRICE, and
Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method, and rung as a farewell peal to the treble man, who is leaving the district for Leicester.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 28, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALBERT E. REEVES Treble	WALTER A. WEBB 5
LEONARD OSGORNE 2	JOHN SWAIN 6
ALFRED T. REEVES 3	ARTHUR W. PIKE 7
CHARLES GILES 4	ALFRED WATMORE Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR W. PIKE.

ORMESBY, YORKS.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES BAXTER Treble	ALEXANDER MACFARLANE ... 5
CYRIL POLLARD 2	THOMAS METCALFE 6
*HARRY PARRISH 3	JOHN HENRY JONES 7
FREDERICK LAVERICK ... 4	JOHN GEORGE HALE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HENRY JONES.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. First peal in the method as conductor and first attempt.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(DARLEY DALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 28, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt., in F.

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

Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

* 50th peal.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

FRED HAWORTH Treble	STANLEY PICKUP 5
GEORGE BROWN 2	JOHN H. BARNES 6
JAMES S. LOMAS 3	JAMES H. BANKS 7
WILLIAM CRABTREE ... 4	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... Tenor

Composed by J. NICOLL, and
Conducted by HERBERT DAVENPORT.

First peal of Major on the bells and first peal of Major as conductor.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 28, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 gr. 26 lbs.

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

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

L. W. Wiffen, for whom this peal was arranged, was elected a member previous to starting.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*ROBERT ALLRED Treble	JOHN POTTER 5
ALFRED POTTER 2	THOMAS WORSLEY 6
JOHN T. BOTTRILL 3	TITUS BARLOW 7
JOHN WELSBY 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by JOHN RAE FRITCHARD, and
Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. In this composition the 2nd and 3rd are never in sixth's place at the course end.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 28, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, WOOD GREEN,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOPF, and
Conducted by E. J. TYLER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal away from the Treble. ‡ First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells by the local band and also by a local band for the above Society. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Isaac Griffiths, eldest son of Alderman I. Griffiths. The deceased was 41 years of age, and had been a chorister at the above church since boyhood.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT ... Treble	ROBERT E. STAVERT ... 5
WILLIAM SEELEY 2	FREDERICK EDWARDS ... 6
JOSEPH J. ALLEN 3	FRANCIS A. SMITH ... 7
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 4	*GEORGE A. HUGHES ... Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal on eight bells.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

GARBOLDISHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 26, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

SOLOMON MOOLE Treble	JAMES BENNETT 4
OSCAR GARNHAM 2	JAMES BASON 5
WALTER BLOOMFIELD ... 3	ALLAN GARNHAM Tenor

Conducted by J. BASON.

BROCKDISH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Woodbine, College Exercise and Oxford, and 720 of Kent. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM CHILVERS ... Treble	GEORGE FILBY 4
ROBERT PEANE 2	GEORGE HOWARD 5
ALFRED WHITING 3	JACOB FILBY Tenor

Conducted by JACOB FILBY.

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 19, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES BAILEY Treble	ARTHUR BAILEY 4
CHARLES BAILEY 2	CHARLES CHENERY 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by G. BAILEY.

EASTHAMPESTEAD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's of Kent, two of Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob, each 720 being called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lbs.

ERNEST C. LAMBERT... ..Treble	HARRY BUNGAY 4
† HAROLD J. HALE 2	ALFRED GOUGH 5
* JOHN W. TURVEY 3	JOHN RANCE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. RANCE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in three methods. Rung in honour of the wedding of Reginald Hawkins, one of the local band, to Miss Florence Hopkins, of Crowthorne, the band wishing them every happiness. It was also a birthday peal to the conductor.

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

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Fulbeck, Oxford and Plain Bob, and one 720 Single Court. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

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

Conducted by GEORGE SCOTT.

* First peal. The band are all residents of Fulbeck with the exception of Joseph Willows, who is a resident of Wellingore.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES WAGHORN ... ..Treble	ANDREW MARSHALL... .. 4
JIM BEACH 2	ALBERT RELFE... .. 5
GEORGE FULLER 3	EDWIN LAMBERT ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Quickest peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Thomas Fuller, father of the ringer of the 3rd, upon attaining the age of 80 years.

WEEDON, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR T. STARMER... ..Treble	CECIL F. REYNOLDS 3
FRED HOPPER 2	WALTER C. STARMER 4
HARRY CLARK ... ..Tenor	

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

First peal on the bells.

ORLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

RICHARD WILLIAMSON ... ..Treble	* MAURICE KNOWLES... .. 3
SAMUEL BUTLER 2	THOMAS BUTLER 4
FRANK FOX ... ..Tenor	

Conducted by T. BUTLER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(SWINDON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one 720 of St. Clement's. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

* F. J. SAVORY ... ..Treble	* J. TUCKWELL 4
* A. J. GILBERT 2	W. G. LANCASTER 5
* T. MOULDEN 3	† G. LANCASTER ... ..Tenor

Conducted by G. LANCASTER.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. F. J. Savory was elected a member of the Association before starting. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band and rung at first attempt. Rung after the dedication of a window to the memory of Frederick Day (Priest), Missionary, by the Right Rev. F. L. Norris, D.D., Bishop of North China.

WOOLHOPE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 22, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt.

RICHARD GRIFFITHS ... ..Treble	WALTER TAYLOR 4
CHARLES L. SADLER 2	HENRY J. TAYLOR 5
WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS 3	* JOSEPH MORRIS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by W. H. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells and rung for evening service.

FULMER, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Sunday, February 22, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JAMES H. BAILEY ... ..Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 4
PERCY H. DOICK... .. 2	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 5
JOHN WALDEN 3	LEONARD STILWELL... ..Tenor

Conducted by G. H. GUTTERIDGE.

Arranged for Mr. Doick, of Pulborough, Sussex, it being his first peal of Minor.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 22, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt., in F sharp.

WILLIAM UNDERWOOD ... ..Treble	JOHN HARRINGTON 4
ARCHIE IVES 2	GEORGE RICE 5
WILLIAM WIFFEN 3	EDWARD PERKINS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM UNDERWOOD.

E. Perkins was proposed a member previous to starting. First peal in seven methods by all the band and rung at the first attempt. It was also the first Association peal on the bells.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Monday, February 23, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of one 720 each of Grandsire, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE EASTHAUGH ... ..Treble	ALBERT LEE 4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT 2	ARTHUR H. TOOK 5
WALTER LAST 3	JOHN LARTER ... ..Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung on the eve of the Festival of St. Matthias, and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

HANLEY SWANN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, February 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Gabriel,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES R. NEWMAN Treble	WILLIAM PAGE... .. 4
ERNEST GIBBS 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Tenor

Conducted by R. G. KNOWLES.

First peal of Minor on the bells and rung on the Festival of St. Matthias.

BENWELL, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Tuesday, February 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 16½ cwt.

*ROBERT RICHARDS Treble	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 4
ALFRED F. HILLIER 2	*BENJAMIN C. DIXON 5
*WILLIAM W. SINCLAIR 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells, which were installed A.D. 1897.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bridget,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lbs.

*WILLIAM LLEWELLYN ... Treble	ALLEN GWYNNE 4
JOHN BEVAN 2	EDWARD SUMMERS 5
JOHN GWYNNE 3	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

* First peal.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

*WALTER CHEAL, JUNR. ... Treble	*THOMAS GENT 4
*HENRY HOPKINS 2	JOHN NETLEY 5
*GEORGE SNOW 3	*WALTER CHEAL, SENR. ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN NETLEY.

* First peal.

MALDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1914, 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, Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.
Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM ... Treble	WALTER NICE 4
FRED CHALK 2	GEORGE H. NEVILLE 5
ALFRED SOUTH 3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM.

Rung as a birthday-compliment to the conductor.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*HUMPHREY BEAN Treble	GEORGE DANN 4
CHARLES BRETT 2	OLIVER COLLINS 5
†WILLIAM J. BARROW 3	WILFRED BOOTH Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED BOOTH.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal with a bob bell.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION,
AND THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 28, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints, Childwall,

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

In seven methods, viz.:—London, Carlisle, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS MURRAY Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE 4
JOHN WILKINSON 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
HENRY FYLES 3	JOHN TURNER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Rung on the eve of the Festival of St. David.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH—CHARLWOOD SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, March 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise and Woodbine, and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR KNAPP Treble	*GEORGE WICKENS, JUNR. 4
GEORGE WICKENS, SENR. ... 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 5
GEORGE ELLIS 3	ALBERT ELLIS Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT ELLIS.

* First peal. This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled, by request, on the anniversary of the interment of the late Rector of Charlwood, the Rev. E. M. Gibson.

HANDBELL PEALS.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 22, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. J. Pilch,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

WILLIAM ROUGHT 1—2	GEORGE MOY 5—6
GEORGE H. CROSS 3—4	JOHN MOY 7—8

Composed and Conducted by G. H. Cross.

Umpire: J. PILCH.

First peal rung on handbells in Aylsham. First peal on handbells by all except the conductor. This composition is now rung for the first time.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 22, 1914, in Two Hours,

At "York Villa," Wisbech,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

STANLEY E. ANDREWS ... 1—2	THOMAS HAINES 3—4
RALPH NARBOROUGH 5—6	

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

A very successful "week-end" of handbell ringing was enjoyed by members of the Cambridge University Guild, as the following records show:—

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, February 28, 1914, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,
AT TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... 1—2	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 5—6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 3—4	J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... 7—8

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, February 28, 1914, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,
AT TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANCES;

*F. PHILIP CHEETHAM ... 1—2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5—6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 3—4	J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... 7—8

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal in the method away from 7—8.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sunday, March 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

F. PHILIP CHEETHAM ... 1—2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5—6
J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... 3—4	WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 7—8

*JAMES BUTLER ... 9—10
Composed by W. SHIPWAY, and
Conducted by J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Royal as conductor.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, March 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT PEMBROKE COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

*F. PHILIP CHEETHAM ... 1—2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5—6
*J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... 3—4	WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 7—8

*JAMES BUTLER ... 9—10
Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

* First peal of Little Bob Royal.

THE "CENTURY" PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES

The 100th peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, is recorded elsewhere. Of the men who rang in this peal it is interesting to note that no fewer than six have rung over fifty peals of Stedman Cinques. Below are the names of the ringers, with the number of peals in this method rung by each man: Charles Dickens 53, Thos. H. Reeves 27, Albert Walker 61, John Carter 19, Thos. Miller 47, Edmund J. Hyland 33, Jas. George 51, John Neal 55, A. Paddon Smith 60, Samuel Grove 38, Jas. E. Groves 56, Jas. H. Shepherd 32; total, 532. The aggregate age of the band is almost identical with the aggregate number of peals, being 523.

A member of the Guild, who wishes to remain anonymous, has generously offered to defray the cost of erecting a marble tablet to record the peal.

PRESENTATIONS TO POLICEMAN RINGER.

P.C. A. B. Wiffen, of Rickling, has been raised to the rank of sergeant in the Southend Police Force, and while congratulating him upon well deserved promotion, the Rickling ringers are extremely sorry to lose him. When Mr. Wiffen first went to Rickling bell ringing was quite unknown, but to celebrate the Coronation of King George the bells (a peal of five which had been silent for 30 years) were rung, and Mr. Wiffen started a new band, and took in hand their instruction with the result that they can now ring Doubles in two methods.

To mark their appreciation of his services, the ringers, at a supper to which the choir and ringers were entertained in the parish room, presented him with a handsome set of carvers, while the Vicar's warden, Mr. F. S. H. Judd, J.P., has given him a pocket knife and chain, suitably inscribed, as "a memento of the interest and trouble he has taken in helping and organising the church bell ringing at Rickling." Sergt. Wiffen has, in addition, received from the residents of Quendon, Rickling and Ugley a handsome black marble clock, with suitable inscription, as a token of appreciation of his services during the 34 years he has been stationed in the district.

PRESENTATION AT WISBECH.

On Sunday week, before evening service, a very pleasant yet regrettable duty was performed by the Vicar of St. Peter's Church, Wisbech (the Rev. W. T. R. Crookham, R.D.). It was occasioned by the fact that Mr. Thomas Haines was leaving Wisbech to take a position in London.—The Vicar, in the course of an interesting speech, stated that Mr. Haines had been a ringer since 1909, and since 1911 had only been away 32 times, which spoke of his keenness and hard work in the belfry. He hoped that Mr. Haines, whenever he wore the present (which consisted of three bells in the shape of a pendant), would think of the hours he had spent in the belfry at Wisbech.

Mr. Haines was also presented with a pair of military brushes, inscribed: "From the Bell Ringers of St. Peter's, Wisbech, as an acknowledgment of good and excellent service. W. T. R. Crookham, Vicar; A. Farham, curate; H. Banham, ringing master; Ralph Narborough, secretary."—Mr. Narborough said that Mr. Haines had not only been a regular member, but had put all his efforts into making himself as proficient as possible in the Art. When it was remembered that until 1911 Mr. Haines was like the rest, a "stoney" ringer (and if it had not been for that eminent ringer, Mr. Charles Goakes, of Peterborough, he supposed they would still have been ringing "stoney"), he did not think Mr. Haines would be thought lazy, for he had now rung seven peals of 5,000 changes and one of 10,080 changes, to say nothing of the scores of abortive attempts. Mr. Haines also would be greatly missed for one other reason which was more important than peals, namely, that he attended, without exception twice on a Sunday, the church he had so faithfully served, and also at Miss Jackson's junior Bible class in the afternoon. Everyone expressed regret at Mr. Haines' departure, but trusted he would find life more successful than he had done up to the present, and wished him every success in his new sphere.—Mr. Haines, who was taken completely by surprise, thanked the ringers for what they had done, and added that, as to his part, he considered he had only tried to do his duty, and trusted that those new ringers now coming on would do their utmost to make the gap that he was causing less keenly felt.—Afterwards a 720 of Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering, was rung for evening service, and a double-handed 5,000 for the Peterborough and District Association as recorded elsewhere.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
AGAINST INTER-AFFILIATION.

The annual general meeting of this Association was held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, where the magnificent ring of eight were kept going from 4 till 6 p.m., and subsequently at the "King of Denmark" a company of 36 sat down to tea.—The Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender, presided at the business meeting which followed, and was supported by the secretary and all the officers. The meeting ratified the election of the officers of the Northern and Southern districts, and received the balance sheet of the Bohemian concert.

The Secretary reported that during the past year the Association had rung 26 peals in ten different methods, 11 conductors and 71 members taking part. Thirty new members had been elected, but the Society had suffered loss in the deaths of some of their older members, notably Messrs. J. C. Coomb, G. W. Coombes and N. Alderman. During the year the old peal of handbells had been disposed of, and a splendid new set had been purchased from Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The balance in the treasurer's hands of £3 18s. was eminently satisfactory, and it was resolved to place £2 of it in the bank. Great progress had been made in every department, the number of peals rung and members elected constituting records.

During the evening a letter from Mr. Attwell was read asking for the Association's opinion on inter-affiliation. This evoked much adverse criticism a resolution being passed that the Association should have nothing whatever to do with the scheme.

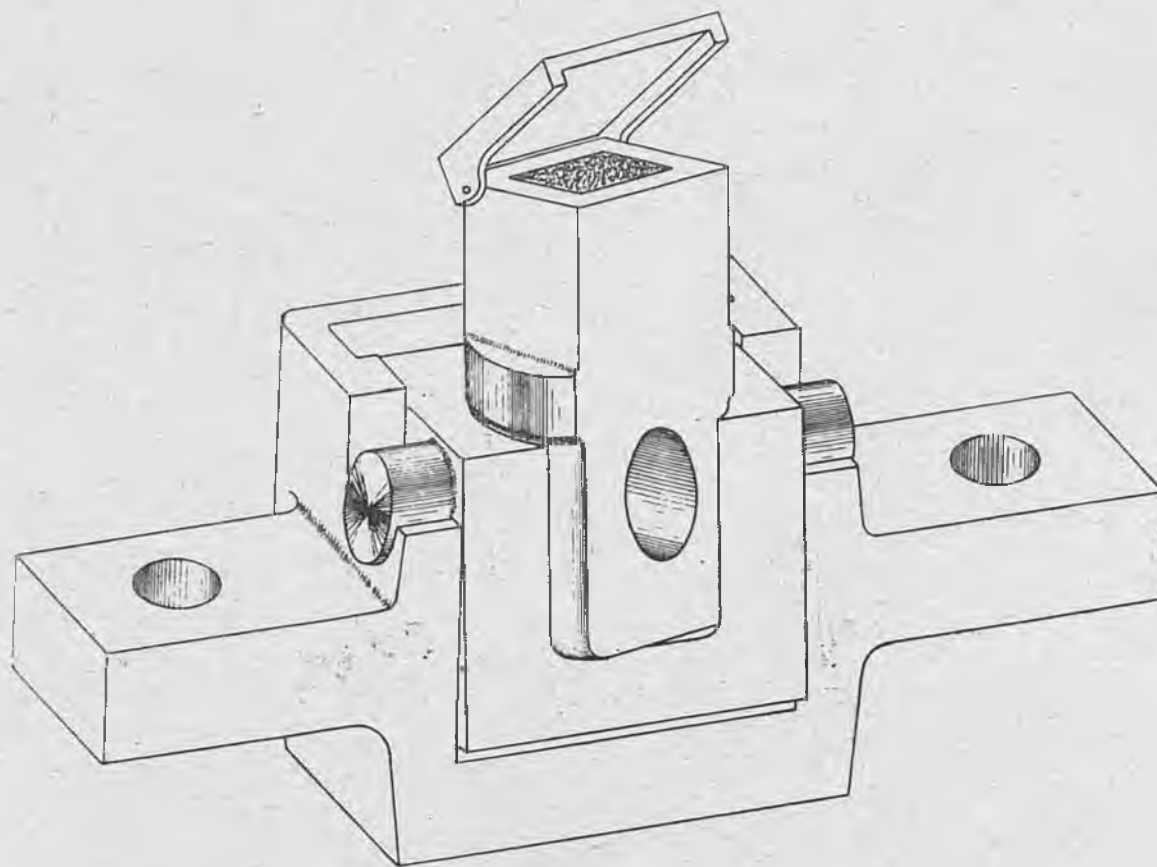
The following were elected as officers during the ensuing year:—Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender; hon. secretary, Mr. Alec S. Miller; treasurer, Mr. W. G. Matthews; senior steward, Mr. H. Burton; junior steward, Mr. W. J. Nelder; trustees, Messrs. R. A. Daniell and T. H. Taffender.—It was agreed that a subscription list should be opened for the widow of G. W. Coombes, late steeplekeeper at Hammersmith.

The next quarterly meeting will be held on Monday, 27th April.

Will "Cyko" communicate, in confidence, his name and address to us.

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We have recently given some particulars of some striking performances in the way of "raising" heavy bells. Mr. Bert Hughes, whose association with the Whitechapel Foundry is well-known, has done several things of merit in this direction as well. Although under ten stones in weight, he has raised Bow tenor (53 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs.) several times, once in 3 mins. with the clapper tied, and in 3 mins. 45 secs. with the clapper loose. He has also raised the tenors at Southwark (50 cwt.) and Cornhill (41 cwt.) single-handed.



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BELLS OF FAMOUS CHURCHES.

ST. MARTIN'S, BIRMINGHAM.

BY A. PADDON SMITH.

The Church of St. Martin, the Parish Church of Birmingham, was originally erected in the thirteenth century. As first built, it was "a lofty and nobly proportioned structure in the Gothic style," but about the year 1690, the old church, having become unsafe, was, with the exception of the tower, pulled down, and a "hideous brick building" erected on the site. In 1853 the tower and spire were restored at a cost of £6,000, and in 1873-5 the ugly brick church was entirely demolished, and the present magnificent edifice built upon "its unworthy ruins" at a cost of over £32,000. It was recently (1913) completely repainted from the ground to the roof of the spire, at a cost of about £2,000. The height of the tower is 72 feet 6 inches, the octagonal spire rising to a height of 127 feet 6 inches above the tower, the total height to the top of the golden cross being thus about 220 feet.

Our illustration shows the spire as it appeared during the repainting, and it is interesting to note that while so enscaffolded, two peals of Stedman Cinques were rung on the bells.

Records of the early bells of St. Martin's are, unfortunately, not available, but it is known that there were six bells in the tower from 1682 to 1758, when a new ring of



ST. MARTIN'S, BIRMINGHAM,

Showing the remarkable scaffolding erected for the purpose of pointing the spire.

ten was put in. In 1771 two trebles were added, making them twelve. That there were bells in the tower long before 1682 is evidenced by the fact recorded on a board that "Jno. Billingsley, A.D. 1629, left a croft of land to provide bell ropes." This "croft" is now situated in one of the busiest thoroughfares in Birmingham, and having been built upon and duly appreciated in value, it is unlikely that the bells of St. Martin's will ever be silent for want of ropes.

The weight of the tenor is 36 cwt. in C natural, and the following are the inscriptions on the bells:—

Treble.

Pack & Chapman of London Fecit 1771.

Second.

On one side: 1771. To the Greater Glory of God. Recast by Members and Friends of St. Martin's Guild of Ringers, A.D. 1913. J. W. Willink, Rector; J. J. Kendall, F. W. Blake, Churchwardens; J. S. Pritchett, Presiding Ringing Master; J. E. Groves, Deputy Ringing Master; A. P. Smith, Hon. Sec.

On the other side: Barwell, Founder, Birmingham.

Third.

Thos Lester & Thos Pack of London Fecit 1758.

Fourth.

William Blews & Sons, Founders, Birmingham. Recast 1870. Rev. W. Wilkinson, D.D., Rector. W. W. Riddell, John Gough, Churchwardens. Laus Deo.

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Sixth.

Richd Dovey Rector Tho. Faulconbridge & Richd Anderton Ch: Wardens. Lester Pack & Chapman of London Fecit 1769.

Seventh.

Lester & Pack Fecit 1758. YE RINGERS ALL THAT PRIZE YOUR HEALTH & HAPPINESS BE SOBER MERRY WISE & YOU'LL THE SAME POSSESS.

Eighth.

TO HONOUR BOTH OF GOD & KING OUR VOICES SHALL IN CONSORT RING. Lester & Pack Fecit 1758.

Ninth.

Recast in the year 1790. John Dadley & Henry Parker Ch: Wardens.

Tenth.

OUR VOICES WITH JOYFUL SOUND MAKE HILLS & VALLEYS ECHO ROUND. Lester & Pack of London Fecit 1758.

Eleventh.

Richd Dovey Rector, Thos Faulconbridge & Richd Anderton Ch: Wardens 1769. Lester Pack & Chapman of London Fecit.

Tenor.

The Revd Richd Dovey Rector, Carter Barton & Chrstr Sidman Ch: Wardens 1758. Let Your Ceaseless Changes Vary To Our Great Maker Still New Praise. Lester & Pack of London Fecit.

There are twelve circles representing impressions of coins on the tenor, one of which is a Spanish dollar:

Of the tenor it is said that "when the bells were in the churchyard, before they were hoisted into the tower (1758), someone noticed a large blister on the tenor just above the sound-bow. This was broken, when a large hole appeared, about 3 by 2 inches, but it did not go quite through the bell. Some of those in power wished to send it back to the founders as imperfect, while others advised that it would be better to hear its tone first. The advice of the latter was acted upon, and a very fortunate thing it was, for there are few, if any, better bells of its weight."

Several of the bells have been recast, as will be seen by their dates, for the improvement of the peal, and they are now an exceedingly musical, well-balanced ring of twelve, on which it is a true pleasure to ring, every bell being heard distinctly in the belfry.

They are known probably to a larger circle of ringers than any other ring of twelve in the country, owing to the central position of Birmingham, and the fact that it is visited annually by a large number of ringers from all parts.

The first peal on the bells—Grandsire Caters—was rung on November 19th, 1758, and 155 peals have been rung to date. Of this total no fewer than 100 have been Stedman Cinques, the first peal in this method on the bells being rung on December 28th, 1827. This peal is some-

what historical, as it was the first out of London, the fourth ever rung, and the record at that time (6600).

The following is a complete list of the peals rung in the tower:—

Stedman Cinques	100	(including 11,111 record and only two short course peals ever rung).
Grandsire Cinques	8	
Kent Treble Twelve	8	(including first ever rung).
Stedman Caters	7	
Grandsire Caters	7	
Kent Treble Ten	4	
Stedman Triples	3	
Bob Royal	2	
Bob Maximus	2	
Oxford Treble Twelve	2	
Grandsire Maximus	2	
Forward Maximus	2	(only two ever rung).
Kent Treble Bob Major	1	
Kent Treble Bob Cinques	1	(first ever rung).
Duffield Maximus	1	(only one ever rung).
Double Norwich Major	1	
Superlative Surprise Major	1	
Oxford Treble Bob Caters	1	(first ever rung).
Oxford Treble Ten	1	
Cambridge Surprise Royal	1	

ODD CHANGES.

The hearty congratulations of the ringing Exercise will go out to Mr. William Banister, who on Sunday completed his 90th year. Mr. Banister is one of those who has a "real" birthday only once in four years, for he was born on February 29th, 1824. He resides with his daughter at Fulham, after a life of great activity, and though advancing years prevent him taking part in ringing, he has by no means lost his interest in the Art. The College Youths on Saturday rang a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Saviour's, Southwark, in honour of Mr. Banister's birthday, and of that of another veteran, Mr. Ted Horrex, who, at 76, is still hale and hearty, and took part in the performance.

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As long ago as 1849 Mr. Banister took part in a peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark, but he is the only survivor of that band, which included John Cox, William Cooter, James Mash, George Ferris, Jameson, Bob Haworth, Mat. Wood, Jimmy Dwight and others, who were giants in those days. Mr. Banister was a pioneer in Surprise ringing, and he took part in the second peal of London Surprise ever rung—a peal which he composed and conducted.

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Rarely, if ever, do we read of ladies being in the majority in the belfry, but such is often the case at Portishead, Somerset, where they take their places regularly twice every Sunday, and on Sunday week for morning service six took part in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, viz., Misses Elizabeth A. Tippet 1, Blanche Mitchell 2, Nellie Gillingham 3, Doris Coles 4, Mary Jukes 5, Edith Hole 6, William Gillingham 7, Albert Colbourn tenor. The touch was conducted by Miss D. Coles, who is only 14 years of age, and we believe her to be the youngest lady to conduct a quarter-peal. It is the first quarter-peal rung in which six ladies have taken part.

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Will Portishead also be the first society to claim a peal by a local band of ladies? It certainly is not beyond the bounds of possibility. Five out of the six ladies whose names appear above were associated in a peal of Grandsire Triples on Tuesday week (recorded in another column). Miss Tippet is capable of ringing the treble, so that the rest should not be a very difficult matter.

Chelmsford Cathedral Tenor Bell.



The new ring of 12 bells (Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs.) for Chelmsford Cathedral was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans on Saturday, September 27th, 1913.

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HERE AND THERE.

The new trebles to complete the ring of twelve at Newcastle Cathedral are to be dedicated on Easter Day.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL MEETING.

A successful meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Horfield and Filton Churches on Saturday week, and was attended by about 20 members. The Rector of Horfield, who presided over the meeting, was elected an hon. member, and two performing members were also elected. Some touches of Grandsire Caters were rung on a fine peal of handbells kindly lent by the Emmanuel ringers.

HELP FOR RESTORATION FUND.

Towards the restoration of the bells of Upton Snodsbury, Worcestershire, the debt upon which fund is £90, the following amounts have been received by the Vicar, the Rev. W. J. Holden: Per Mr. W. Page, of Worcester Cathedral Guild, 12s.; Hallow Ringers, 4s. 6d.; St. John's, Worcester, 6s. 6d.

ST. PETER MANCROFT, NORWICH.

At the annual meeting of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild, Mr. F. H. Phillips was elected ringing master, and Mr. C. Thompson, hon. secretary, while Mr. D. O. Holme was re-elected as hon. treasurer. No less than seven new performing members were elected, and this was considered one of the most satisfactory results of the past year's work. During the discussion of general business, one or two alterations were made in the rules, and a suggestion was made as to insuring the bells against cracking and other accidents, and it is hoped this will be carried out.

THE PAST YEAR'S WORK.

In his annual report of the work and doings of the Guild, the Secretary referred to the three peals rung on the bells by members during the year past, viz.: Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal. The two latter peals had been arranged for visitors, but the peal of Bob Royal, which was the first in the method on the bells, had been rung by members of the Guild only. It had also been at last found possible to undertake the much-needed work of cleaning and varnishing the peal boards in the belfry—a matter involving some considerable expense, which had been, however, defrayed entirely out of the funds of the Guild. At the close of the meeting, the Vicar thanked the members for all they had done as volunteers, and referred to the regular ringing of the bells on Sundays, morning and evening, and for the early celebrations on all the great festivals of the Church.

RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.

The silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gallimore, the former being a member of the St. Mary's Society, Lichfield, was celebrated on February 19th by a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples rung by: R. Phillips 1, A. Bowler 2, J. Key 3, J. W. Timms (Tamworth) 4, J. Pratt (Tamworth) 5, F. Cope, junr. 6, F. Cope, senr. (conductor) 7, J. H. Gallimore 8. Mr. and Mrs. Gallimore afterwards entertained the ringers, and in the course of a pleasant evening, good wishes for the long life and happiness of Mr. and Mrs. Gallimore, and the hope that they would live to celebrate their golden wedding, were expressed. Not the least enjoyable item in the programme was the capital ventriloquial performance by Mr. Ernest Gallimore.

A REPLY TO "ANXIOUS."

Mr. J. Ridyard, of Worsley, writes in reply to "Anxious," that he does not think a performance of Minor, even if seven 720's have been rung complete should count as a peal if a break-down occurs in a subsequent 720. He says this is also the opinion of other ringers, who have discussed the matter, as, according to the admission of "Anxious," the band set out with a certain idea in view which they failed to accomplish.

A WINCHESTER GUILD MEETING.

The Yorktown District of the Winchester Guild held their quarterly meeting at Outlands, this being the Guild's first official visit to the tower, and the proceedings brought pleasure to the Church authorities as much as to the 40 visitors, for the Vicar, in the March 'Parish Magazine' refers with evident appreciation to the fact that the bells had brought the parish into contact with another phase of Church work. After ringing in the afternoon, the Guild's form of service was held in Church, the ringing master (Mr. W. Shepherd) reading the lesson, and the Vicar giving an address on 'Their Ministry.'—Tea and the business meeting followed in the Girls' Schoolroom, and the rest of the evening was spent in music and handbell ringing.

FORTY YEARS SECRETARY.

Honorary secretary of the Faversham band since its formation over 40 years ago, Mr. A. Biggs, senr., reached his 71st birthday on Thursday of last week, and a peal of Grandsire Triples (recorded in another column) was rung in his honour. Under Mr. Biggs' guidance, the Faversham band, some years ago, became one of the best Grandsire Triples companies in the county. At the conclusion of the peal last

week, Mr. Biggs received the congratulations of the band, and in turn congratulated the ringers upon the excellent striking maintained throughout the peal.

SURREY ASSOCIATION'S PRACTICE.

Another successful combined practice of the Southern Branch of the Surrey Association was held on Saturday at Nutfield, members being present from Buckland, Burstow, Charlwood, Godstone, Mersham, Nutfield, Redhill and Reigate. Touches of Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, London Scholars' Pleasure, Cambridge, Carlisle and London Surprise Minor were rung.

INTERESTING EVENT AT MIDSOMER NORTON.

On Sunday last, one of the old band of ringers at the Parish Church, Midsomer Norton, reached his 70th birthday. Having a few days previously expressed a wish to take a rope once again for "Auld Lang Syne" on his birthday, the veteran was accorded a warm welcome by the present ringers, who wished him "Many happy returns." He handled his bell with marked skill and evident zest, and it gave the other ringers unalloyed pleasure to have amongst them one of the "boys of the old brigade." Mr. Frank Tovey, the hero in question, had rung, he said, the Old Year out and the New Year in, on thirty-nine consecutive occasions. It is not everyone who can make such a boast as that. We hope Mr. Tovey will be seen in the tower on frequent future occasions. In contrast with this "old hand," it is interesting to note that the ringer of the treble was Percy Speed, a boy of 12 years of age, and a full member of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

ANOTHER VETERAN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED.

The birthday of another veteran was also celebrated on Sunday, when, at Handsworth, Birmingham, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for morning service in honour of Mr. Richard Faux, who completed his 77th year on that day. He took part in the ringing with the following band: E. Wood 1, C. Starkey 2, T. Verry 3, T. Westwood 4, W. Anker (Boldmere) 5, R. Faux 6, T. J. Bratton (Smethwick), conductor, 7, R. Speakman 8. Mr. Faux was the recipient of good wishes from fellow ringers.

THE LATE MR. N. J. PITSTOW.

At Burton-on-Trent, on Thursday week, the ringers paid a last tribute to the memory of Mr. Nathan Pitstow by ringing a peal of Stedman Triples with the bells muffled. The Stansted, Essex, ringers also attempted a peal of Cambridge Major with the bells half-muffled for a similar purpose, but failing, rang a 1120 in the same method: T. J. Watts 1, A. Jordan 2, W. Prior 3, W. T. Prior 4, J. Luckey 5, W. Watts (conductor) 6, T. Jordan 7, G. Jordan 8.

BELLS FOR THE MELTING POT.

The usual monthly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at Prestwich, when there was a fair attendance. Mr. James Barratt occupied the chair at the business meeting, and gave a hearty welcome to the visitors. He intimated that ere long the bells at Eccles would be in the melting pot, as they were getting to work in real earnest.—Mr. Threadgold, of the local company, was elected a member, and Pendleton was the place chosen for the next meeting. The special practice for higher methods will be held at St. John, Miles Platting, a fortnight hence.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar, wardens and local ringers for having everything in readiness.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

MEMBERS ENTERTAINED BY PRESIDENT.

The president of the Romney Marsh and District Guild (the Rev. A. O. Scutt) who was married last month, entertained the members at Appledore on Saturday week, 32 members representing eight towers accepting the Vicar's invitation. The Kent Association service was used. Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus. Bac., of Lymington, presiding at the organ. Afterwards, at the Vicarage, the ringers were received by Mrs. Scutt and her mother, and inspected with pleasure the 200 valuable and handsome wedding presents which the Vicar and his bride had received. Wedding cake was then distributed to the visitors. Subsequently, at the Swan Hotel, the ringers parloked of the president's hospitality. The Rev. A. O. Scutt presided, and was heartily thanked, on the motion of Mr. Pitman, seconded by Mr. C. W. Player, the mover conveying the ringers' good wishes to the Vicar and his wife for many years of happiness in their married life.—The Chairman briefly replied, and on the proposition of Mr. G. J. Youngs, thanks were then accorded to Mrs. Scutt and Mrs. Palmer for their kindly welcome of the members.—The Vicar said he would convey the expression to the two ladies, and expressed the thanks of himself and his wife to the local ringers for welcoming them back from their honeymoon with a merry peal on the bells.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Guild at New Romney, and two new members (Messrs. W. Sherwood, junr., and D. Hooper, of Aldington) were elected. An enjoyable musical evening was then spent with songs and handbells, Mr. G. J. Youngs presiding.

AMERICAN IMPRESSIONS.

"Half way up a winding stair in the tower of the Perkins Institution for the Blind at Watertown is a square, high chamber. From eight holes in its ceiling hang eight ropes. It is a Sunday forenoon in mid-January, with an icy northwest wind to roar through the oaks and maples of that English-looking river bank below the quadrangles and terraces. But from the belfry out on the frosty air pours a drench of bell music, clang! jang! clash! as brilliant and as bounteous as the wintry sunshine itself. A succession of peals of eight notes, and no two changes alike. One tumbling out after another without a pause; a variety that challenges and fascinates the ear; here a crashing dissonance that is resolved by the next pour of sound into a brilliant harmonic sequence; next some snatch of impetuous melody that is caught back again into the stream of music which floods out of those metal throats. . . . Unlike any bell music ever heard in America . . . unlike any bell music heard outside of England. As a symphony orchestra to the performance of a child's forefinger on the piano, so is this change ringing to the plunk! plunk! of the sexton knocking out hymn tunes on rigid bells."

THE WELCOME TO YANKEEDOM.

Thus a writer in the "Boston Transcript," who in a lengthy article discourses in characteristic American style upon his impressions of the English method of ringing with which he made acquaintance under the guidance of Dr. Nichols. Unfortunately our space will not permit us to quote the article in full, but we give some extracts which will doubtless interest our readers.

Referring to the advent of the English ringers at Boston, the writer, Lucien Price, says:—

They have come, rung, and been conquered by several considerations worth imparting. As expert workmen their wages are generally double what they would have received in England; their position as the only musicians of their kind on this continent is unique, giving them a prestige which they would not enjoy at home where ringing is common; and, not least to them, though oddly to our ears, they are freed from the sharp distinctions of social caste that would confine them in England. Why men, whose bodies are tuned to the fitness of our college athletes and whose minds are keyed to performances which would baffle our first-rate professional men should be denied social equality in their own land only the unsearchable processes of British snobbery can explain. The fact remains that when, after ringing changes in the tower at Groton, they were, as a matter of course, invited to dine and take coffee and cigars with the masters, the contrast to being asked to "have a cold collation, or tea" (which would have been the programme in England) made a favourable opening for democratic influences. And Groton is not reckoned the last word of American democracy either. The fact is, they were being accorded the reception due to them as competent musicians.

EXPLORATIONS AND DISCOVERIES.

It was early in the nineties that Dr. Nichols, walking in London on a summer morning, heard for the first time a peal of bells ringing changes. He did not know the name of the process, to be sure; but he did know that it was scientific, that it was music of a high grade of complexity, and that such bell music was then entirely unknown to his compatriots at home, whose notions were comprised by a chime of "dead" bells tapped by a hammer whack! thwack! clank! in the Last Rose of Summer (slightly off the key) or a hymn tune. But he hardly guessed that summer morning in London that his studies would lead him through the higher mathematical formulae, and would conclude by admitting himself and his daughter as members of certain of the most expert guilds of ringers in England.

The study is a truly formidable one. It throws you back on whatever naked intellect you are lucky enough to possess. Nothing you studied at college is of the least assistance. It backs your mind up against a brick wall and bids that organ put up fists and defend itself. It is no respecter of persons. The plain workmen of Whitechapel are among the best ringers in London. These artisans have the mental acuteness to solve in their heads problems which baffle mathematicians working with formulae for a whole evening. Why should the untaught be better ringers than men of education? The only explanation is that they have naturally better heads, or perhaps are endowed with a special sense.

SUPERIORITY OF ENGLISH BELLS.

On the scientific side, the superiority of English bells is easily demonstrable. In an American chime, the largest bell of the octave will be ten times the size of the smallest. Though the greater bells may be mellow and resonant, the upper bells will be metallic and panny, without any blending or balance in the relation between the large bells and the small. The tones will range from a sonorous boom to a tinny clank.

The English bells are so cast that the largest of the octave are only three times the size of the smallest. They blend. Their sound waves travel in wider areas, and as between the relative carrying-power of the lower and upper bells there is little difference.

The magic is that the English founders put the extra weight in certain portions of the contour where the bell may be increased in size without deepening its tone. The American system is "strictly according to science"; it obeys the laws of acoustics. By the book, these

American bells should be better than those cast in England. The reason they are not is that the English, through long years of experiment, with frequent failures, long since discovered the method of producing the maximum of sound and sweetness. These methods, be it said, are not "strictly according to science"; but the explanation is that experiment has shown how to produce effects in practice which are not yet known in theory. There are laws operative which are not yet understood, but the English (as is their peculiar genius) have found a way to get around the law.

While the foregoing is a very slight scratch on a very large subject, it will have appeared that bell-music of the genuine sort is an element of community life which has as yet been wanting to us. Also it has appeared why bells have never had the associative value for us which they have had in England. Our bell music was not the right sort because our bells were not right for ringing it. The lack of enthusiasm for it on the part of musicians was easily traceable. When a chime clanked out "Lead, Kindly Light" with two bells off key, in a range that lacked one bell, and sounding a flat with the best grace in the world when a sharp was written, you could hardly blame anyone with a sensitive ear for declining to rhapsodize. The gulf between a ragtime ballad and an organ fugue is not more abysmal than the gap between bells chiming a tune off key and bells pealing music of their peculiar and proper character. Here is a whole world of music at our doors virtually unexplored. And, luckily, the exploring party is in our midst.

BELL FRAMES AND TOWERS.

ATTITUDE OF THE SOCIETY OF THE PROTECTION OF ANCIENT BUILDINGS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Reference has recently been made to this Society in issues of your paper in which were articles on the subject of bell frames and old towers.

The Society welcomes the attention now being given to the subject, and hopes that the result of the present investigations will lead to the clearing up of many points of difference which exist.

Argument about the oldness of fashions or the newness of methods is a digression, but it is one which is introduced by the writer in your paper, so that I will not apologise for referring to it here. Just because a system is either new or old, is no certain recommendation that it is good. As your readers no doubt are aware, the Society advocates "modern" methods of constructing bell cages and hanging bells in all, but the use of metal for cages and a few other rather experimental developments which, from the varied evidence before it, it believes to be bad. Indeed some of these have already fallen out of use.

The Society is glad to learn that scientific research is being made in various parts of the country, and will have pleasure in hearing the results when the time comes. In the meanwhile, it does not believe that good will come from detailed discussions in the press.—I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

A. R. POWYS,

Secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.

CONTEST AT BRIGHOUSE.

The members of the Halifax and District Association held their quarterly meeting and contest at Brighouse Parish Church on the peal of eight bells (tenor 14½ cwt.), which had been kindly placed at the Association's disposal by the Vicar (the Rev. R. P. Whittington). Four companies took part in the contest, each set ringing a test peal of 640 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major. The judges were: Mr. Broadley and Mr. Kendall, of Bradford, and Mr. Whiteley, of Brighouse. Tea, which was much enjoyed, was served in the Church Schools by the local branch.

At the close of the ringing, the general meeting was held in the Schools, the chair being taken by the Vice-President (Mr. Lawson), who was supported by the Vicar and the officers of the society.—As no invitation was brought forward for the place of the next contest, it was decided to leave all arrangements in the hands of the secretary. It was decided to hold an informal meeting at Brighouse on Saturday, April 18th. Thanks were accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and schools, and the result of the contest was then announced as follows: Lightcliffe, 275 faults; Halifax, 331 faults; Pudsey, 289 faults; Earlsheaton, 145 faults, and the last-named were declared the winners.—A vote of thanks to the local company for their arrangements and hospitality, and to the ladies for presiding at the tables, was passed unanimously, and responded to by Mr. Drake.—The Vicar then presented the cup to Mr. Hardy, the captain of the winning team, and, replying to the vote of thanks, said how great a pleasure it was to have this visit from the Association. He was pleased to hear all the kind remarks that had been made about his bells, by so wide a scope of ringers. He thanked them for the vote of thanks.—Mr. Hardy thanked the Vicar for presenting the cup, and the judges for their services.—Mr. Broadley and Mr. Kendall responded, and a vote of thanks to the chair brought another successful meeting to a close.

DARESBURY'S NEW BELLS.

A CHESHIRE RESTORATION.

As has already been briefly recorded in our columns, a new peal of eight bells has been installed at Daresbury, Cheshire, by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of Spitalfields Foundry, and the dedication excited considerable interest not only among the people of Daresbury, Hatton, Moore and Preston Brook, but in many adjoining parishes.

The six old bells have been recast, and two new ones added, the latter being the gift of Miss Milner, of Moore, and of Mrs. Whitley and her son, Mr. J. J. Whitley, each of whom takes a deep and abiding interest in the welfare of the church and parish. The total cost of the work, which includes a new all-steel independent framework, steel rope guides and belfry floor, is over £500, and the whole amount has been subscribed by present and past parishioners.

The inscription on the new bells read: On the tenor, which is 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs., in E: "Given by Mary Milner, 1913, to commemorate the Coronation of George V, June 22nd, 1911." On the treble: "In memory of Rev. Thomas Whitley, Vicar 1834-1896. Given by his widow Anne Catherine Whitley and his son, John James Whitley, 1913." On the six old bells which have been recast and retuned are the following inscriptions: 2nd, "Peace and good neighbourhood, 1725"; 3rd, "Sir G. Greenall, Bart., patron, Rev. T. T. Lee-Jones, Vicar, J. J. Whitley and C. H. Tinsley, wardens, 1913"; 4th "Prosperity to the Church of England, 1725"; 5th, "Prosperity to the Parish, 1808"; 6th, "Peter Woods, gentleman, and Samuel Burrows, churchwardens, 1725"; 7th, "Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1874; recast by J. Warner and Sons, 1913." All the bells are fitted with Messrs. Warner's patent self-aligning oil bath bearings, which are so designed as to ensure efficient lubrication, and which eliminate all shock to the framework or tower. The total weight of the peal is 64 cwt. 3 qrs 7 lbs.

Messrs. John Warner and Sons were represented at the dedication by Mr. Robert Warner, who was spending the week-end at Daresbury Hall. The bells were dedicated by the Rev. Canon Binney, of Chester, who read a number of special prayers, after which the bells were rung for one minute.

The Canon took for his text the words, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear," and pointed out that in God's creation, everything was meant to minister to His glory, and everything had a spiritual use—eyes, lips, hands, feet, ears. And they were responsible for the employment of their powers. There was the satisfaction and pleasure of listening to the sound of the bells, but there was, or should be, something more. There was the message of the bells through the ears to the innermost being. There was help in the bells to the spiritual life. What, then, had they to say to them? They were certainly a call to worship which they could all understand. They proclaimed aloud the importance and need of worship which was man's privilege. People had ceased to go to church, largely because the idea of worship had been lost, and the bells rang out their message "Come and worship, come and worship, Christ the King," but the response had been small. To hear their beautiful music, to listen to a popular preacher, to satisfy the dictates of conscience were reasons why certain persons were more or less regular in attending the house of God, but there was something higher and grander—the adoration which the whole being could give to the Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier, the thankful remembrance of the inestimable love of God. The bells were also a call to remembrance. It was not possible for everyone to attend public worship whenever it was offered, but everyone might be reminded that he lived in a Christian country, and that there was the claim of God upon him when he heard the church bells. He might find inspiration and help in the knowledge that the needs of his country, his parish and his friends (some of whom might be among the sick) and his own needs were being placed before God. The bells were a reminder, a call to reflection, and helped them to realise that religion was not all a dull and gloomy thing, but could fill them with lasting joy and peace. They were also used to express their rejoicing on special occasions: they called upon them to rejoice with those who rejoiced, and to weep with those who wept. As they had just said in one of the special prayers—"they ministered to God's service."

A NEW FEATURE.

During the afternoon a band of the Chester Diocesan Guild rang a peal of Bob Major, as already reported. The bells have been tuned upon Canon Simpson's five-tone principle. The new steel frame is one of Messrs. Warner's latest design, and a most unique feature is that the main girders have been entirely done away with, and the frame is only supported by diagonal steel set-offs, in each corner of the tower. Much discussion has taken place as to the correct position of main girders for bell frames, and certainly a better answer cannot possibly be given than by doing away with them altogether. Before this method was finally adopted, the opinion of many eminent church architects was ascertained, and one and all expressed their entire approval. It would be interesting to have other opinions in this new field for thought, as it may be found to be possible to instal bells in towers where hitherto it has been considered an impossibility. By this method all four walls are tied together, and it makes no difference if there are any weak walls, as the pull is in the length of the walls, and the weight is taken at the corners of the tower. The new type of bell frame now universally installed by Messrs. Warner and Sons is entirely independent of the walls and acts as a tie to the tower instead

of the walls acting as a tie to the frame as so often happens in the case of many existing frames.

HISTORY OF THE OLD BELLS.

The old parish account books show that the tower in 1684 contained a peal of four bells, but there is nothing to indicate where the bells had been cast or the time. From frequent repairs they must have been in a very dilapidated condition, and may have been placed in the tower quite a century before the date mentioned. It appears that one bell only was rung for the Sunday service at that time, all the bells being rung only on special occasions, such as the 29th May, 5th November, and when "Ye Bishop passed through ye town." In 1701, "Ye bell founder" was sent for, but no mention was made as to who he was or where he came from. Upon examination one of the bells was found to be cracked.

In 1702 a general meeting of parishioners was called, and a resolution passed that a new peal of six bells should be cast. During the two succeeding years the bell founder was often consulted, but for some reason not stated, 20 years elapsed before the work was done. In 1725 a peal of six bells was cast, and placed in the tower. By what means the bells were provided nothing certain is known, but from the church accounts book of 1702 it is stated that assessments should be collected throughout the parish "for and towards the necessary running down of ye old bells, casting, makeinge, and completinge of six new tunable bells," but as this did not then take place it is probable that in 1725 these same four old bells were recast into a peal of six.

In the year 1881 Daresbury had an excellent company of ringers, and a tablet in the belfry records the performances of the members of the society, and shows the methods, number of peals, touches, changes, etc., during that year. One item is of more than passing interest, for it recalls that on April 26th, the day of the funeral of the Earl of Beaconsfield, a deeply muffled peal of Kent Treble Bob was chimed from manuscript by Thomas Houghton, junr.

Mr. Thomas Houghton, whose work as a ringer dates back to the year 1862, and who at a vestry meeting at Daresbury in 1866 was appointed a regular ringer, has filled this position without a break up to the present time, and is now the captain.

The following rules appear on a board in the belfry:—

D are not to come to this sacred place
A ll you good Ringers but in awful grace,
R ing not with Hatt nor Spurs nor insolence,
E ach one that does, for ev'ry such offence,
S hall forfeit Hatt or Spurs or Twelvepence;
B ut who disturbs a Peal the same offender
U nto the Box his sixpence shall down tender.
R ules such no doubt in ev'ry Church are us'd
Y ou and your Bells that may not be abus'd.

Peter Lawton } Churchwardens 1730.
John Okell }

Mulla rogare rogata tenere retenta docere
Haec tria Discipulum facient superare Magistrum.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The pre-Lent meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association was held at Cramlington, Northumberland. Good weather favoured those who made the journey, and all seemed to enjoy the outing. The peal of six at St. Nicholas' were kept going well up to train time. After the committee meeting, tea took place in the Parish Hall, and the President (Mr. C. L. Routledge) moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells and hall, to the Cramlington ringers, and the several ladies who looked after and provided such a capital tea. In the course of his remarks, he urged the ringers to "stick in," and let the Association know they could do something. They were very fortunate in having such an all-round ringer as Mr. Symm amongst them, and they should realise this and give him all the help they could.

The Vicar (the Rev. T. P. Allen), in responding, said what a pleasure it was to be honoured with a visit from the Association, and hoped it would not be long ere they visited them again. He took an interest in ringing and the ringers, inasmuch that he took an active part himself. It was a pleasure to him to visit the belfry on practice night, and he hoped some day he would be a ringer. Although the attendance of the ringers was not all that could be desired, he trusted the President's words would be an incentive to them to "stick in."

The President mentioned the fact that the two new trebles for Newcastle Cathedral were about to be cast at Messrs. Taylor's foundry, at Loughborough, and were to be dedicated on Easter Day. The bells would be available to all who cared to have a pull on twelve on Easter Monday, and he specially invited as many as possible to turn up and make the meeting a success.—Mr. and Mrs. Symm returned thanks on behalf of ringers and lady helpers respectively.—After new members had been enrolled, touches were rung on the handbells. Tower bell ringing was afterwards again indulged in.

ROYSTON.—At the Parish Church, 720 London Surprise: W. B. Manning 1, W. L. Darlow 2, E. Bonnett 3, R. Wilkerson 4, S. E. Roberts 5, R. G. King (conductor) 6.

ROUND THE FESTIVE BOARD.

ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE, NORWICH.

The annual complimentary dinner to the ringers and members of the choir of St. John de Sepulchre's Church, Norwich, took place at the Criterion Cafe. Several gentlemen of the congregation and friends from St. Peter Mancroft, were also present. Between 40 and 50 sat down to an excellent dinner, the Vicar (the Rev. G. N. Herbert, M.A.) presiding, supported by both churchwardens, Mr. W. B. Greenfield, J.P., and Mr. F. P. Pear; Mr. Geo. Smith, Mr. Chas. E. Borrett (secretary of the Diocesan Association of Ringers), Mr. G. Tyrrell (choir-master), Mr. F. E. Franklin (organist), Mr. Geo. Mayers (ringing master), Mr. S. Robertson, Mr. W. W. Goodbourn (deputy ringing master), Mr. Cogman, and others.—The toast of "The King" was proposed by the Rev. G. N. Herbert, M.A., after which Mr. F. P. Pear gave "The Vicar," Mr. Herbert responding.—"The Ringers, Choir and Officials" was proposed by Mr. Geo. Smith, and responded to by Mr. Platten, while Mr. Wellington gave "The Visitors," to which Mr. Sedley Robertson made a reply. A capital musical programme was contributed by Mr. F. Carrington, Mr. G. Tyrrell, Mr. C. Brundell, Mr. W. W. Goodbourn, Mr. H. Chamberlin, Mr. E. W. Cogman, Mr. Harry Carver, and Mr. Mobbs. The accompanist was Mr. F. R. Franklin.—A vote of thanks was accorded the Chairman, on the proposition of Mr. Chas. Borrett, seconded by Mr. W. Tyrrell, and this ended a most enjoyable evening.

SCUNTHORPE AWARDS.

The annual supper of the Scunthorpe band was partaken of at the Crosby Hotel last week. In the regrettable absence of the Vicar, Mr. Clugston, the Vicar's warden, presided, and Mr. W. Robinson, the people's warden, officiated as vice-chairman. Both spoke in eulogistic terms of the voluntary services of the ringers.—After the loyal toast, Mr. Dickinson proposed "The Vicar and Churchwardens," both wardens making reply.—Mr. Miller gave the toast of the honorary members, which was responded to by Mr. Cheeseman; and the toast of the ringers, submitted by Mr. Robinson, was responded to by Mr. Bird.—Mr. T. H. Parkin (a gold tie pin), Mr. Vamplew and Mr. Hocknell (a silver match box each) were the recipients of these awards, given by Mr. Jackson, the Rev. T. Boughton and Mr. Robinson respectively, for best attendance, and each expressed thanks.—Songs were sung by Messrs. Miller, Parkin and Wiles, Mr. Ruberg acting as accompanist; and after Mr. Strickland had tapped off changes upon handbells, games were indulged in until the time for dispersal. The presence of several ladies greatly enhanced the enjoyment of the evening.—Hearty thanks were accorded the chairman and Mr. Beck, the host.

WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

The annual supper, in connection with the Worcester Cathedral Guild, took place at the Hop Market Hotel, Worcester, on Friday last, about 25 members and friends sitting down, including ringers from Upton Snodsbury, Madresfield and Hallow.—The churchwarden (the Rev. F. L. Whitley), who presided, announced that apologies for absence had been received from the following: The Rev. Tupper, the Rev. Canon Wilson, the Dean, the Rev. Dr. Moore Ede, the Rev. J. E. Macrae, Mr. J. R. Newman, and Mr. A. Hill. After the company had shown that they could ring the changes on other good things besides bells, a musical programme was carried out. Courses of Grandsire Caters and Triples were rung on handbells, Messrs. W. C. Jones, W. H. Johnson, R. G. Knowles, G. Hinton and J. Morris taking part. Songs were rendered by the Rev. F. L. Whitley, G. Ritchings, J. Perry, T. Brown, W. H. Johnson and J. Clements; Mr. J. Morris and Mr. R. G. Knowles recited, and tunes were rung on the bells by Messrs. W. H. Johnson and G. Hinton. Mr. H. Johnson was the accompanist, and contributed two piano solos.

GOOLE PARISH CHURCH GUILD.

The Goole Parish Church bell ringers were entertained to dinner at the Sydney Hotel by the Vicar and churchwardens, a company of seventeen sitting down to an excellent repast, provided by Host Heptonstall. In the after-dinner speeches allusion was made by most of the speakers to the excellent relationship which existed betwixt the church and the belfry.—The Vicar, in a short but pointed address, said he was of the opinion that the day had gone by when the belfry was apart from the church.

A short business meeting followed, the officers being elected for the year. The remainder of the evening was given over to a musical programme. Tunes and changes were rendered on the handbells in excellent style, and other enjoyable items included solos on the violin and banjo, intermingled with songs by the vocalist section. Eleven o'clock brought to a close a most enjoyable evening.

HEAVIEST PEAL OF SIX IN LINCOLNSHIRE.

To the Editor.

Sir.—In answer to the query in the "Ringing World," I should say that Epworth is the heaviest peal of six in Lincolnshire. They were cast by Harrison, of Barton-on-Humber, in 1813. Like all Harrison's bells they are very thin, and are cast without canons. The tenor measures 54 inches in diameter, and had she been in the key of D, would have weighed 28 cwt.; but as her note is C, I should say one might put her at about 25 cwt. Anyhow she is somewhat heavier than the tenor at Brant Broughton.—Yours, etc.,

Salisbury.

J. R. JERNAM.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 20th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor: *G. Robins 1, J. Brett 2, *P. Barrow 3, G. Dann 4, *E. Jarvis 5, W. Booth (conductor) 6. * First quarter-peal.

CAKPHILLY, GLAM.—On December 9th, at St. Martin's Church, on the occasion of a visit of the instructor from Newport, Mon., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: *E. Phillips 1, W. Dare 2, D. Grimes 3, W. Kathro 4, *H. Broughton 5, A. Morris 6, G. Cooke (conductor) 7, J. W. Jones 8. * First quarter-peal.

BARKING, ESSEX.—A quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: H. Welby (first quarter-peal) 1, C. T. Coles 2, W. Beard 3, G. Cottis 4, G. W. Faulkner (conductor) 5, H. E. Parker 6, C. Fenn 7, G. W. Jackson 8.—On Sunday, Dec. 14th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: H. Wagstaff (first quarter-peal) 1, C. Fenn 2, G. W. Faulkner 3, G. Cottis (conductor) 4, G. W. Jackson 5, A. C. Hardy 6, R. Fenn 7, B. Agar (first quarter-peal) 8.—On Sunday, Dec. 21st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in three courses, in 47 mins.: G. W. Jackson 1, C. Fenn (conductor) 2, G. Cottis 3, H. E. Parker 4, G. W. Faulkner 5, R. Fenn 6, E. G. Fenn 7, A. C. Hardy 8.

SOUTHOVER, LEWIS.—On Dec. 28th, for children's toy service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: G. Richardson 1, R. Hide (first on an inside bell) 2, E. J. Pannett 3, G. Sturt 4, R. J. Dawe 5, A. J. Turner 6, J. S. Goldsmith (conductor) 7, D. Turner 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: P. C. Hide 1, P. S. Sturt 2, E. J. Pannett 3, G. H. Sturt 4, R. W. Hooner 5, R. J. Dawe 6, A. J. Turner (conductor) 7, D. Turner 8.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, Dec. 21st, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 43 mins.: H. Pates 1, J. C. Mitchell 2, J. Lee 3, I. Attwater 4, W. C. Lee 5, B. Morris 6, T. King 7, L. Attwater (conductor) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 5th.

HARBORNE, STAFFS.—At the Parish Church, on Dec. 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins.: A. T. Hyland (conductor) 1, H. Grosvenor 2, A. Beacham 3, W. H. Keys 4, H. Pratt 5, G. Hitchman 6, W. J. Cartwright 7, A. Hayward 8.

DEVIZES.—At St. James', Southbroom, on Saturday, Dec. 20th, being the Eve of St. Thomas' Day, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Doubles, in 44 mins.: H. Brownlee West 1, A. Merrett 2, S. Hillier (conductor) 3, C. Raddon 4, A. Little 5, T. Raddon 6.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On Saturday, Dec. 20th, at St. Peter's Church, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: C. Hubbard 1, J. Morris 2, A. Ballard 3, A. J. Ballard 4, H. Broughton 5, E. Morris (conductor) 6, F. Stanforth 7, H. Reeves 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Master Geo. Stedman Morris, son of J. Morris, and brother of the conductor.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.—At All Saints' Church, early on Christmas morning, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: A. E. Morgan 1, H. Morgan 2, J. Bullen 3, T. Max 4, J. W. Jones 5, F. Morgan 6, A. V. Morgan (conductor) 7, S. T. Baiss 8.

MARDEN, KENT.—At St. Michael's and All Angels' Church, 120 changes of Grandsire Doubles: G. Hadaway 1, D. Hodgkin 2, F. Hodgkin 3, A. Slingsby 4, C. Sone 5, Mrs. Gatehouse 6, P. Hodgkin 7, W. Bottle 8. Also 720 of Grandsire Minor, 6-8 covering: F. Hodgkin 1, D. Hodgkin 2, P. Hodgkin 3, A. Slingsby 4, G. Hadaway 5, W. Bottle 6, C. Sone 7, C. Moon 8; and 120 Grandsire Doubles: C. Sone 1, D. Hodgkin 2, G. Hadaway 3, A. Slingsby 4, P. Hodgkin 5, Mrs. Gatehouse 6, W. Bottle 7, D. Price 8. G. Hadaway and C. Sone are from Linton; Mrs. Gatehouse (the wife of the Vicar of Headcorn), A. Slingsby, W. Bottle and P. Hodgkin are from Headcorn; and the rest belong to Marden.

TEWKESBURY.—At the Abbey, on Sunday evening, Nov. 2nd, 210 Grandsire Triples: Fred Smith 1, H. Witherington 2, F. S. Wilson 3, Frank Smith 4, C. Dysen 5, T. Devereux 6, Jos. Walben (conductor) 7, W. Hampton 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Dec. 4th, for a wedding, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: A. Bygrave 1, A. James, senr., 2, A. James, junr. (first quarter with a bob bell) 3, G. Durling 4, I. Emery 5, J. Liddiard (first away from tenor) 6, G. Huxley (conductor) 7, A. E. Newick 8.—On Dec. 7th, for a Confirmation service, by the Bishop of Rochester, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: A. James, senr., 1, G. Durling 2, E. G. Filtness 3, F. H. Herbert (first quarter of Stedman) 4, A. E. Newick 5, G. Huxley 6, I. Emery (conductor) 7, A. Bygrave 8.

EARE SOHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 14th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob: B. C. Ellis 1, H. W. Crickmer (aged 11), first 720, 2, B. R. Buckle 3, W. G. Crickmer (conductor) 4, W. Burgess 5, G. Balls 6.

SUTTON COURTNEY, BERKS.—On Dec. 11th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Holifield 1, Miss K. Holifield 2, J. Allen 3, G. Holifield, junr., 4, A. E. Lock (conductor) 5, F. Hanks 6.

ABINGDON.—On Dec. 14th, for morning service at St. Nicholas' Church, 720 Bob Minor: E. Langford 1, W. H. J. Holifield 2, Miss K. Holifield 3, A. Fordrey 4, H. Holifield (conductor) 5, F. Barret 6.

EAST HENDRED, BERKS.—On Sunday evening, Dec. 14th, 360 Bob Minor: Miss K. Holifield 1, H. Holifield 2, J. Allen 3, H. Cooper 4, A. E. Lock (conductor) 5, G. Holifield, junr., 6.

NOTICES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on March 17th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 12th and 26th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 31st; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 17th; Southwark Cathedral on the 24th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 7th. Tower open at 3.30. Service in Church at 5 o'clock, to be conducted by the President, the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar of Dudley. Business meeting afterwards. All subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Secretary, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above branch will be held at the Church of St. James, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, March 7th, 1914. By kind permission of the Vicar, the peal of eight bells will be available at noon. Meeting at 4 o'clock. Tea kindly provided by the local ringers after the meeting.—W. Robinson, Branch Secretary, Thorn Fold, Smithy Brow, Ambleside.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Feltham, on Saturday, March 7th. Ringing from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at a small charge at 6 o'clock.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, March 7th. Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence, 8 bells, tenor 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt., available 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at The Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available at 5 p.m.; meeting 6.30 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, March 14th, 1914. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, on Saturday, March 14th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—(Canterbury District).—The next meeting will be held at Birchington, on Saturday, March 14th, 1914. The bells of both the Parish Church and Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, will be available from 3 p.m. Divine Service in the Parish Church

at 5.30 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting in the Institute Hall. Will all those who intend being present kindly let me know by Tuesday, March 10th. Subscriptions are now due and may be paid at this meeting.—E. Trendell, Hon. District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 14th, at the Parish Church, SS. Peter and Paul, Swanscombe. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. Half railway fares allowed. Subscriptions are now due.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas (Liverpool) on Saturday, March 14th. Bells ready at 4.—Walter Hughes, Branch Secretary.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The annual meeting of the above society will be held at the Parish Church, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 14th, 1914. Bells available 3 to 7.30 p.m.—J. Evinson, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Hunslet on Saturday, March 14th. Peal attempt at 3 p.m. The business meeting will be held in the Parish Room at 7 p.m.—F. Hopwood, 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke, Secretary.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Run-corn on Saturday, the 14th inst. Bells at 3 p.m., tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea 9d. each.—John E. Ashcroft, Honorary Secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 21st, at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., business meeting to follow. All ringers and friends invited.—F. A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Rettendon on Saturday, March 21st. Short service and address at 5 o'clock by the Rector, the Rev. G. Evans-Gwynne. Tea will be served at 5.45, at the kind invitation of the Rector. Meeting to follow. Will all members who intend being present kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, 18th. Will correspondents of towers in the district kindly notify me of any alterations they may have for annual report now about to be revised.—Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch will be held at Swanbourne. Service at 3 p.m.—Thos. Best, Secretary, Bletchley.

PEAL BOOKS.—Price 3s. 6d., post free, 300 pages. The first peal written in (with weather-proof ink) free of charge, if particulars of same are enclosed with order.—J. Beams, Fir Tree Road, Banstead, Epsom, Surrey.

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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DEATH OF MR. H. WALTER.

We regret to record the death of Mr. H. Walter, of Shepperton, who died on Monday at his residence.

Prior to the receipt of this sad news we received the following letter: Sir,—You recently inserted in your paper an appeal for Mr. H. Walter, of Shepperton, who is very ill, and he has asked me to acknowledge the following sums which have been sent or handed to him, and for which he desires to return sincere thanks: Sunbury-on-Thames ringers, £1 10s.; Kingston ringers, 5s.; Heston ringers, 5s.; Isleworth ringers, 6s. 6d.; Staines ringers, 13s. 6d.; Chertsey ringers, 3s. 6d.; Mr. J. H. B. Hesse, 5s.; Mr. T. Fitzjohn, 2s.; Mr. G. Woodiss, 2s. 6d.; Mr. F. G. Woodiss, 1s.; Mr. S. Carter, 2s. 6d.; Mr. H. Stevens, 2s.; Yorktown District (Winchester Guild), 13s.—Yours faithfully, W. SHEPHERD.

BELLS DEDICATED at WATFORD, NORTHANTS

The re-dedication of bells at Watford, Northants, which have been rehung by Messrs. Day and Co., took place on Tuesday of last week, the ceremony being performed by Bishop Clayton. After the service, a band of ringers from Lilbourne (Messrs. J. Lawnian, R. J. Lawman, A. Price, W. T. R. Egan, J. Blipwell and W. Lawrence), who had been specially invited by the Vicar (the Rev. Sanders) rang ten courses of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, and were subsequently entertained by the Vicar, along with the local men and Mr. Day to a splendid tea provided in the Scout Hall in the Vicarage grounds.—The Vicar, in a short address, thanked the Lilbourne ringers for their service.—Mr. Day thanked the Vicar for his kindness, his remarks being supported by Mr. Price, on behalf of the Lilbourne band. After tea a return was made to the belfry, and several further six-scores were again rung in the same methods. The "go" of the bells is everything that can be desired, and a fine opportunity is now in the hands of the local ringers to become masters of the art.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH RECORD.

A record number of 40 new members was elected at the quarterly meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild held for the first time at Bicker. These new additions to the strength of the Guild included the Rev. E. P. Gough and Mr. E. Cooley (hon. members) and ringers from the following parishes: Surfleet (15), Fulney (9), Gosberton (4), Deeping St. Nicholas (3), Bicker (1), Donnington (1), Pinchbeck (1) and Fleet (4). The meeting was a successful one, a company of 25 sitting down to dinner at the "White Swan." The accounts presented by the treasurer (Mr. R. Mackman) at the subsequent business meeting were considered very satisfactory, and a sum of £2 2s. was voted to the fund for providing an additional bell for Gedney Church. After the meeting, service was held in the fine old Norman Church, at which the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Clark) gave an address. The collection was devoted to improvements in the Bicker belfry. Subsequently the Vicar and Mrs. Clark entertained the visitors to tea at the Vicarage.

GREAT WALTHAM.—On Jan. 17th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 52 mins.: G. Usher 1, J. Tarbun 2, W. Rowland 3, W. Wellington 4, A. Tarbun, junr., 5, G. W. Piper (conductor) 6, C. W. Davis 7, G. Day 8. The first quarter-peal on the bells in the method.

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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.

PEALS OF MINOR.

The question which has arisen with regard to the legitimacy of a peal of Minor which was originally attempted as a 5040, but which, in the course of the ringing, it was decided to extend to a greater length and came to grief during the extended portion, raises an interesting point, which, so far as we can see, has never been definitely settled by rule, although it may be judged to have been decided by practice. After the inquiry by "Anxious" a fortnight ago we rather anticipated that one of the "authorities" would have voiced the official feeling in the matter, even if there was no regulation which could be pointed to. That, among the rank and file, a diversity of opinion exists is evident from the correspondence which has since come to hand, but we think, perhaps, the opinion of the majority will be with the view expressed last week by Mr. Ridyard. To our mind, at any rate, the peal was "lost," as a breakdown occurred before the final rounds were reached. We quite appreciate the fact, however, that there are many arguments to be used in the opposite direction, and "Minor," in this issue, raises some of them.

The Central Council, the final court of appeal in these matters, does not appear to have given its dictum on this specific point so far as we can gather from its "Rules and Decisions," unless that which provides that "on all numbers of bells a true peal shall in all cases start from and end with rounds," can be taken to govern the case. In Minor, however, rounds occurs every 720 changes, and if seven extents are truly rung and brought into rounds can they count as a peal despite what may happen afterwards? In support of his argument "Minor" urges that in a long peal attempt on a higher number of bells, the length, if curtailed to anything over 5000, can be termed a peal, but we do not think this is quite an analogous case. When a reduced length is rung on eight or more bells rounds is brought up as the last row before stopping, but in the case of the peal of Minor under discussion the bells stopped without coming into rounds. As to the other point suggested by our correspondent this week that something might be done to place a value upon a long peal attempt, if it came to grief after 5000 changes, it will not, we think, appeal to ringers generally. We should like, however, to see the question as to the peal of Minor authoritatively settled by the Central Council so that ringers may know whether or not the first seven or more complete 720's may count as a peal even if the whole length intended is not successfully accomplished.

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OFFICIALS AT DINNER.

On Saturday last, a meeting of the committee of the Yorkshire Association was held at the Albion Hotel, Briggate, Leeds, for the purpose of arranging the dates, places, and procedure for the first meetings of the four districts under the newly-formed scheme. This is the last committee meeting to be held under the original constitution of the Association, and at the conclusion of the business all sat down to an excellent dinner catered for by Host Brown. Every official was present with the exception of Mr. T. B. Kendall and Mr. C. Jackson, who could not possibly attend, illness unfortunately keeping the latter away.

After all had dined wisely and well, the remainder of the evening was devoted to sociability and harmony. The toasts of "The King," "Church and State," "The Yorkshire Association," the "Memory of Jasper Snowden, the first President," were all duly honoured. Mr. Hattersley, in his own characteristic way, gave some interesting reminiscences of bygone days; and urged bob callers to strive to become conductors in the true sense of the word, by more application to the theories of the science.

Interesting recollections by nearly all present were given; friendly discussions on striking, open versus closed leads on six bells, and other matters, took place. Handbell ringing, from Minor to Stedman Caters, was well performed, and a touch of Stedman Triples was tapped on the piano.

The final toast of "The Chairman" was enthusiastically received by the singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow," and the Rev. C. C. Marshall's appreciative reply brought to a close a most happy gathering, the final one to be held, under present conditions, of those who had worked together for so long and so well in a spirit of goodwill for the welfare of the Yorkshire Association.

TEN BELL PEALS.CROYDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, February 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;**

Tenor 30½ cwt.

*GEORGE BURT Treble	DAVID WRIGHT... .. 6
CHARLES DEAN 2	WILLIAM GROVES 7
FREDERICK LARBEY 3	HENRY L. GARFATH 8
WALTER ROWE 4	†CHARLES H. KITCHING 9
*HARRY LOVER 5	*JOHN CALCOIT Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by DAVID WRIGHT.

* First attempt for a ten bell peal. † First ten bell peal with a bob bell. Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of Miss Nina Wright, youngest daughter of the conductor.

APPLETON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Wednesday, March 4, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Parish Church,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANCES;**

ALBERT E. LOCK... .. Treble	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN 6
GEORGE H. PHILLOTT 2	AMBROSE W. OSBORNE 7
HARRY HOLIFIELD 3	RICHARD WHITE 8
FRANK W. HOPGOOD 4	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Senr. 9
ALBERT E. REEVES 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and
Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Senr.WEST HAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*On Thursday, March 5, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5081 CHANCES;**

Tenor 28 cwt.

WILLIAM H. DORAN Treble	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 6
ARTHUR J. NEALE 2	WILLIAM W. MILLER 7
WILLIAM TRUSS 3	JOHN MOULE 8
RUEBEN SANDERS 4	HENRY TORBLE 9
JAMES SCHOLES 5	GEORGE POTTER Tenor

Composed by J. P. BRADLEY, and
Conducted by W. H. DORAN.

This composition is now rung for the first time. It was the conductor's first attempt for a peal of Stedman, and he was afterwards congratulated by the band. He will be 69 years of age in May.

WOLVERHAMPTON.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.*On Saturday, March 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS, 5093 CHANCES**

Tenor 33 cwt.

ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT ... Treble	JOSEPH PIGOTT 6
JOHN BASS 2	HORACE HOWELL 7
WILLIAM FISHER 3	ALBERT LITTLE 8
WILLIAM SHORT 4	HERBERT KNIGHT 9
GEORGE HUGHES 5	CHARLES R. LILLEY... .. Tenor

80882 Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.
This is the first peal of Caters in the method by all the band and by the above Society, and also the first on the bells and in the county.BRISTOL.
THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.*On Saturday, March 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANCES;**

Tenor 28 cwt.

*RICHARD CHAMMINGS... Treble	ERNEST G. SEVIOUR 6
HENRY PORCH 2	ALFRED PEARCE 7
HENRY J. WAY 3	WILLIAM H. SHORT... .. 8
CHARLES J. WALTON 4	GEORGE TREW 9
ARTHUR W. SEVIOUR... .. 5	FRANCIS T. JEWELL... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by HENRY PORCH.

This peal was arranged for Mr. George Trew, of H.M.S. Argyll, whose first peal it was.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.*On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,***A PEAL OF GUILDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES**

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

ERNEST S. BAILEY Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY 5
ALLEN F. BAILEY 2	JAMES M. BAILEY 6
GEORGE WILSON... .. 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY 7
FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 4	EDGAR H. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
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First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band; the first for the above Association, and rung at the first attempt. C. F. Bailey's 150th peal as conductor.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION*On Saturday, February 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,***A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... Treble	THOMAS G. REED 5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 2	PETER LAFLIN 6
ARTHUR SYMONDS 3	THOMAS W. GARRARD 7
ARTHUR KEEBLE 4	JOHN KING... .. Tenor

Composed by H. HALEY, and
Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.LENTON, NOTTINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, February 28, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 8½ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY Treble	*ARTHUR BRAINES 5
CHARLES E. HART 2	ALBERT H. WARD 6
JOHN C. DICKEN 3	WALTER WALLACE 7
NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON... 4	PERCY PRICE Tenor

Composed by W. WILLSON, and
Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.*On Tuesday, March 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Tower,***A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JAMES HUTCHBY... .. Treble	ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT 5
*ERNEST W. LESLIE 2	*RICHARD F. LANE 6
†WILLIAM SMITH... .. 3	*HORACE F. STUBBS... .. 7
*JOHN OLDHAM 4	EDWARD READER Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by E. READER.

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

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Wednesday, March 4, 1914, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. John, Waterloo Road, S.E.,***A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST E. GRIMES Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE... .. 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2	RICHARD N. RUNHAM 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES 3	FRANK I. HAIRS 7
REUBEN SANDERS 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

This is R. Sanders' 100th Surprise peal.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 4, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5049 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*ALFRED E. OXLEY Treble	JOHN T. WATERS 5
FRANK S. HODGSON 2	WILLIAM A. BRECKON 6
WILLIAM HARLAND 3	ALBERT COATES 7
WILLIAM R. KNAGGS 4	MATTHEW STAPLEY Tenor

Conducted by F. S. HODGSON.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as a conductor.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 5, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HALEY'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON Treble	*PERCY E. BEN 5
GEORGE POVEY 2	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 6
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SENT. 7
REGINALD BROUGH 4	ALFRED BROCKMAN Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SENT.

* First peal of Stedman.

GREAT TEY.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6048 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt., in G.

PERCY LANGSTON Treble	JOHN SADLER 5
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOOTHAM 2	ERNEST NEWMAN 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3	ERNEST W. BECKWITH 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

ERITH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
*REGINALD BROUGH 2	EDWIN BARNETT, SENT. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	CORNELIUS CHARGE 7
†CHARLES T. COLES 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

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

LONG EATON.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD Treble	*REV. R. P. FARROW 5
ALLEN R. HICKTON 2	PERCIVAL PRICE 6
ARTHUR BRAINES 3	JOSEPH BAILEY 7
JOHN C. DICKENS 4	NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH BAILEY.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Hickton, Dickens and N. H. Widdowson; also to Mrs. Hutchinson, wife of one of the local ringers.

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt., in G.

*RUPERT J. GOATE Treble	GEORGE B. BAXTER 5
WILLIAM S. CLARK 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 6
CLAYTON PARNELL 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD 7
JOHN SPENCER 4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON Tenor

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER, and
Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since being put into good ringing order by Messrs. F. Day and Sons, of Eye. Rung to celebrate the ordination of T. B. Cooney, son of the Rector of the above church, which took place at Peterborough Cathedral on Sunday, March 8th.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CENTRAL DIVISION.)

On Saturday, March 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED J. PIERPOINT ... Treble	RICHARD STREDWICK ... 5
JOHN THOMAS 2	ARTHUR CAUSLEY 6
ALBERT D. STONE 3	WILLIAM C. HART 7
HENRY R. BUTCHER 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

This was the quarterly peal of the division, and the band wish to thank the Rector for his kindness in providing tea for them at the rectory.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HORACE TOLETT Treble	GEORGE I. NORRIS 5
JOHN PAICE 2	HARRY MEETEN 6
WILLIAM HILLMAN 3	ALFRED W. GROVES 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	EDMUND H. LINDUP Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, HOLLOWAY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*JOSEPH BARRY Treble	ARTHUR JONES 5
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES 2	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 6
ARTHUR D. BARKER 3	*ALBERT TURNER 7
JOHN W. CORNFORD 4	HARRY FLANDERS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

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

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT CHRIST CHURCH (CITY),

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble	ALBERT STOWELL 5
FRED G. MAY 2	FREDERICK W. WADE 6
WILLIAM WHITE 3	*JOSEPH E. SYKES 7
*JOHN W. JONES 4	GILBERT WILTSHIRE Tenor

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

* Visitors from South Wales. Stedman Caters was arranged, but, owing to an accident, one of the intended visitors could not take part.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. John, Deptford,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs., in F.

*WILLIAM H. DAYNES ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... 5
GEORGE H. DAYNES ... 2	FREDK. W. RICHARDSON ... 6
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON ... 3	ERNEST B. CROWDER ... 7
*THOMAS A. EASTERBY ... 4	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... Tenor

Composed by ISAAC GEO. SHADE, and

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

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

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE S. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, March 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt., in F.

EDWARD EVANS ... Treble	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 5
WILLIAM MOTTS ... 2	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 6
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON ... 3	JAMES MOTTS ... 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 4	CHARLES A. WARD ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Arranged and rung to commemorate the 86th birthday of Mrs. Harriet Motts, mother of the ringers of the 2nd and 7th.

WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1914, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Benedict,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS O'CONNOR ... Treble	BENJAMIN CLARK ... 5
HERBERT JONES ... 2	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY ... 6
ROBERT PICKERING ... 3	BENJAMIN DALTON ... 7
FREDERICK DARRALL ... 4	*GEORGE HARRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT PICKERING.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, it being his 100th peal.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 9, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
At Christ Church, Cubitt Town, E.,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... Treble	ISAAC G. SHADE ... 5
GEORGE H. DAYNES ... 2	ARTHUR J. NEALE ... 6
*HAROLD W. CLARK ... 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7
REGINALD BROUGH ... 4	REUBEN SANDERS ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

* First peal of Treble Bob. It is also the first in the method on the bells. The peal was arranged for H. W. Clark, it being his 21st birthday. The bells were, however, rung half-muffled owing to the death of the wife of the previous vicar, and the mother of the present vicar.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of Grandsire, Antelope, Bob Doubles, and St. Dunstan's.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

*WILLIAM DILLOW ... Treble	WILLIAM CARTER ... 3
JOHN ALDERMAN ... 2	REUBEN LINNEY ... 4
DENNIS CARTER ... Tenor	

Conducted by D. CARTER.

* First peal. This was the first peal on the bells which have recently been rehung by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich. The "go" and tone of this musical ring is excellent. After the peal the Rev. Mandell and Mr. H. Grant Thorold came to the belfry and congratulated the ringers on their excellent striking.

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 26, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores with ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER ... Treble	CHARLES H. SPARKES ... 4
ALBERT E. HURCUMB ... 2	HENRY J. TAYLOR ... 5
HENRY SYMONDS ... 3	RICHARD POWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by H. J. TAYLOR.

First peal on the bells.

CHENIES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, March 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720's each of Plain Bob and Oxford Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt., in A flat.

WILLIAM HORNE ... Treble	GEORGE H. GOTTERIDGE ... 4
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 2	RICHARD BOCKLAND ... 5
JOSEPH J. PARKER ... 3	JAMES BLACKMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH J. PARKER.

The first peal on the bells, recently rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The band tender their thanks to the Rev. R. Shand for his hearty welcome at the church, and providing supper at the conclusion of the peal; also to Mr. Howell, tower-keeper, for having everything in readiness. Thirty years have elapsed since the conductor called the first 720 on these bells.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Carlisle, Canterbury, London, York, Chester, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRED BLOOD ... Treble	*EDMUND J. HOBBS ... 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 2	*HARRY TYSOE ... 5
*HORACE SMITH ... 3	*JOHN W. BARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

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

SAMPFORD BRETT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 14 Six-Scores each of London, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lbs.

*HERBERT GROVES ... Treble	FRANK CALLOWAY ... 3
*WILLIAM CALLOWAY ... 2	†ARTHUR CAVILL ... 4
WILLIAM BENNETT ... Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM BENNETT.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods.

BARRINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt., in G.

*FRANK E. KEMPTON ... Treble	SAMUEL E. ROBERTS ... 4
*T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 2	ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 5
ROBERT WILKERSON ... 3	ROBERT G. KING ... Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM WILKERSON.

* First peal in seven Minor methods. First Association Minor peal on the bells. First peal in seven methods on the bells. Messrs. Dennis, Kempton and A. Wilkerson are members of the Cambridge Youths, the rest belong to the Royston Society, Herts.

WORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 8, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, Woodbine, College Exercise, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

*ALBERT C. V. GASSON ... Treble	GEORGE ELLIS 4
JOHN AKEHURST 2	ALBERT HARMAN 5
†ARTHUR KNAPP 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal away from the treble in seven methods.

BUSHBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sunday, March 8, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Ten different callings.

ERNEST WOOD Treble	WILLIAM SHORT 4
*THOMAS O'CONNOR 2	JOHN BRADNEY 5
GEORGE HARRIS 3	*GEORGE PICKEN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal by treble man, who rang his first 120 previous to starting for the peal. He is a member of the local band, and he and G. Picken were proposed members of the society. This is believed to be the first peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 4, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
At the Residence of A. H. POLLING.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Size 18, in G.

ALFRED H. POLLING ... 1-2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 5-6
MAURICE SMITHER ... 3-4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Umpire THOMAS W. RADFORD.

Witnesses: MRS. POLLING and MISS HOOD.

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to C. H. Dobbie and G. Gunner, both respected members of the Holy Trinity Society.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 5, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
At the Residence of Mr. F. J. HOWCHIN,
13, BELVOIR STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

ALBERT ROUGHT 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS 5-6
ALBERT G. WARNES ... 3-4	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

First peal on handbells by ringer of 7-8, and first attempt.

R. PICKERING'S 100 PEALS.

* Grandsire Triples, rung 26 (conducted 15); † Caters, 14 (4); Stedman Triples, 29; Caters, 7; Cinques, 1; Oxford Bob Triples, 1; Bob Minor, 1; Triples, 1 (1); Major, 12 (3); Royal, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 1; Royal, 1; Maximus, 1; Double Oxford Bob Royal, 1; Double Norwich Major, 2; Forward Major, 1; total, 100 (conducted 23). * Includes Holt's Original, unperformed. † Includes 7019 and 11,563.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Feb. 8th, at St. Andrew's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 52 mins.: F. Lewis (first quarter of caters) 1, W. Ford 2, A. Mitchellmore 3, G. Parr, junr., 4, G. H. Myers (conductor) 5, J. Woodley 6, W. Hamlyn 7, W. T. Linnell (first quarter of Caters away from tenor) 8, W. Shears 9, G. Parr, senr., 10.

PERFORMANCE OF A MINOR PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to "Anxious" and my old friend, Mr. J. Ridyard, I regret that as a unit of the ringing fraternity, I cannot agree with the latter's opinion. I am impressed, as the peal was rung and reached the orthodox limits of 5040 for Minor, the peal is qualified and should be recorded with the usual footnote. I base my opinion, and probably many will agree, upon the following: (1) The mechanical position (if I may temporarily employ such a term) of the bells has accomplished what the human element has failed at—apart, for the moment, from the intentions at the outset: (2) seven true methods of Minor have presumably run true and been accomplished. The bells themselves have decided the fact, and if you call in the mathematician in the case he would decide in the affirmative without hesitation. There is a moral law, or rule in the ringing world, that is inscribed in the minds of the community that 5,000 changes must be accomplished before it constitutes a peal, irrespective of what is in the minds of the task-doers in the beginning.

Now a word on the higher number of bells. We often read, where a band has failed to accomplish a record, "rounds" have not entered in the case. In this case I submit the attempt has failed in its entirety. On the other hand, it is sometimes recorded that after a certain number of changes have been rung over the orthodox 5,000, the attempt or peal was brought round at 7,000 or 9,000 odd changes. This we find is recorded as a legitimate peal. Now, sir, I ask which of the two items represents the cleanest performance? Emphatically the first argument is foremost. More often than not, I may venture to assert that 3,000 or so changes over the limit of 5,000 represents two peals in points. If that is so, where does the band stand relatively who have performed a complete peal of 5,040 of Minor, irrespective of what was contemplated at the outset? The 5,040 has been an assured thing on the one hand, but what has the other band accomplished, presuming a failure at, say, 9,000? Here is a point that should be raised by someone more qualified in regard to building up a law to provide redress for those ringers who have gone so far and got no honour whatever. Could not a rule be made, say, on the lines of a Minor peal that bells should be in "rounds" at a half-pull at the end of a complete peal? It would then be for the conductor to say, "Are you prepared, shall we go on?" By this there would be a fair accompli and some minor distinction to be proud of.

I recognise that the half-pull in "rounds" at the end of the 5,000 changes in Major and the higher number of bells cannot be very well introduced on the occasion of an attempt for a record, but I would suggest that, in the event of surpassing the orthodox or legitimate number of changes constituting a peal, some point should be noted, say, in a homing course in any subsequent number of changes by which some records could be established for those who are participating in it in the event of subsequently coming to grief.

Nottingham.

MINOR.

WHAT NEXT?

Sir,—I think your correspondent "Anxious" need not hesitate to claim his peal of Minor, seeing that a peal (?) has been published in "The Ringing World," in which one of the ringers taking part sat down for one or two intervals of rest. But what did that matter so long as the others jogged merrily on for the allotted time? This "performance" will no doubt be duly recorded in the report of the Association concerned, and receive its quota of points for peals.

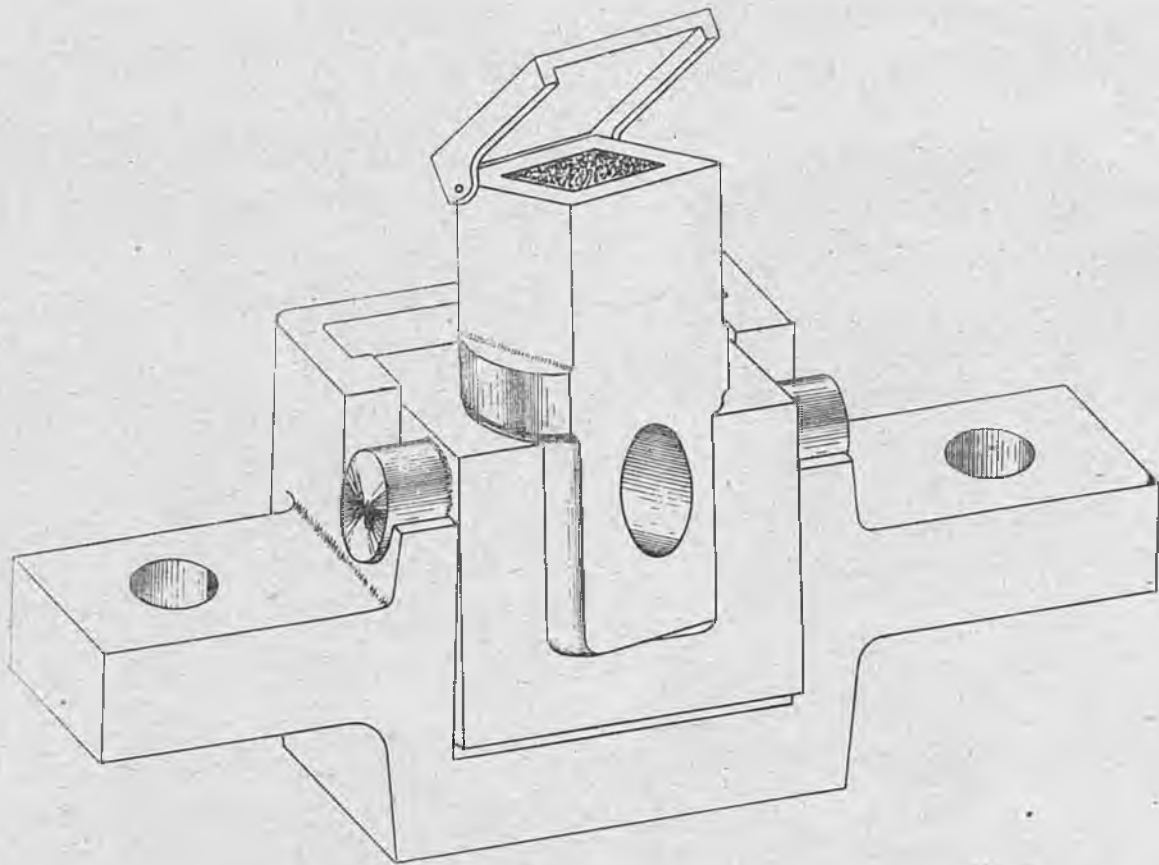
"CYKO."

["Cyko" vouches to us, in a private letter, the absolute truth of this statement, and we think in fairness he should take the matter to his Association unless those concerned in the incident withdraw the peal.—Ed.]

TOWCESTER ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Towcester and District Association was held at Milton on Saturday. Various touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung during the afternoon and evening. The bells are a peal of five, and, although in a ringable condition, would be greatly improved, if they were quarter turned and hung in a new frame, but as there are other important matters needing attention in the parish these improvements will have to come on at a later date.

Tea was served in the Parish Room, and was kindly given by the Rector (the Rev. A. C. Neely), about 30 members and friends being present from Easton Neston, Towcester, Northampton, Greens Norton, Cold Higham, Moulton, Flore, Gayton, and the local ringers.—A short business meeting was held, presided over by the Rector.—Mr. W. Farey and Mr. W. Allen (All Saints', Northampton), were elected members.—Heartly thanks were accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, for his kindness in providing tea, and to all those who had assisted in making the meeting such a success.—The Rector, in reply, said he should at all times do all he could to help forward the work of this Association.



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By J. R. JERRAM.

With regard to the bells of the old church of St. Martin, which was pulled down in 1721, we find many entries in the churchwardens' accounts between 1525 and 1603. Before the Reformation we find mention made of the "Great bell," the "Middle bell," the "Fore-bell," the "Little bell," the "Sanctus bell," the "Mass bell," and the "Morrow-Mass bell."



In 1584 all the bells were recast by Robert Mot, one of the early Whitechapel founders.

The present church was finished in 1724, and Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, was employed to cast the present peal of twelve bells. In doing so he tried to make a sort of improvement on St. Bride's, the tenor of which cast by him in 1710, was only intended for a peal of ten (as I explained in my account of those bells) and weighed only 28 cwt. So in this case he made a tenor weighing 31 cwt. 2

qrs. 18 lbs. Unfortunately, though he increased the weight, he did not alter the note (both tenors being about D flat according to the modern pitch, though they would probably be called D at the time when they were cast), whereas no peal of twelve ought to have a tenor higher than C.

It is just possible, however, that making a peal of twelve was an afterthought, as the original two trebles were dated 1727, two years later than the other bells. These do not appear to have been satisfactory, having been apparently recast more than once. Finally, Abel Rudhall removed them to All Saints', Fulham, recasting one of them, and using them to replace the two trebles of the peal of ten there, cast by his father. He recast the old trebles from Fulham, and used them at St. Martin's, where they still remain.

The inscriptions on the present peal of twelve are as follows:—

Treble.

RECAST BY A & R 1738

Second.

RECAST BY A & R 1758

Third.

M : HART & W : CHAPMAN CHVRCH WARDENS.
1770: T & R: [Before being recast this bell was inscribed GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST. 1725.]

Fourth.

AND IN EARTH PEACE 1725

Fifth.

GOOD WILL TOWARDS MEN. 1725

Sixth.

ABR: RVDHALL OF GLOUCESTER CAST VS
ALL. 1725.

Seventh.

PROSPERITY TO THE CHVRCH OF ENGLAND.
1725.

Eighth.

PEACE & GOOD NEIGHBOVRHOOD, 1725.

Ninth.

PROSPERITY TO THE PARISH OF SNT MARTINS.
1725.

Tenth.

FEAR GOD HONOV R THE KING. 1725.

Eleventh.

JOHN WALKER & JOHN SAWGER CHVRCH
WARDENS. 1725.

Tenor.

ZACHARIAH PEARCE D:D: VICAR. 1726
WALTER TVRNER & WM HOVSE CHVRCHWAR-
DENS

Sanctus-bell.

A & R 1725

The old second, which was removed to Fulham, was inscribed:—"The gift of the vestry by subscription. 1727." There are a large number of peal boards in the belfry. The earliest one records 6006 changes rung on twelve bells by the Society of London Scholars, March 14th, 1727. The method is not stated. The first peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells was rung by the Junior Society of College Youths, October 6th, 1780. I have copies by me of no less than a dozen records of peals rung on these bells up to the year 1871, and I have reason to believe that several have been put up since that date.

Our photograph, kindly supplied by Mr. F. C. Dawe, shows the tower of St. Martin's as it rises above the church.

HERE AND THERE.

It is surely unique for a ringer to call his first peal of Stedman at the age of 68, yet this is what has been done by Mr. W. Doran at West Ham. It seems to be one of the great features of ringing, that one is never too old—or too young—to start.

SINGULAR ACCIDENT.

During practice at the Parish Church at Ottery St. Mary, Devon, the other day, a singular accident occurred. As usual, Mr. James Lovering, who has rung the tenor bell at this church for over a quarter of a century, was being helped by a lad to raise the bell, when by some means the rope formed into a half-hitch round Mr. Lovering's right thumb, and took the top of it clean off. The injury was surgically treated at the Cottage Hospital. Surely an accident of this character is unique in the belfry.

RINGERS' SERVICES DURING A MISSION.

During a nine days' mission at St. Paul's Church, Warrington, the bells were rung for every evening service, the local men receiving assistance from ringers of Grappenhall, Runcorn and Frodsham. For the opening service, 720 Bob Minor was rung by: J. Furnival 1, G. Bebbington 2, J. J. Allender 3, W. Martin 4, J. E. Ashcroft 5, J. J. Wilson (conductor) 6. On the Sunday and Monday the local band rang touches of Grandsire and Bob Minor; on Tuesday, the Grappenhall company rang 360 Bob Minor; on Wednesday, the Runcorn band took part in 720 Plain Bob: E. Murphy 1, T. Ingham 2, J. Scrutton 3, G. Bebbington (Warrington) 4, T. Nather 5, B. Trevitt (conductor) 6. On Thursday ringers from Grappenhall again assisted, and on Friday, 720 Plain Bob and 360 Little Bob was rung by: G. Bebbington 1, A. Unsworth 2, A. Ryder 3, F. Gleave 4, E. H. Lewis (conductor) 5, W. Bibby 6, all except the ringer of the treble being from Frodsham. For the closing service, 720 Grandsire Minor was rung by the local band, who wish to thank the visiting ringers for their assistance.

WAITING FOR CHURCHWARDENS TO PAY.

A meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge District of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at North Nibley on Saturday last, ringers attending from Thornbury, Wotton-under-Edge, Dursley, Coaley, Slymbridge, and Bristol. Some very good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, were accomplished. The members present sat down to an excellent tea, which was kindly provided for them by the Vicar (the Rev. R. G. Carr), who afterwards took the chair at the business proceedings. Wotton-under-Edge was chosen for the next meeting.—The Branch President (Mr. Frank K. Howell) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his kindness in providing tea, and for presiding.—After acknowledging this vote of thanks, Mr. Carr said he regretted that none of his ringers were members of the Association, and that they would not join because the churchwardens did not pay their subscriptions.—Upon being informed that it was the exception and not the rule for churchwardens to pay the subscriptions of local ringers, the Chairman said that he would do his best to induce his men to take more interest in the Art, and would communicate with the secretary in due course.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The March meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society was held at Bolsover on Saturday. About 30 ringers were present from Bolsover, Bolsterstone, Beighton, Eckington, Mansfield, Mansfield Woodhouse, North Wingfield, Ranmoor, Rotherham and Staveley. Unfortunately, no sooner had the bells been raised, than an urgent request was received that they should be stopped, owing to a case of serious illness near by, so that no further ringing could be attempted.—A short business meeting was held, at which two new members were elected, viz., the Rev. J. R. L. Nicholls (Ranmoor) as an hon. member, and Mr. J. Radford, of Mansfield Woodhouse.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and local company closed the proceedings. Handbell ringing was indulged in during the afternoon by some of the members.

KEENNESS IN BEDFORDSHIRE.

There is enthusiasm in the Bedford district of the Beds Association, and it has resulted in the very satisfactory progress recorded at the annual meeting of the district. The latest accomplishment is another peal in seven Surprise Minor methods rung at Biddenden by a mixed company, including a lady, and is the outcome of determination arrived at last May, that a Surprise Minor peal should be rung in the county. Three have now been rung, and the peal recorded this week, in which four of the ringers took part in seven Surprise methods for the first time, was scored at the second attempt. Of the keenness to succeed nothing can speak more eloquently than that two of the company each cycled some 20 miles each time a practice was arranged.

A MUFFLED PEAL AT HEREFORD.

The peal at All Saints', Hereford, recorded in another column, was rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. W. Knight, who for a number of years was captain of the All Saints' band, and was interred in Hereford Cemetery on that day. The peal was rung on the middle six of the peal of eight, with a tenor of about 18 cwt. to a ton, which has been cracked for some 40 years. It was the first peal ever rung in Hereford outside the Cathedral, and also first in the city by an entirely local band. Its accomplishment was a big surprise to local ringers generally, as the bells are rarely rung and were thought to be quite unpealable, but through the untiring efforts of Mr. H. Taylor, who spent the afternoon in the bell chamber seeing to ropes, screwing up nuts, greasing, etc., the bells went as well as could be expected. It is to be hoped that this peal will be the means of rousing the interest of the authorities, and that the bells will be restored in the near future.

TO DO AWAY WITH "DOTTED NOTES."

A most successful combined practice was held by the Sonning branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild on Saturday last at Sandhurst. In spite of the inclement weather, members turned up from All Saints', Wokingham, Binfield and Easthampstead, and with the local band numbered 15. The methods practised were: London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent, Double Oxford, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles, and a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells. It was very encouraging to those who attend these practices regularly, and who are anxious to help beginners, to see a few fresh faces present. It is a pity that more ringers in this branch do not avail themselves of the opportunities of advancing themselves, not only in method ringing, but in striking, and thus do away with so many "dotted notes."

OLD DOCUMENT UNEARTHED.

An interesting old document has been presented to the museum at Maidenhead, in the shape of a bell founders' bond, dated 1677, and made between Ellis Knight and Henry Knight of the one part, and the churchwardens of Bray, of the other part, for the casting of a new treble bell for Bray Church which previously possessed a peal of five. The bond was in the sum of fourteen pounds "of good and lawful English money," and was entered into to secure that the new bell "shall be tuneable and doo agree in tune and sound with the said five bells, and shall soo continue whole unbroken sound and tuneable for the space of one whole yeare and a day next after the date hereof."

AN ANCIENT FOUNDRY.

Ellis and Henry Knight were the partners at that time in the Reading foundry and were, it is believed, descendants of the distinguished William Knight, Master of the Bell Founders Company of London in 1530. The Reading foundry, of course, was originally transferred from Wokingham, and there are still quite a number of bells in the South of England which were the product of this establishment.

ASCENDANCY OF YOUTH.

The second true peal of Guildford Surprise goes to the credit of the Leiston company, and six of the brothers Bailey took part in it, including Allen, the youngest addition to the family ringing circle. It is noteworthy that this promising young ringer has in the past five weeks taken part in a peal each of Bristol Surprise, Stedman Triples and Guildford Surprise, in four attempts. This must be almost a record for a lad of 17.

"THE LIMIT."

Many funny things happen in belfries, but "the limit" was reached on a recent Sunday at a church not a 100 miles from Market Harborough. Ringing for evening service was in full swing, when the sexton, finding something wrong with one of the gas jets in the church, instead of turning the light off at the one particular bracket, calmly walked into the belfry, and without saying a word turned the gas off at the meter. In a moment the whole place was in utter darkness, but fortunately every ringer caught his sally, and set his bell the first time, and thus nothing serious happened. Not unnaturally the sexton was asked what in the world he was playing at. And he innocently replied, "I thought you could ring a few minutes in the dark."

JUST THE THING FOR PRESENTATIONS.

Ringers are often at a loss, when desiring to make a presentation, as to what they can give of a nature appropriate to the craft. No longer need they cudgel their brains in search of a suitable present. Mr. J. Comber, goldsmith and silversmith, of Woking, the maker of the artistic ringers' badge, which is having a large sale, is placing on the market a very prettily designed inkstand, modelled like a well-shaped bell. They range in price from 9s. to 46s. 6d. Further particulars will be found in an advertisement.

Chelmsford Cathedral Tenor Bell.



The new ring of 12 bells (Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs.) for Chelmsford Cathedral was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans on Saturday, September 27th, 1913.

MESSRS. JOHN WARNER & SONS, Ltd., of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London, have in hand the restoration of the following ring of 12 bells:

YORK MINSTER (Tenor 50½ cwt.)

HENRY JOHNSON DINNER.

BIRMINGHAM'S ANNUAL GATHERING.

A SUCCESSFUL FUNCTION.

The most popular social function of the year, so far as Midland ringers are concerned, is undoubtedly the annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, held under the auspices of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. It not only serves to keep green the memory of the foremost composer of his day, but it is also a magnet that draws together old friends from all parts of the country, who take the opportunity of having a few pleasant hours together, while for the younger generation it provides a meeting ground on which new friends are made, and acquaintances struck up that in many cases are likely to last a lifetime. This year's gathering was no exception to the rule, and a large number of ringers from the local towers, and visitors from London, Bristol, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Sheffield, Lichfield, Tamworth, Coventry, Nuneaton, Rugby, Burton, Wolverhampton, West Bromwich, Tipton, Old Hill, and other places, spent what many who have attended all these annual dinners declare was the best and jolliest yet held.

The popular Rector of Birmingham (Canon J. W. Willink) presided, and the precedent thus created by departing from the old custom of having some well-known ringer as chairman, was such an unqualified success that, if the writer of these notes has anything to do with future celebrations, it will not be by any means the last time such a choice will be made. The chairman was supported by Alderman J. S. Pritchett (presiding Master of the Guild), Mr. J. Kendall (churchwarden of St. Martin's), the Rector of Solihull, Dr. Malins (churchwarden of St. Philip's), and others, the number of diners being 120.

Apologies for absence were received from Canon Gomer, Canon Sutton, Sir Arthur Heywood, Mr. G. W. Baldwin and Mr. J. W. Taylor (who were indisposed), Mr. C. H. Hattersley, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Mr. W. T. Pates, Mr. F. E. Dave, etc.

The loyal toast having been honoured with the customary enthusiasm, Dr. Malins proposed "Church and State." He said it was a significant fact that those countries who continued to associate the Church with the State, and particularly the Protestant countries, were the countries whose word carried most weight in the council of the nations, who were the most progressive nations, were the most stable in business, and who were relied on implicitly to keep their word. For centuries the Church and State strove for the mastery in this country, and he was bound to say that whenever the Church gained the upper hand for the time being, abuses sprang up which were not by any means for the good of the people. All this was, however, past history, and he thought we had now arrived at the very best form of government—Government tempered and dignified by religion, as signified by the Church of England.

THE STORY OF THE BELLS.

On rising to respond, Canon Willink met with a rousing reception. He said Dr. Malins' speech had opened up a very attractive subject, but with his permission he did not propose to follow him on those lines. He would talk of bells. He was not a ringer, but he had always been fascinated by bells, and had spent many pleasant hours reading of them. He had read only quite recently that bells had been discovered in the ruins of the old city of Nineveh, and if that were true it took them back many centuries, but the origin of bells was altogether lost in the obscurity of antiquity. He was proud to think that he had preached in the first church in England where bells were used in connection with religion. That was the Church of Monkwearmouth, near Sunderland, and this was also the first church in this country to have its windows glazed with glass. The first "set" of bells was erected at Croyland Abbey in the year 877, and they were rung for some centuries, always being looked upon as one of the most cherished possessions of the Abbey. Bells had been associated with almost every conceivable form of rejoicing, sorrowing, and he was sorry to say, the most horrible crimes.

The signal for the terrible massacre of 8,000 Frenchmen in Sicily, in 1282, was the ringing of the vesper bell, and the massacre of the Huguenots, when over 100,000 persons were foully done to death, was also signalled by the ringing of the vesper bell. During the reign of Henry VIII almost all the bells in England were destroyed, and it was on record that this monarch actually tossed dice with one of his companions for the great bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, and, losing the toss, gave them to him. The man immediately had them broken up, and pocketed about £100 over the job. The first bells in the country to be rung with ropes, were a peal of eight presented by the Pope to the University of Cambridge in 1456. He (the Rector) had seen something of the figures with which a man must familiarise himself if he is to be a real good ringer, and he "takes off his hat" to those who study and practice with evident enjoyment such an intricate art. Before concluding, he said that "his own ringers" were ringing a peal at St. Martin's on the previous Tuesday, and having occasion to come into the city, he was astonished to notice that only a few streets away from the church the bells could hardly be heard, owing to the roar of traffic, but as he got away into the quiet suburb of Edgbaston, the

majestic roll of the bells came out from the city, clear and distinct. He stood at his front door, enhanced by the ebbing and flowing, waxing and waning of the cadences, listening to what, he was quite sure, was one of the grandest and sweetest forms of music. Little did his ringers, as they worked at their ropes, think their Rector was listening to them, more than a mile and a half from the church.

Alderman Pritchett proposed the toast "The Immortal Memory of the late Henry Johnson." He said he was afraid there was little he could say that his hearers had not heard him say before, when proposing that toast. Henry Johnson was a good and great man, and undoubtedly the foremost ringer and composer of his day. He said "good" before "great," because it was infinitely more important that a man should be good than that he should be great. He remembered quite well when he was a student at Oxford in 1875, how he (Mr. Pritchett) wanted to get a date touch. He tried and tried again for about three months to get one himself, and then he wrote to Mr. Johnson. He got it per return of post. That was typical of Henry Johnson.—The toast was submitted and drunk by the company in silence.

ALDERMAN PRITCHETT'S ANNUAL REVIEW.

In proposing the toast, "Continued prosperity to St. Martin's Guild," Mr. Pritchett said that they had lost one member, Mr. Thos. Wells, by death, during the year. He had only a short time before his death been elected an auditor, and had been taken in the prime of life. Mr. W. Rock Small had suffered a great loss by the death of his wife, and it seemed only a little while ago that many of them who were in that room had been at Tipton celebrating the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Small. They all regretted the fact that ill-health prevented Mr. G. W. Baldwin, the oldest member, from being with them, and trusted he would have a speedy recovery to good health. Passing on, he said he saw most of the old faces with them again, and indeed he did not think anyone of importance was absent (laughter). Mr. John Carter was there, and he would tell him that they were all anxiously waiting to see his wonderful machine. Mr. Carter had told him that it was practically finished now, but he was waiting for satisfactory bells. If Mr. Taylor had been there they would have wanted to know the reason why. He saw Messrs. Godden, Short and Reeves in the room, but was informed that "Tommy" Horton was engaged with his brother-in-law in "business connected with the purchase of a dog" (loud laughter).

On Mr. Pritchett being told that "Tommy" was present in the room, he congratulated him on having postponed the business, or on having got it over quickly. Since his 60th birthday Mr. James George had reached the total of 537 peals, and he understood he was in the peal of Stedman Cinques rung at St. Martin's on the previous Tuesday, this being the 100th peal in the method on the bells, and a remarkable record. With the toast he coupled the name of the secretary, Mr. A. Paddon Smith.

In replying, Mr. Smith said they had undoubtedly got in the person of Canon Willink, the most popular Rector Birmingham had ever had (applause). He never refused them permission to go for a peal, and when granting it, always wished them success. He reminded his hearers that for the first time in their history the chair was occupied by their Rector, and he hoped this precedent would be followed on many more occasions. The relations of the Guild with the various clergy in the diocese were very satisfactory, and if he continued to receive the support of the members, as he was proud to say he had done in the past, it would be a pleasure for him to do his best for the Guild. They had recently re-opened the bells of St. Philip's (now the Cathedral), and while this was very encouraging, he hoped steps would be taken to rehanging the ninth, which was almost unringable.

"Kindred Ringing Societies" was proposed by Mr. W. H. Godden, and responded to by Mr. A. E. Parsons (Master of the Worcestershire Association), who said that they all looked upon the St. Martin's Guild as the parent ringing society of the Midlands, and as one whose methods and traditions, particularly in regard to good striking, he would like them all to follow.

In the absence of Mr. J. W. Taylor, the toast of "The Ringing Papers" was kindly undertaken by Mr. Harry Mason, who proposed the toast in a felicitous speech.

CANON WILLINK THE WILLING.

Alderman Pritchett proposed "The Health of the Chairman," and in doing so said: I am sure it is a toast you will greet with the utmost enthusiasm. Canon Willink has proved an excellent chairman; he is always ready on these occasions, and I think that instead of having the letter "K" at the end of his name he should have the letter "G," for he is the "Canon Willing" (applause). I do not know whether he ever preaches a sermon over twice, we will hope not, but in any case we can appreciate his kindness in giving up his Saturday evening in order to be amongst us. Now I am told that when Canon Willink was about to come to Birmingham, our secretary, Mr. Smith, received a letter from Mr. C. E. Borrett, the secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association, in which district Great Yarmouth is included. In it Mr. Borrett referred to Canon Willink's appointment as follows: "Birmingham's gain is Yarmouth's loss. When you get to know

your new Rector, you will bless the day he was born" (loud applause). Gentlemen, your applause shows that you think that day has arrived, and I am sure we also bless the happy chance that sent him to us. Somebody said to-night that he remembered five Rectors of Birmingham; I remember many more, and can go back to Canon Miller. A good many of these rectors have been made bishops; we all hope that the present rector will also be made a bishop (hear, hear), but may the day be deferred a little longer, and when the day does come, may he be Bishop of Birmingham (applause).

The toast was received with the utmost enthusiasm, and was drunk with musical honours.

The Chairman, who on rising to reply, was received with loud and prolonged applause, said: You do me proud! You overwhelm me entirely, and take from me any power of expression which I should wish to have to thank you adequately for the hearty manner in which you have received the toast of my health. I can only assure you that if I am the first Rector who has presided at this annual function, I am very sorry indeed for my predecessors, and I wish better luck to those who follow after me. I could not wish to be present at any gathering where there is a better spirit of good fellowship and comradeship than there is here this evening. We are all brothers banded together by a great Art, and I can only thank you with all my heart for your kindness in asking me to take the chair. I thank you very heartily indeed, and I hope I may be spared many a long year, whether in Birmingham or not, to come and spend your annual evening with you (prolonged cheers).

During the evening capital songs were rendered by Messrs. A. C. Parsons and C. F. Johnston, while the "star" turns were as usual provided by the ever popular Mr. Harry Withers. This versatile artist gave an amazing display of skill on the dulcimer, his performances including a touch of Double Norwich Major and selections running the whole gamut from Ragtime to the Hallelujah Chorus. An excellent course of Stedman Cinques was rung "in hand" by P. O. Laffin, T. Russon, T. Miller, B. W. Witchell, J. E. Groves and Wm. Short, and the handbells were also introduced in tunes, accompanied by the dulcimer and piano.

The towers of St. Martin's and St. Philip's were visited in the afternoon by large numbers of ringers, who kept the bells going in various methods till about 5.15.

Shortly after 11 o'clock the proceedings came to an end, presumably in obedience to the last quotation on the programme:

"Good-night!

Get thee to bed, and rest, for thou hast need."

A SOMERSET PEAL RESTORED.

After being silent for some considerable time, the bells of Mudford Parish Church are once again sending forth their familiar call to worship. In September of last year the belfry was examined, and it was found that the bell fittings, etc., were in an extremely dangerous condition, and that the fourth bell was badly cracked and required recasting. The Vicar (the Rev. E. A. Sandford, M.A.) immediately appealed to his parishioners and others interested in the church, and so ready was the response that the work was put in hand.

The contract has been carried out in a most able manner by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry. The work, which has cost over £200, entailed the hoisting up of the fine oak bell frame, the clearing out of the old beams and flooring, and the building in of heavy iron girders, upon which the bell frame was placed. The fourth bell has been recast, and all the bells retuned. In addition, new flooring has been laid, and all the walls have been made up; the bells have been fitted with cast iron headstocks and the most modern fittings, including Messrs. Warner's patent self-aligning and self-lubricating oil bath bearings.

The work was dedicated at a special service by the Venerable W. H. Brymer, Archdeacon of Wells, and there were also present the Vicar and the Rev. W. T. Roe, Rector of Trent. After the dedication service, several touches were rung on the bells, and their familiar notes, which had been so much missed during the last few months, once more fell upon the ears of the villagers, who have taken such a deep and practical interest in the scheme for their restoration.

The bells are five in number, the tenor being 17 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs., in E flat, and the total weight of the peal 56 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs.

INSCRIPTIONS:

Treble.—E.H.: L.H. C.W. T.P. AN NO DO MI NI 1664.

2nd.—ALL THAT HAITH BREATH, PRAYES THE LORD. 1623.

3rd.—M.D.L.X.X.II ANNO DOMINI.

4th.—RECAST BY JOHN WARNER AND SONS, FOUNDERS, LONDON. REV. E. A. SANDFORD, VICAR. J. W. SNOOK, M. TURNER, CHURCHWARDENS, 1914.

Tenor.—I: SOND: TO: BEAD: THE: SIKE REPENT.

IN: HOPE: OF: LIFE WHIN BRETH: IS: SPENT.

JOHN: SAMPSON: AND HIS: BROTHER: SIM:

CAVSD: ME: HERE: TO: BE: CAST: AGAINE 1666 T.P.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

There are few more delightful places than South Anston, where the first quarterly meeting of this Association was held on Saturday week in really spring-like weather, and where a hospitable welcome awaited the ringers who attended from Beighton, Treeton, Rotherham, Blyth, East Markham, Tuxford, Harthill, Gainsborough, Hoylandswaine, Work-sop and Anston. A large variety of methods was rung, including Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Stedman, Grandsire, College Pleasure, City Delight, Primrose, Cambridge and London Surprise. Tea was served in the Village School Room, and 38 sat down, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. R. Hodgson). In the course of an eloquent address and a hearty welcome to the ringers on that their first visit since his incumbency, he regretted the absence of their late revered secretary (the Rev. B. Darley), whose business arrangements prevented his attendance. He was thankful that the clergy took a greater interest in ringers than they did 20 years ago, and that the status of the ringers had been raised, and the condition of the belfries improved since the days when irreverence and the temptation to intemperance were not uncommon things. In many a parish it used to be almost the exception for any of the bell ringers to attend the services of the church. But all this was changed. Their Guilds and Associations had brought about a reformation, and a good many of the ringers were now choristers and devout communicants. Ringers, he added, were preachers, and were messengers with glad tidings. It gave him the greatest pleasure to listen to the music of the bells, and to offer them a hearty welcome there that day (applause).

Seven new members were elected from Tuxford, and the tower of Tuxford now becomes affiliated with the Association.—Notice was given by the secretary of alteration of rules at the annual meeting, which will be held in April or May, to make provision for the admission of probationer members to the Association.—A very hearty welcome was given to members of kindred associations, to which a good number responded. Some had walked a distance of ten miles to be present.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding and for use of bells was carried with acclamation, and the Vicar suitably replied.—Touches of London and Cambridge Surprise brought a pleasant day's ringing to a close.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESS OF THE BEDFORD DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Bedford district was held at Elstow on Saturday week, when among those who attended were the Rev. A. Rust, general secretary of the Association, and Mrs. Rust, who is becoming a keen ringer. The bells were going continually to a large variety of methods from Bob Minor to Surprise methods, among which Lincoln was rung for the first time by a local band.—The Rev. A. Rust presided over a business meeting, which was held after tea.—The District Secretary (Mr. J. W. Barker), in presenting a report of the past year's work, spoke of the remarkable success that had attended the efforts of the district. Though not forsaking the old friends, new friends had been acquired in the shape of Surprise Minor methods, and it was at Elstow that the decision was made for definite endeavour in Surprise peals. At the meetings that had been held instruction had been given from the bottom upwards. Hospitality, in the shape of teas, had been shown to the members on a number of occasions. The finances were in a healthy condition, and the district should be proud to present the report to the general committee.

At the election of officers the meeting decided to retain the Rev. C. W. Browing, Bromham, as president; Miss E. Steel, as vice-president; and Mr. J. W. Barker as hon. district secretary, with thanks for past services.—Miss D. Steel, Messrs. Allen, Barcock and Clarke were nominated for the general committee.

The Rev. A. Rust, in replying to a vote of thanks for presiding, expressed the pleasure it gave Mrs. Rust and himself to be among and ring with the members of the district. He was delighted with the success, and hoped for continued prosperity and an extension of the field of labour.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. C. F. B. Hawkins) concluded the meeting.

FUNERAL OF MR. H. WALTER AT SHEPPERTON.

The funeral of the late Harry Walter, of Shepperton, took place at Shepperton on Thursday of last week, and several ringers from neighbouring towers were present to pay a last mark of respect. Four members of the Hershman band intended to ring a course of Grand-sire Triples over the grave, but at the last moment two of them were prevented from attending.

Mr. Walter was for some time employed as a bellhanger by Messrs. Webb and Bennett, and was well-known in Oxfordshire, where he rang a number of peals. Of late years he was employed by the Thames Conservancy at Shepperton, and with the aid of his cycle he rendered yeoman service to change ringing in many towers in Middlesex and Surrey. He was also a writer of peal boards, and his last completed board was the "William" peal of Stedman Triples at Sunbury. He leaves a widow, two sons and a daughter to mourn their loss. The eldest son, it is interesting to note, is learning ringing, and bids fair to follow in his late father's footsteps.

NOTICES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on March 17th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 26th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 31st; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 17th; Southwark Cathedral on the 24th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, March 14th, 1914. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, on Saturday, March 14th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. — Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—(Canterbury District).—The next meeting will be held at Birchington, on Saturday, March 14th, 1914. The bells of both the Parish Church and Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, will be available from 3 p.m. Divine Service in the Parish Church at 5.30 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting in the Institute Hall. Subscriptions are now due and may be paid at this meeting.—E. Trendell, Hon. District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 14th, at the Parish Church, SS. Peter and Paul, Swanscombe. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. Half railway fares allowed. Subscriptions are now due.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas (Liverpool) on Saturday, March 14th. Bells ready at 4. — Walter Hughes, Branch Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Hunslet on Saturday, March 14th. Peal attempt at 3 p.m. The business meeting will be held in the Parish Room at 7 p.m.—F. Hopwood, 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke, Secretary.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Run-corn on Saturday, the 14th inst. Bells at 3 p.m., tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea 9d. each.—John E. Ashcroft, Honorary Secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District. — The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 21st, at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., business meeting to follow. All ringers and friends invited.—F. A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Rettendon on Saturday, March 21st. Short service and address at 5 o'clock by the Rector, the Rev. G. Evans-Gwynne. Tea will be served

at 5.45, at the kind invitation of the Rector. Meeting to follow. Will all members who intend being present kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, 18th. Will correspondents of towers in the district kindly notify me of any alterations they may have for annual report now about to be revised.—Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne and Hoddesdon on March 21st. The tower of Broxbourne will be open from 3 to 5.30 p.m., tea at "The Welcome" after. Ringing subsequently at Hoddesdon until 9 o'clock. All members and friends will be made welcome. Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due.—W. H. Lawrence, District Secretary, Little Munden.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, by kind permission of the Rev. E. Hartley, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells available from 3.30. Short service, with address by the Vicar, at 5. Tea at 5.30, 6d. each. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1914 are now due.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held Pendleton on Saturday, March 28th. Bells ready at 4.30.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Secretary.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Feb. 22nd, for evensong, at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, 1260 Stedman Triples: A. W. Grimes W. Pyc, C. T. Coles (conductor), T. Cranfield, E. T. Wigg, A. J. Neale, R. Sanders, G. Dorrington.

RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.—On January 27th, at the Parish Church, 560 Double Norwich: A. Fairie 1, F. Stubbs 2, H. Stubbs 3, W. J. Gilbert 4, F. Kirk 5, W. Gilbert 6, H. Copperwheat 7, W. Willson (conductor) 8. Arranged for W. Willson, of Leicester.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On Feb. 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob: A. E. Newick 1, R. Brough 2, E. Barnett, senr., 3, G. Durling 4, J. Emery 5, I. Emery (conductor) 6. Rung on the 52nd anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. Emery, the parents of the ringers of 5 and 6.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Feb. 1st, 1216 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. W. Rice (conductor) 1, G. Ellis 2, A. D. Mills 3, F. T. Hoad, junr., 4, J. Rice 5, A. Bradley (longest touch of Treble Bob) 6, O. Sippette 7, A. Ellis 8.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, on Feb. 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Day 1, C. O. Hobbs 2, F. Chamberlain 3, T. Rodman 4, W. Biss 5, D. Hammett (first quarter) 6, A. Rowley (conductor) 7, O. Oram 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's son.

LONDON.—On Feb. 3rd, at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Lewis (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Weatherstone (conductor) 2, T. H. Taffender 3, E. F. Pike 4, G. Harman (first quarter-peal) 5, W. Berry 6, W. Shimmans 7, A. E. Pettit 8.

LONDON.—On Feb. 8th, for evening service, at All Hallows', Bark-ing Great Tower Street, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Truss 1, H. Springall 2, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 3, J. Scholes 4, T. Langdon 5, E. Hall 6, H. Torble 7, A. Joyce 8.

ACTON.—For C.E.M.S. service, at St. Mary's, on February 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: W. H. Boddington 1, H. W. Cotton 2, H. Holloway (first on an inside bell) 3, Robt. Holloway 4, V. Holloway 5, J. W. Fruin 6, J. R. Mackman (conductor) 7, A. Roker. * First quarter-peal.

BALHAM, ESSEX.—On Feb. 15th, for Matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Mills 1, H. Edwards 2, A. Church 3, H. Kirton 4, J. Wood 5, J. Rote 6, A. Edwards (conductor) 7, W. Allen 8. This is the first quarter-peal in the method on the bells, and by the ringers of 1, 2, 3, 6 and 8.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Christmas Day, for 7 a.m. service, 1036 Grandsire Triples: A. Titchman (longest length) 1, J. R. Fryers 2, *A. Raynor 3, T. Wardman 4, J. R. Barton (conductor) 5, F. Davison 6, H. Gibson 7, T. Cole 8. * Longest length on inside bell. For 9.45 a.m. service 350 Grandsire Triples, with H. Priest treble.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.—At St. Nicholas' Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob: E. A. Webster 1, J. R. Griffin (conductor) 2, A. Sparks 3, J. A. Webster 4, T. A. Rogers 5, J. Greasley 6. First 720 in the method for all the band.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Jan. 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: N. L. Walker 1, H. Briggs 2, G. Wood 3, W. H. Inglesant (conductor) 4, T. Wright 5, J. Garratt 6, L. Hewitt 7, C. H. Briggs 8. Arranged for Mr. L. Hewitt.

LONG BENNINGTON, Lincs.—On Sunday, Jan. 11th, at the residence of Mr. A. Mackears, 720 Bob Minor: *Miss Alice Mitten 1, *P. Rawling 2, R. Richardson (conductor) 3—4, Arthur Mackears (first 720 double-handed) 5—6. * First 720.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.—On Jan. 12th, 720 Bob Minor, in 30 mins.: Robert Pratt 1, Joseph Barrick 2, H. E. Dannatt 3, Tom Oglesby 4, Hy. Ebbetson 5, J. W. Crowder (conductor) 6.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Jan. 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Pope 1, T. Muggridge 2, S. Faithfull 3, S. Perkins 4, H. Sellars 5, G. Thompson 6, H. Porter (conductor) 7, H. Rush 8.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Jan. 18th, at 46, Higher Albert Street, on handbells, in 35 mins., 1259 Grandsire Caters: G. Hollis 1—2, *G. Davis 3—4, W. J. Thyng 5—6, A. Knights (composer and conductor) 7—8, *T. W. Gore 9—10. * First quarter-peal in the method on handbells.—On January 25th, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal, in 43 mins.: G. Hollis 1—2, W. J. Thyng 3—4, A. Knights 5—6, G. Davis 7—8, T. W. Gore (conductor) 9—10. First quarter-peal in the method on handbells by all.

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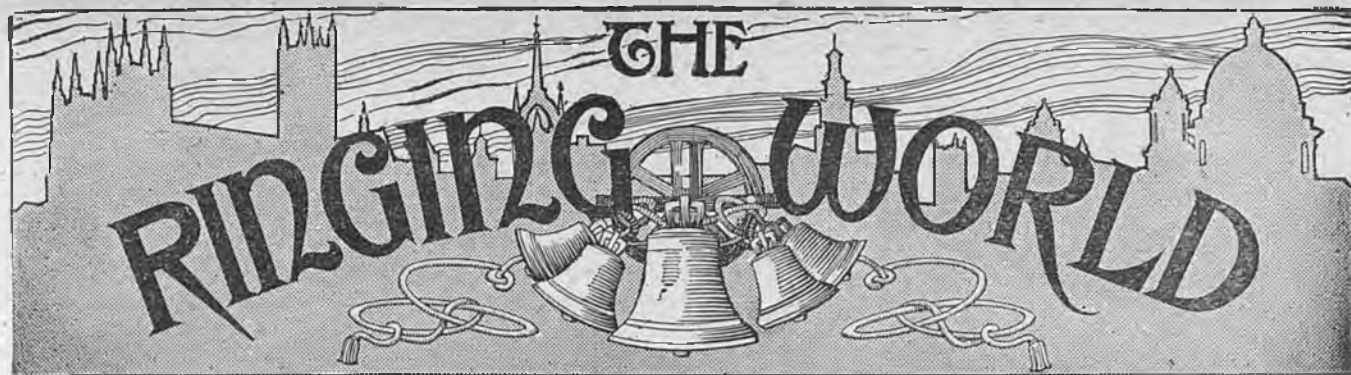


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RINGERS' BENEVOLENT FUNDS.

With the approach of Easter many of the Associations will be thinking about their annual meetings, and we hope to see that not a few will have upon their agendas for discussion the question of the establishment of a benevolent fund. We have advocated on many occasions the setting up of a fund of this description by the different organisations, and our suggestions have by no means been in vain. At the same time, there have been nothing like as many of these funds established as we should like to see, and the reason may be that when the arrangements for the business to be transacted at the various annual meetings have been made, this matter has been overlooked. We hope, therefore, that a timely reminder will result in the question being raised by members of those Associations where, up to the present, no action has been taken.

At one time it was thought by some that the National Insurance Act would finally dispel the need for voluntary agencies for helping those in distress, but, up to the present, at any rate, this is far from being the case. The occasions when ringers have fallen on evil days, by reason of sickness or otherwise, have not disappeared, and while there is help likely to be needed there is every reason why organised steps should be taken to render aid in an emergency. The point is that very often help is required in a quarter least anticipated, and if the wherewithal to provide that assistance is already at hand, its value is far greater than any tardy effort, which may have to wait for some interested friend to initiate. "He gives twice who gives quickly," is an adage the truth of which those in distress realise most, and it is because we should like to see all associations in a position to give this ready help to any of their members who may find themselves in distress, that we hope that those societies who have not already done so, will take steps to set up a fund, as has been done, for instance, in Kent and Sussex.

We make no apology for having returned to this subject, because we believe the present is the best time to press forward with the proposals for a benevolent scheme. The general meetings of Associations are the only occasions when the subject can be discussed with a view to definite action, and, as it is at Easter and in the months immediately following that the majority of the large societies hold their annual gatherings, we hope that those who are interested in the subject—and we believe that all are interested in helping those of their fellows whom distress overtakes—will take those steps which may best bring the question before the members of their societies, so that the matter may receive that consideration which it deserves. Sometimes in the anxiety to dispose of the busi-

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ness at these annual meetings members are not very desirous of debating questions of principle, but even so there are ways by which the official side of an organisation may be got to move in a matter of this kind, such as a reference of the subject to the committee, which, after all, is the best body to consider details. We merely throw out this hint so that those who realise that there is, in their particular association, a desire to get through things as quickly as possible, may nevertheless find a means of securing that action shall be taken. We believe that ringers generally are ready to favour schemes such as those already working in some parts of the country. It is only the initiative that is necessary, and we hope that in those Associations where it has not already been taken something will be done to "get a move on" this year.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, March 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS. 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt., in C.

JAMES MOTTS Treble	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 7
EDGAR PEMBERTON 2	*WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 8
ROBERT H. HAYWARD ... 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 4	ERNEST F. POPPY ... 10
WILLIAM MOTTS 5	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 11
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM ... 6	EDWARD EVANS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Harriet Motts, mother of James and William Motts.

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sunday, March 15, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5012 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

FRED HAYES Treble	FRANK BENNETT 7
*CECIL W. MAYNE 2	JAMES PARKER 8
JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... 3	JOHN GRANSBURY 9
HAROLD P. BURTON ... 4	JOSEPH J. PRATT 10
RALPH COLES 5	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... 11
FREDERICK J. PITSTOW ... 6	RICHARD BUCKLAND ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Cinques. This composition is now rung for the first time. A Festival peal in honour of the patron saint of Ireland (St. Patrick). It could not, for several reasons, be attempted on the 17th inst., the calendar date.

TEN BELL PEALS.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

PEAL OF FORWARD ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	*GEORGE DAVIES 6
*WALTER ALLWOOD ... 2	*ERNEST J. OLIVER ... 7
*ARTHUR HAGUE 3	*THOMAS W. GORE ... 8
*CLEMENT GLENN 4	GEORGE A. THOMPSON ... 9
*FRED DAVIES 5	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN CORRIGAN	Treble	*WILLIAM H. JONES	6
WILLIAM J. MEERS	2	GEORGE GARRISON	7
JAMES JONES	3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS	8
JOHN CARTER	4	GEORGE F. SWANN	9
MORRIS J. MORRIS	5	SYDNEY J. JESSOP	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

* First peal in the method. This composition is No. 7 on the Broadsheet. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. James Jones and Sidney J. Jessop.

WHITBY, YORKS.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5130 CHANCES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*THOMAS STEEL	Treble	THOMAS METCALFE	6
JOHN R. BARTON	2	WILLIAM A. BRECKON	7
WILLIAM HARLAND	3	*GEORGE HILL	8
JOHN T. WATERS	4	JOHN G. HALL	9
GEORGE F. ALEXANDER	5	†MATHEW STAPLEY	Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and

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WHITBY, YORKS.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 15, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN R. BARTON	Treble	*WILLIAM R. KNAGGS	6
WILLIAM A. BRECKON	2	JOHN T. WATERS	7
JOHN G. HALL	3	*GEORGE HILL	8
FRANK S. HODGSON	4	*ALBERT COATES	9
GEORGE F. ALEXANDER	5	THOMAS METCALFE	Tenor

Composed by CHAS. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

* First peal of Royal and rung at first attempt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt., in E flat.

CHARLES TRIBE	Treble	EDWIN LAMBERT	5
*GEORGE FULLER	2	JIM BEACH	6
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT	3	CHARLES H. SONE	7
ANDREW MARSHALL	4	PHILIP HODGKIN	Tenor

Composed by G. PATRICK, and

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

* First peal of Kent.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 4, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs.

ERNEST DUMPER	Treble	WILLIAM ROWE	5
*OWEN H. GILES	2	*CHARLES J. FRAY	6
HENRY W. WILKES	3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE	7
GEORGE WILLIAMS	4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER	Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. FRITCHARD, and

Conducted by WILLIAM H. GEORGE.

* 50th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART REVERSED.

R. HOING	Treble	J. W. WILKINS	5
W. GOODCHILD	2	P. W. WILKINS	6
R. G. TWITCHEN	3	J. GRANSBURY	7
R. COLES	4	F. BOXALL	Tenor

Conducted by J. W. WILKINS.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1914, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOSEPH LORD	Treble	JOHN FLOWER	5
JOHN W. GLEW	2	CHARLES DRAPER	6
GEORGE FREEBURY	3	HENRY LETTS	7
GEORGE DAWSON	4	ARTHUR D. STONE	Tenor

Conducted by HENRY LETTS.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN-THE-WALLS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING	Treble	*MARTIN HARRIS	5
JAMES MORGAN	2	FRANK MILTON	6
WILLIAM SCONCE	3	GILBERT GERRARD	7
*GEORGE JONES	4	ERNEST CHANNELL	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal of Major.

ASHTREAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 9, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt., in F.

CHARLES E. READ	Treble	JOHN HOYLE	5
WILLIAM SHEPHERD	2	RICHARD KENDALL	6
*ALFRED L. BROWN	3	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD	7
WILLIAM H. CORBETT	4	WILLIAM COOK	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

* First peal in the method.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 11, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

JOHN THOMAS	Treble	WILLIAM STEED	5
GEORGE THOMPSON	2	HERBERT MARKWELL	6
HENRY R. BUTCHER	3	KEITH HART	7
JOHN STEDDY	4	ERNEST BISHOP, Senr.	Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, March 12, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.	
*JOHN KENDALL Treble	JOHN LLOYD 5
JOHN BASE 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6
*FRED HODGKISS 3	CHARLES E. PERKINS 7
WILLIAM POTTER 4	*BERT COOK Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in any method, and rung at the first attempt.

ILKLEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 18½ cwt.	
ROBERT W. JENNISON ... Treble	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 5
SAMUEL B. NORFOLK ... 2	JAMES R. FEATHER ... 6
SAMUEL BATEMAN ... 3	THOMAS W. CRAWSHAW ... 7
*ROBERT R. RICHMOND ... 4	JAMES W. BIRKIN ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

* First peal.

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.	
JOE HARDCASTLE Treble	THOMAS B. KENDALL ... 5
*ERNEST A. MURGATROYD ... 2	JOSEPH BROADLEY ... 6
GEORGE NAYLOR 3	JOHN MCKELL 7
JAMES COTTERELL 4	FRED SALMONS Tenor

Composed by GEORGE CROSS, and

Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

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

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
JOHN GRANSBURY Treble	FREDERICK J. PITSTOW ... 5
FRANK BOREHAM 2	JOHN EVANS 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	JAMES PARKER 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	RICHARD BUCKLAND ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung on the birthday of the Earl of Buckinghamshire, born 1860.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, March 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLLIS' IRREGULAR FIVE-PART NO. 2. Tenor 19½ cwt., in E flat.	
CHARLES PICKEN Treble	DANIEL JONES 5
WILLIAM PAGE 2	JOHN BRADNEY 6
ERNEST HYDE 3	GEORGE PICKEN 7
CHARLES R. LILLEY 4	*DAVID ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal. The ringers of 5th and 6th hail from Wolverhampton, 4th from St. Chad's, Salop, the rest from Shifnal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, March 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.	
CHARLES WHITING Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 5
FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 2	JAMES G. ROMSEY ... 6
*PERCY POTTER 3	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 7
ALLEN F. BAILEY 4	EDGAR H. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT, and

Conducted by JAMES M. BAILEY.

* First peal away from the treble. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Whiting, it being seven years since he rang his last peal.

CHEPSTOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 21 cwt.	
JOHN W. JONES Treble	*IVOR PRIEST 5
*J. HOWARD PRICKETT ... 2	*WILLIAM C. ARNOLD ... 6
BENJAMIN THORP 3	JOHN W. DAVIS 7
ROBERT THOMPSON 4	*JAMES GREGORY Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to John W. Davis.

CREDITON, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.	
EDWIN SHEPHERD Treble	EDMUND SARGEANT ... 5
ALFRED MONKLEY 2	JAMES MOSS 6
ARTHUR W. SEARLE 3	FRANK J. DAVEY ... 7
JOHN R. HAYMAN 4	FRANK GARDNER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. HAYMAN.

First peal on the bells.

READING, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(St. GILES' SOCIETY, READING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.	
CHARLES GILES Treble	AMBROSE W. OSBORNE ... 5
LEONARD T. OSBORNE ... 2	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... 6
ARTHUR E. BAILEY 3	FRANK GRIFFIN 7
ALFRED T. REEVES 4	ARTHUR J. HARDING ... Tenor

Conducted by AMBROSE W. OSBORNE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of the late Rev. Knowlton H. Hampshire, who was one of the curates at the above church, and whose interment took place at Ascot, Berks, on this day.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.	
FREDERICK BROTHEROUGH ... Treble	ROBERT J. DAZE 5
JOHN CAPP 2	ALFRED J. TURNER ... 6
JOHN THOMAS 3	ALBERT D. STONE ... 7
WILLIAM C. HART 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON, and

Conducted by KEITH HART.

A. J. Turner's 112th peal in the tower.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 15, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

GILBERT H. HARDING ... Treble	ARTHUR K. HARRISON ... 5
WALTER F. BISHOP ... 2	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 6
WALTER FARLEY ... 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... 7
A. MARTIN DANIEL ... 4	WILLIAM FLOWER ... Tenor

Conducted by G. H. HARDING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. M. G. Daniel and Mr. S. J. Hector.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 13, 1914, 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 qrs. 9 lbs.

LEONARD H. STEVENS ... Treble	WILLIAM H. BANKS ... 4
ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... 2	JAMES MORLEY ... 5
LUKE VERRALL ... 3	JAMES H. COX ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to L. Verrall, the captain of the local band.

SKIRBECK, BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Grandsire, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN COLEMAN ... Treble	CHARLES WM. NEWTON ... 4
HAROLD PALMER ... 2	HARRY PALMER ... 5
ARTHUR H. PALMER ... 3	JAMES KIRK ... Tenor

Conducted by J. KIRK.

First peal as conductor. The ringers were congratulated on their excellent striking. Rung as a birthday compliment to Harry Palmer.

TIMBERSCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

WILLIAM HOYLE ... Treble	ERNEST PARKER ... 4
WILLIAM BENNETT ... 2	ALBERT STEVENS ... 5
JOHN FARMER ... 3	HENRY MOORE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. MOORE.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, a much respected member of the Dunster Deanery Branch.

MALDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 17, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH H. WALDOCK ... Treble	WALTER NICE ... 4
HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 2	ALFRED SOUTH ... 5
HAROLD FINCH ... 3	FRED CHALK ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED CHALK.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Alfred South.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes, AT 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANCES;

BERTRAM PREWETT ... 1-2	GEORGE R. PYE ... 5-6
ERNEST PYE ... 3-4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7-8
WILLIAM PYE ... 9-10	

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: W. J. NUDDS.

Witness: B. S. THOMPSON.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, March 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT PEMBROKE COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;

J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... 1-2	REV. A. H. F. BOUGHIEY ... 5-6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 3-4	WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 7-8
REV. B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE ... 9-10	

Composed by E. M. ATKINS, and

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

This is believed to be the quickest peal of Royal ever rung.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 15, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT PEMBROKE COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;

F. PHILIP CHEETHAM ... 1-2	J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... 5-6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 3-4	*ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 7-8
WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 9-10	

Adapted from J. A. TROLLOPE, and

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal on ten bells.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, March 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON, N.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HERBERT LANGDON ... 1-2	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 5-6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 3-4	ALFRED B. PECK ... 7-8

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Umpires: Messrs. FREDK. J. HARDY and ROBERT W. GREEN.

Rung on the eve of the conductor's birthday.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT 52, LAMMAS PARK ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 1-2	JAMES R. MACKMAN ... 5-6
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON ... 3-4	WILLIAM LAWRENCE ... 7-8

Conducted by J. R. MACKMAN.

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LATE PEALS.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, March 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

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

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

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

A. Mills was elected a member of the above Guild previous to starting for the peal.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 15, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY HALL 2	*LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 5
FREDERICK J. S. SARA 2	WILLIAM BURGESS 6
HOBART E. SMITH 3	*CHARLES J. BUTTON 7
GEO. A. WIGHTMAN, JUNR. 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Bob Major. Rung in honour of the diamond wedding of Mr. Stephen Wightman, grandfather of Messrs. G. A. and L. C. Wightman. Composition No. 112 C.C. Collection.

ADJUSTABLE LOUVRE BOARDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have often wondered whether the present construction of the louvre boards has anything to do with the noise of some bells. Personally, I think if they were so constructed that they could be opened and closed like the Venetian blind (which might easily be worked from the belfry), a considerable difference would be found. As they are now, there is sure to be a tendency for the sound to come downwards. If they were made in such a way that they would point upwards during ringing, or be closed altogether, I think a considerable difference would be found. Everyone knows the effect on the organ when the swell is opened and closed. Why not a similar effect on bells?—Yours sincerely,

Houghton Staffs.

J. J. TAYLOR.

[Some personal experience of adjustable louvre boards, enables us to bear out the contention of our correspondent. In a tower where the louvre boards were made to open and shut the precaution was always taken of closing them for a peal, and there was a marked diminution in the amount of the sound close to the tower. It was not, however, sufficient to prevent all complaints, and wooden shutters were, therefore, added. The result of the combination is that there is now no annoyance whatever to the neighbours, although only the bare width of a street separates the church from the houses.—Ed.]

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.

A well-attended meeting of the Furness and Lake District branch was held at St. James' Church, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday week, the Vicar (the Rev. E. A. Mould) presiding over the business proceedings.—On behalf of the churchwardens and the people of the parish, the Chairman extended a warm welcome to the visiting ringers.—It was agreed that the next annual meeting of the district should be held at Kirkby-in-Furness in September, and it was further decided to hold a ringing meeting at Milnthorpe in June.—After several other business matters had been discussed, Mr. Gibbons proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the Vicar, having briefly replied, those present partook of an excellent "knife and fork" tea, kindly provided by the churchwardens (Ald. G. S. Heath and Councilor Barrow).—Mr. A. W. Brighton (of London), who was among the visitors, proposed a vote of thanks to the churchwardens for their generosity and to those who had assisted in making arrangements for the reception of the ringers.—In the absence of the churchwardens, the vote was acknowledged by Mr. T. Gibbons, secretary of the St. James' Society.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at Dudley on Saturday week. The tower was open for ringing at 3.30 p.m., when the bells were set merrily going and continued to enliven the town by their joyful sound during the afternoon. The Guild's special service, held in the church and attended by upwards of 80 members, was said by the Rev. A. Gray Maitland (Vicar of Dudley, and President of the Guild), and a stirring and forceful address was given by the Rev. J. A. Price (Vicar of Coseley, and vice-president). Mr. G. Harper kindly officiated at the organ. After the service, an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where a substantial tea was in readiness, and full justice was done to the good things provided, upwards of one hundred members availing themselves of the opportunity of being present from Bilston, Blakenhall, Bradley, Brierley Hill, Coseley, Darlaston, Dudley, Netherton, Oldbury, Old Hill, Halesowen, Kidderminster, Rowley Regis, Sedgley, Smethwick, Tipton, Tetterhall, West Bromwich, Walsall, Wood Green, Wednesbury, Willenhall and Wolverhampton. Grace was heartily sung before tea and the Doxology after.

The Rev. A. Gray Maitland presided at the business meeting which followed, and was supported by the Rev. J. A. Price and Mr. H. Mason (vice-presidents), Mr. J. P. Bill (an hon. member), Mr. S. Spittle (ringing master), Mr. W. R. Small (treasurer), Mr. Herbert Sheppard (secretary), Councillor H. Wilkes, Mr. J. Bayliss, Mr. Arthur Spittle, etc. The whole of the officers were re-elected, and the Rev. J. A. Price was elected a vice-president, and Mr. C. H. Oakes (Dudley) an honorary member, while 14 performing members were added to the roll.

The annual report and balance sheet were read and passed. The auditors reported a deficiency on the year's working, but accounted for it by the extra expenses incurred in printing the annual reports in book form and the extra information which they contained.—It was decided to refer the question of printing the reports to the Management Committee with power to act.

On the invitation of the Rev. Prebendary Nicholas, Vicar of Wombourne, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Wombourne. Several peals were proposed to be attempted during the ensuing quarter.

The Secretary reported that the peals rung during the past year were up to the average, special mention being made of the peal of Stedman Triples by the All Saints' band, West Bromwich, conducted by one of its members, and supposed to be the first peal of Stedman on the bells by an entirely local band. Mention was also made of the peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at St. Paul's, Wood Green, it being the first peal by the band and on the bells by a local band. It was hoped that this would be an incentive to other bands to persevere and improve.

At the close of the meeting which was voted as a record one, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the ladies who prepared the tea and were so energetic in serving it; also to Mrs. A. Gray Maitland, Mesdames Bridgewater, Bill and Wilkes for so kindly presiding at the tables, to the donors of the tea, to the President for presiding at the meeting and conducting the service in church, to the Rev. J. A. Price for his eloquent address, to the organist and to all who had assisted in any way in making the meeting a great success.

The bells were afterwards kept merrily going in various methods until 9.30 p.m.

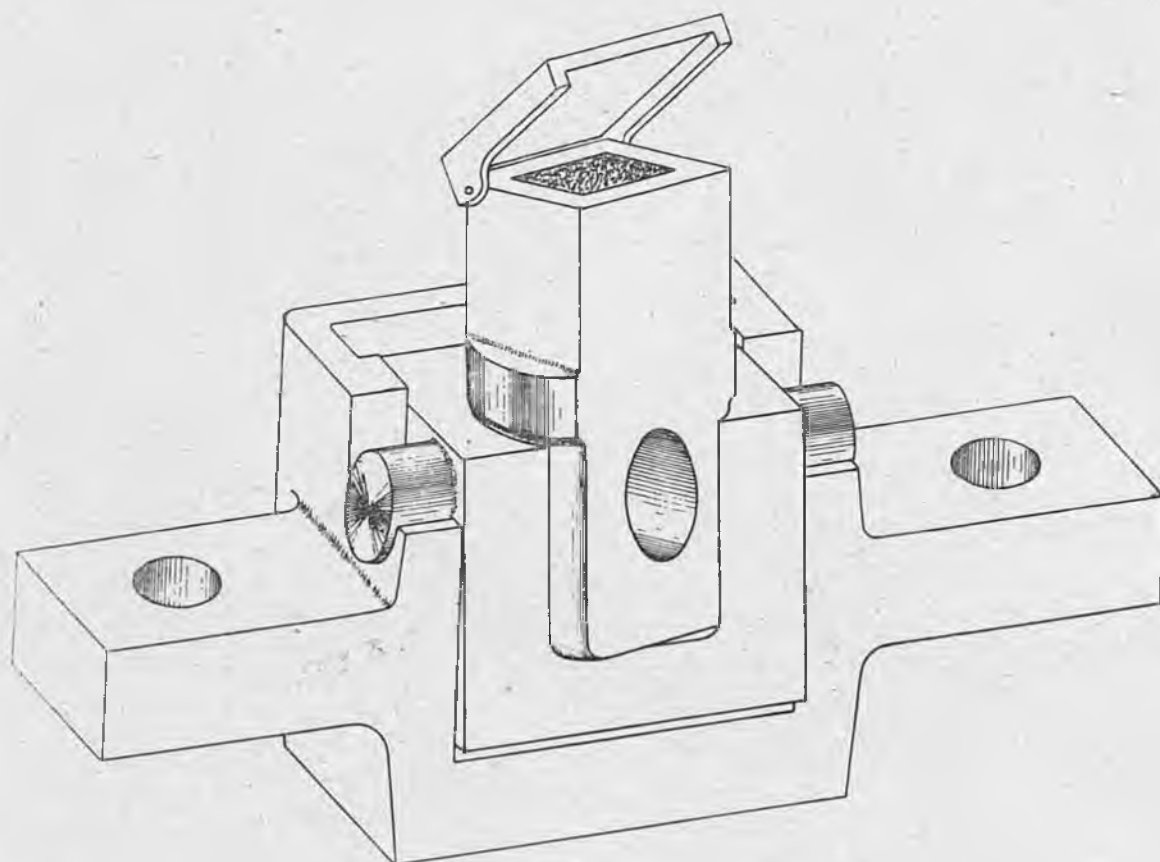
BARKING, ESSEX.—On Jan. 11th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins. (Carter's odd bob): C. Fenn (conductor) 1, W. Beard 2, A. C. Hardy 3, H. E. Parker 4, G. W. Faulkner 5, J. Norris 6, G. Cottis 7, W. G. Jackson 8.—On January 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: B. Agar (first quarter-peal) 1, C. Fenn 2, W. G. Jackson 3, H. E. Parker (composer and conductor) 4, G. W. Faulkner 5, A. C. Hardy 6, R. Fenn 7, H. Wagstaff 8.

GORING, OXON.—Recently, at the Parish Church, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, 720 Oxford Bob, 720 Plain Bob; on Saturday, January 24th, two 720's Plain Bob; on Wednesday, January 28th, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob and 360 Plain Bob; on February 1st, for morning service, 360 Woodbine Treble Bob, and another 360 in the same method for evening service. The ringers taking part were: Miss G. Bower, W. Aldridge, W. Napper, B. Savage, L. R. Hayward, A. Mobey, J. Smith, G. Wilson, A. Spokes, J. Johnson, J. Williams, F. Woodward, J. Bower and J. Carter, the conductors being J. Bower, J. Smith and G. Wilson.

SITTINGBOURNE.—For men's service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: W. Burley (first in the method) 1, H. E. Simpson 2, S. B. Dobbie 3, E. J. Dobbie 4, G. H. Spice 5, F. S. Macey 6, W. Spice (conductor) 7, E. J. Bottle 8.

SHREWSBURY.—Recently, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: G. Byolin 1, T. G. Bartlett 2, W. Taylor 3, E. Jones 4, W. R. Stockdale 5, F. M. Taylor 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, J. Wynn 8. Arranged for Mr. T. G. Bartlett, of St. Sidwell's, Exeter, who was on a visit.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor: Miss E. M. Reed (first 720) 1, E. Thorpe 2, W. Grimes 3, E. Willis 4, T. Reed (conductor) 5, C. Willis 6.



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The Cambridge University Guild, founded in 1879, and from its very associations an exclusive body, is among the smallest, numerically, of our ringing organisations, yet it has done in the past and still continues to do a very valuable work, for it has accomplished a great deal in bringing into touch with our Art many members of a class whose presence in the ranks of the Exercise has greatly helped to raise the status of the ringer in the eyes of the public. The main strength of the Guild, of course, lies in its life members, and they are scattered all over the country. Of late years, however, an ever-increasing number of men enter the 'Varsity who have some knowledge of change ringing, but it is only for a comparatively short time that they are actually in the University, where residence qualifies them to join the Guild. And to this is due the fact that Cam-

bridge itself seldom holds many of its members at one time. Our photograph, however, shows that at the present moment the 'Varsity has no lack of ringers among its students, and the genial president (the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey)—the only president the Guild has known—may well feel satisfied that there is much life and promise in the organisation which he has so long cherished and nursed. There have been times when Mr. Boughey has not had a single ringer of the University Guild in Cambridge to assist him, and it says much for his keenness that the Guild has successfully survived these lean years. There is now a fairly strong resident band, and although the claims of examinations, etc., prevent a big peal record being put up at any time, good spade work continues to be done, and there does not appear much likelihood of ringing becoming extinct in the University for some time to come.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Canterbury district was held at Birchington on Saturday when, although the weather was not very propitious, the gathering was fairly large. The district was well represented, members attending from Boughton, Canterbury, Deal, Hernhill, Littlebourne, Lyngme, Margate, Ospringe, Sturry St. Lawrence, and Wickhambreux, while Mrs. Gatehouse and Messrs. Hodgkin and Kay were welcomed from the Ashford district. Touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Major were rung at Quex Park during the afternoon, and a few rounds on the twelve, arranged principally for Mrs.

Gatehouse in which also many others rang for the first time on twelve bells. The service was conducted by the Vicar, who spoke on the words in the lesson: "Fear not little flock: for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom."—Tea, kindly provided by the Vicar and prepared by Mrs. Sayer, with the help of a few lady friends, was served in the Institute Hall, and after tea, with Mr. E. E. Foreman in the chair, 14 new members were duly elected.—Mr. C. H. Drake proposed, and Mr. A. A. Saxby seconded, a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for the service, and for the refreshments.—The Vicar suitably acknowledged the vote, and said how pleased he was to welcome the Association to his parish.

HERE AND THERE.

LOCAL RECORD AT SOUTHWOLD.

As a farewell to Mr. W. Ayres, one of the ringers, who was about to leave Southwold, the local band rang two quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples on Sunday week. The striking was the best heard in Southwold for a long time, and two "quarters" in one day constitutes a record for the company without outside help. The ringers were: F. Osborne 1, A. Sergeant 2, J. Farrington 3, G. E. Padgett (conductor) 4, E. Goodwin 5, J. Jillings 6, W. Ayres 7, G. Blowers 8.

C. J. FRAY'S 50 PEALS.

Bob Minor, 3 (conducted 1); in three Minor Methods, 1; seven Minor Methods, 4; seven Treble Bob Methods, 1; Grandsire Triples, 6; Stedman Triples, 10; Bob Major 8; Kent Treble Bob Major, 7; Double Norwich, 10; total, 50.

NEW BELLS FOR SOUTH WALES.

A new ring of six bells (tenor 11 cwt. in G) have now been placed in the tower of St. Mellon's Church, near Cardiff, by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London. A band of ringers from the Llandaff Association met at St. Mellon's to test the bells, and after many touches had been rung, one and all expressed the greatest satisfaction with the tone and the "go" of the new peal. All the bells are equipped with the latest pattern fittings, and hung in a new steel frame. The dedication will take place as soon as the restoration of the tower is completed.

THE LATE MR. H. WALTER.

Members of the Oxford Guild have rung the following touches with bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. H. Walter, of Shepperton. At Appleton, Berks, where Mr. Walter was once a member, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung on March 6th by: H. White 1, A. E. Lock 2, Miss K. Holfield 3, C. G. White 4, G. Holfield 5, A. H. White 6, F. S. White 7, G. Holfield (conductor) 8, R. White 9, F. White 10.—At North Moor, Berks, 720 Bob Minor on March 7th: R. White 1, Miss K. Holfield 2, H. Holfield 3, G. Holfield, junr., 4, A. E. Lock (conductor) 5, G. Holfield, senr., 6. Also 720 Stedman Minor, conducted by G. Holfield.

WOOLWICH RINGER'S DEATH.

The members of the band at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Woolwich, famous as the tower where the Banister family achieved fame, have lost the captain (Mr. G. Carter) by death, and as a last tribute to his memory a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by: G. Beckford 1, L. Pye 2, W. Watchorn 3, W. Pye 4, A. J. Neale 5, A. Pye (conductor) 6, W. Aldridge 7, E. Pollard 8.

SYMPATHY FOR FORMER KENT DISTRICT SECRETARY.

Much sympathy is felt among Kent ringers for Mr. G. Denne, formerly secretary of the Canterbury district. He has permanently lost the sight of one eye, while at present he is blind in the other as well, although hoping to recover partial sight after an operation. In addition he has suffered for the past two months from erysipelas in one leg.

ANOTHER AMERICAN PEN PICTURE.

"The Boston Transcript," which has done a great deal to give publicity to the art of ringing in that part of the United States where Dr. Nichols' energies have been directed to awakening interest in the English method of bell ringing, publishes the following pen picture of the ringers at their work. Under the heading, "Musical Athletes," the writer says:—"You picture the ringers as a party of bacchanals leaping and tugging on their ropes in a frenzy to shake this wild music out into the sky. Put your head through the trapdoor in the floor of the ringing chamber and behold a party of men and youths standing solemnly in a ring facing a common centre, each hauling a rhythmical stroke on his rope, and conversing steadily by a telegraphic code of glances from eye to eye. Not a word except, perhaps, once in five minutes, a short syllable of warning or command from the leader. The pull on the rope is an involuntary motion with them. It comes in response to their 'play' in an enormously complicated game of mathematics which they must carry in their heads."

ALL ARE ATHLETES.

"Most of the men are British. Most of them are young. All of them are athletes. In the powerful stroke of their arms, the bend from the waist, the straightening again to full height, and a firmly hollowed back, as a tree straightens when the gust has passed, are the undisguisable motions of bodies strong and supple. But more than that, their minds are spinning at a rate that outstrips the pace of their backs and shoulders. They are thinking their way through sets of mathematical curves (on paper they look like logarithms) which are the notation of that gorgeous music which is pouring out across the countryside."

AMERICAN VIEW OF THE ENGLISH BELL CASTING.

"It appears that the casting of bells is a fine art, as subtle as the fashioning of the back and belly of a Strad or an Amati. There are secrets that have been transmitted through generations. There is an

acquired instinct which differentiates between true and false, and a certain English firm is now buying up old sugar cauldrons in Cuba for bell metal, just as the Germunders many years ago scoured Long Island buying rafters of old churches and dwellings for seasoned wood to put into their violins."

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

A practice meeting of the Northern District was held at Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Friday. There was a fair attendance, and some excellent practice was given to those members who were learning Kent Minor and Plain Bob Minor and Doubles. A few rounds were also rung for the benefit of the beginners. The joke of a visitor raising the tenor single-handed, as recorded at our last meeting held at the Cathedral, Newcastle, was not repeated, the effort having appeared to be taken too seriously. The peal board recording the first peal rung on these bells is to be unveiled on Friday, March 27th, at 8.30 p.m. The district is all excitement over the dedication of the two new trebles at Newcastle Cathedral on Easter Sunday.

AN ACCIDENT.

Mr. Wm. Clifford, senr., of Beeston, Notts, has had the misfortune to break his left arm, in the course of his daily occupation. He will be 64 years of age in April, and in a village, where ringers are none too plentiful of his ability, the band is bound to suffer, until he recovers, which we hope will be speedily.

BELLS OR BELLES.

That bright weekly periodical, "Tit-Bits," is the latest journal to be made the recipient of a complaint about bells. Unhappily for the correspondent, however, he was unable to spell correctly, and the editorial comment scores off the would-be malinger of ringing. Here is the paragraph, which appears in the current issue: "Citizen (Sheffield) sends in a violent complaint against the ringing of church bells, and concludes by asking, 'Of what earthly use are they? They don't attract people to church.'—Unfortunately, he has made a little slip in his spelling, and writes the word 'belles' every time he wishes to speak about 'bells.' We can't resist the opportunity of saying that if it was not for the church belles a good many of the young men would not be drawn to church."

THE BELLS AT EPPING.

There is practically a new ring of eight bells at St. John's Church, Epping, a handsome church which owes much of its magnificence to the unostentatious generosity of one of the parishioners, Mr. E. J. Wythes, of Copped Hall, Epping. He built the tower, gave the organ, reputed to be the finest in Essex, and presented the chancel screen and reredos. He has completed the bells, by adding three more to make an octave. The dates at which the bells have been presented are as follow: Tenor (20 cwt. in E flat), February, 1910; 6th, March, 1911; 7th, March, 1912; 5th, January, 1913; treble, February, 1913; 2nd, 3rd and 4th December, 1913. They are the product of the famous Whitechapel Foundry. The frame is of English oak, and was put in in March, 1909. The first quarter-peal was rung on the bells by: W. D. Smith 1, H. Rumens 2, F. Rumens 3, J. H. Wilkins 4, C. T. Coles 5, W. J. Hazell 6, A. A. Hughes (conductor) 7, A. Coles 8.

YORK MINSTER BELLS.

The York Minster bells, at present undergoing restoration by Messrs. J. Warner and Sons, Ltd., Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London, will be opened on Wednesday, March 25th.

DEATH OF MRS. MOTTS.

In our last issue we recorded a peal of Stedman Triples rung at St. Margaret's Church, Ipswich, on March 7th, in celebration of the 86th birthday of Mrs. Harriet Motts, mother of those two well-known ringers, Messrs. James and William Motts. To-day it is our sad duty to record a peal of Treble Bob Maximus rung with half-muffled bells at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, as a last tribute to the memory of the aged lady, who passed away during the week, and was interred at Ipswich Cemetery on Friday, the Rev. William C. Pearson, Vicar of St. Peter's, Henley, officiating at the funeral. The peal was rung by the kind permission of Canon William Melville Pigot, M.A. (Vicar), and the following journeyed to Ipswich specially to take part in the peal: Mr. W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), Mr. R. H. Hayward (Marlesford) and Mr. E. F. Poppy (Eye).

THIRTY-TWO MINOR METHODS RUNG.

No fewer than 141 Minor extents were rung at Norbury, Cheshire, during 1913, in the following 32 methods: Plain Bob, 14; College Single, 4; Oxford Bob, 1; Oxford Treble Bob, 8; Kent, 7; Woodbine, 1; Trowell, 2; Burton, 1; Rochester, 1; Sandal, 6; London Scholars, 4; Islington, 6; Killamarsh, 6; Coventry, 3; Duke of Norfolk, 3; Tanner's Pleasure, 1; Disley, 6; Old Oxford, 2; Kingston, 7; Wragby, 7; Neaden, 5; College Bob IV, 5; Norbury, 4; Willesden, 2; Rostherne, 1; Cambridge Surprise, 1; Bocking, 3; Braintree, 5; Chadkirk, 2; Overton, 6; Poynton, 1; Withnash, 1; mixed, 15. The following ringers took part: Rev. A. T. Beeston 49, J. W. Hartley 140, Jas. Fernley 132, W. Fernley 131, H. Williamson 101, H. Langley 95, H. Hallworth 58, A. Fernley 42, A. S. Gordon 41.

Chelmsford Cathedral Tenor Bell.



The new ring of 12 bells (Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs.) for Chelmsford Cathedral was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans on Saturday, September 27th, 1913.

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NONOGENARIAN RINGERS. A CELEBRATION AND FATALITY RECALLED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I read with much interest the record of Mr. J. Heathorn's 90th birthday celebration, and heartily congratulate the old gentleman on the wonderful performance of taking part in 112 of Grandsire Triples at such an advanced age. This brings to my mind a similar celebration. At the Church of St. Peter's, Prestbury, three miles from Macclesfield, a mixed band of ringers rang a peal of Grandsire Triples to celebrate the 93rd birthday of Mr. John Wheelton, who, on the completion of the peal, ascended the belfry steps, and rang the 3rd in rounds. The peal is recorded on a neat tablet in the belfry, as follows: "This tablet is to commemorate the ringing of Taylor's peal of Grandsire Triples (5040 changes), in 3 hrs. 9 mins., on the 21st April, 1885. The above was rung to celebrate the 93rd birthday of Mr. John Wheelton, for over 70 years a ringer of this church, and who at that time was the oldest ringer in England. Performed by the following ringers: James Holt (Macclesfield) 1, J. R. Henshall (Gawsworth) 2, Samuel Smith (Prestbury) 3, James Morlidge (Macclesfield) 4, Wm. Hy. Hardman (Higher Sutton) 5, Edward Matthews (Macclesfield) 6, Walter Ingham (Higher Sutton) 7, Henry Wheelton (Prestbury) 8. Conducted by E. Matthews. Weight of tenor 18 cwt., in F."

The ringer of the tenor was a nephew of the veteran. I am sorry to say that the old gentleman did not live long after this event, and I have been informed by those who well remember him, that he met with his death in a very singular manner, and which in a measure was connected with ringing.

It appears that the Vicar at that time (the Rev. Canon Wilson) was very good to the ringers, but he had a difficulty in getting them to attend the services after ringing for the same. The ringers at that time, some of them in advanced years, pleaded that after ringing the bells they caught cold in sitting in the cold and draughty church, so the old canon presented each ringer with a large pilot coat, so that they could attend church without the risk of getting a chill. Now the old veteran had been out on a wet day, and, returning home, he hung his wet ringer's coat on a chair before the fire to dry, and the weight of the coat after a while over-balanced the chair, and came in contact with the fire. It did not blaze, but smouldered, filling the house with fumes which nearly suffocated Mr. Wheelton, and I am told that he never recovered from this sad event. I well remember seeing some of the old ringers wearing their coats. In conclusion, I may say that the present peal of eight were put in the tower about 1820 by Mears, and the same firm are shortly going to rehang them.

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

AXBRIDGE DEANERY BRANCH PROGRESS.

At the recent annual meeting of the Axbridge Deanery branch, which was held at Burnham the following towers were represented: Burnham, Congresbury, Cheddar, Berrow, East Brent, Brent Knoll, Huntspill, Highbridge, Badgworth, Winscombe and Weston-super-Mare. Service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. H. A. Kirke, the address being given by the Rev. Preb. Hayes Robinson, M.A., Vicar-designate of Burnham. Tea was partaken at the Clarence Hotel, after which the business meeting took place, the Rev. H. A. Kirke presiding. One honorary and nineteen performing members were elected, and Winscombe was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, and Rowberrow for the intermediate meeting.—The Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. Harris) presented the balance sheet, which was accepted.—The Rev. G. H. Lewis, who for two years has been president of the branch, wished to retire, and the Rev. Preb. Hayes Robinson was elected president; Mr. G. H. Pruett was re-elected vice-president; Mr. J. Harris, secretary; and Mr. G. Chamberlain, representative.

The Secretary's report showed the branch had made good progress during the year, two towers having joined and three others rejoined during that time.—Heartly votes of thanks were accorded the clergy and churchwardens for arranging of the service and for the use of bells, and to the organist.—During the afternoon and evening, several good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples were rung.

5056 TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By C. H. Hattersley.

	M	B	W	H
23456	1	—	2	2
24536	2	—	1	2
36452	2	—	1	2
63254	2	—	1	2
52364	2	—	1	2
25463	2	—	1	2
53462	2	—	1	2
62345	1	—	2	2
25346	2	—	1	2
43526	1	—	2	2
34625	2	—	1	2
26435	1	—	2	2
24365	2	—	1	2
62453	2	—	1	2
23456	2	—	1	2

First rung at Balderstone, Lancs, on Nov. 29th, 1913.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

SHENSTONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Saturday, January 17th, an attempt was made for Taylor's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of esteem for the late Mr. E. Gallimore, of Lichfield, but after ringing nearly two hours, a shift-course brought up rounds at the fourth part-end: F. E. Cope 1, A. Bowler 2, J. Jennings 3, O. Hicks 4, T. Bloore 5, B. Leedham 6, F. J. Cope (conductor) 7, J. H. Gallimore 8. The loss of the peal was keenly felt by the ringers, as it was the only attempt they were able to arrange in memory of the above veteran ringer.

BRECON, SOUTH WALES.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, January 11th, for evening service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Short (conductor) 1, S. Brooks 2, G. Giblin 3, W. A. Fletcher 4, R. Kinsey 5, A. Matthews 6, C. Beech 7, W. Evans 8.

LIANDEFALOG, BRECON.—On January 18th, for evening service, 840 Grandsire Doubles (seven different callings): W. A. Fletcher (conductor) 1, C. Powell 2, C. Beech 3, *D. J. Williams 4, W. Evans 5, *S. Protheroe 6. * Longest length, and members of the local band.

LONDON.—On January 18th, for evening service, at St. Giles' Church, Camberwell, S.E., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: F. V. Martin 1, T. Walker 2, A. D. Barker (conductor) 3, C. H. Hughes 4, A. Jones 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, T. H. Taffender 7, H. C. Waite (first quarter-peal) 8.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On January 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. G. Darlington 1, G. Andrews 2, H. Cornwell 3, G. Maxim 4, H. G. Rowe (composer and conductor) 5, C. Dille 6, H. Simmons 7, R. Smith 8.—On January 20th, 1008 Stedman Triples: W. G. Darlington 1, G. Maxim 2, H. Cornwell 3, F. Jelf 4, G. Radley 5, H. Simmons 6, H. G. Rowe (conductor) 7, C. Dille 8. Rung on the second anniversary of the opening of the bells.—On February 1st, for evening service, 756 Stedman Triples.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On January 20th, 360 Plain Bob, conducted by R. W. Taylor, 720 Kent Treble Bob: E. S. Frost 1, R. Moss 2, A. Miller 3, J. S. Daniels 4, R. W. Taylor 5, J. A. Lambert (conductor) 6. 360 Oxford Single Bob in which P. L. Parslow took part.

CEFN COED, BRECONSHIRE.—On January 20th, at St. John's Church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, 1800 of Bob Minor, in 56 mins.: J. Reed 1, A. Hunt 2, C. H. Perry 3, F. B. Stedman 4, A. E. Slatter 5, J. E. Sykes (conductor) 6. Longest length in the method on the bells, and by all the band except the conductor.

TADCASTER, YORKS.—On January 22nd, at St. Mary's Church, a date touch (1914) Grandsire Triples, in 65 mins., rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. E. Lindley: F. Dennison 1, F. Poole 2, E. Lindley (conductor) 3, H. Blake 4, H. Clayton 5, E. Pickering 6, J. W. Garbutt 7, R. Pickering 8.

GOOLE, YORKSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, on January 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in honour of a visit by the Archbishop of York: *H. Waud 1, H. Ludkin (conductor) 2, C. W. King 3, *J. Spence 4, A. W. Jackson 5, *R. Davis 6, D. Carmichael 7, J. Drake 8. * First quarter-peal. The ringer of the treble is only 12 years of age.

GRAVESEND.—At St. George's Church, on January 24th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: R. Smith 1, C. Constant 2, A. Constant 3, R. Tall 4, J. Constant 5, A. Martin 6, R. Constant (conductor) 7, J. Avis 8.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On January 24th, 720 Bob Minor: D. Chaplin 1, Miss C. Playle (first 720 with a bob bell) 2, J. Marks (Wanstead) 3, C. Petty (Wanstead) 4, G. Playle (conductor) 5, E. Hawkins 6.

TRING, HERTS.—At the Parish Church, on January 24th, after an attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original: F. Fitkin 1, F. Reeve 2, H. Lovell 3, A. Tompkins 4, H. Heley 5, W. Grove 6, G. W. Price (conductor) 7, J. Wells 8. All belong to the local band except Mr. G. N. Price, who hails from Oxhey.

COGGESHALL.—On January 26th, for practice, 1120 London Surprise Major: P. Langston 1, W. Sadler 2, A. Shuffelebotham 3, F. Claydon 4, W. Keeble 5, E. Newman 6, E. W. Beckwith 7, D. Elliott 8.

PADBURY, BUCKS.—On January 25th, for evening service, 1200 Grandsire Doubles, in 47 mins.: W. Kirkland 1, G. Gough, junr., 2, Pte. W. G. Rose (1st Coldstream Guards) 3, T. Gibbard 4, C. Gough, senr., 5, T. Salmon 6. Conducted in two parts by the ringers of the 3rd and 5th. First quarter-peal in any method by all the band except the ringer of the 3rd.

BURNHAM, SOMERSET.—On January 26th, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: A. Evans (conductor) 1, A. Routley 2, G. Chamberlain 3, F. Iley 4, G. Pruett 5, W. Worgan 6, H. Lawrence (first quarter of Stedman) 7, E. Reed 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—At St. Thomas-a-Beckett's Church, on January 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 47 mins.: E. Davis 1, W. Baker (first quarter away from tenor) 2, F. Burnett (conductor) 3, M. Ellamore 4, *Rev. J. J. Best 5, H. O. Ingram 6, J. Harris 7, *P. Cook 8. * First quarter-peal.

HULL.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Feb. 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Morrison 1, T. Stockdale 2, G. F. Williams (conductor) 3, G. Dowling 4, J. Hedda 5, G. T. Miller 6, C. Jackson 7, J. Chamberlain 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ALDERSHOT.—On January 28th, at the Parish Church, a date touch of Minor (1914), being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 380 of Oxford Single Bob, 108 of Plain Bob and 6 odd changes: J. Woolacott 1, Alb. Croucher 2, Alf. Croucher 3, G. Fisher 4, W. Fisher 5, Corpl. G. Gilbert, R.E., 6. Rung by an entirely local band, and conducted by Corpl. G. Gilbert, R.E.

NETTLEBED, OXON.—On February 1st, a party of ringers visited this village and rang a 240 Grandsire Doubles and 720 Bob Minor: J. Williams 1, J. Johnson 2, J. Bower 3, W. Napper 4, F. Woodward 5, J. Smith (conductor) 6. The bells are a very light peal of six, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the tenor being only a little over 6 cwt. They "go" well, but require careful handling.

TWYFORD, BERKS.—On Sunday evening, Feb. 1st, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, on the back bells, in 45 mins. (with 1-2 leading): H. Wigmore 1, Rev. M. H. Waller 2, W. Bradley 3, F. Wigmore 4, F. Dentry (conductor) 5, J. Portsmouth 6 (E. Austin and G. Cook taking the two front bells). This is the longest length by all except the conductor. The band only commenced ringing since the bells were installed at Easter.

STAFFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: G. Booth 1, F. V. Haggis 2, W. H. Jones 3, F. Ryell 4, J. Warriow 5, J. J. Taylor 6, A. Moreton (conductor) 7, J. Spencer 8.

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral, in honour of the visit of Justice Scrutton, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: G. Hinton 1, J. Hill 2, A. Hill (conductor) 3, B. Hill 4, G. Hinton 5, J. Brettel 6, W. C. Jones 7, W. Edgington 8, E. Watkins 9, W. H. Johnson 10.—On January 25th, for morning service, 543 Stedman Caters: G. Hinton 1, B. Hill 2, W. Powell 3, J. Morris 4, W. C. Jones 5, W. Page (conductor) 6, J. Brettel 7, W. Edgington 8, E. Watkins 9, W. H. Johnson 10.

RAINFHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 4th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1914 changes), in 1 hr. 11 mins.: S. Champion 1, W. Easter 2, F. Belsey 3, A. Mantelaw 4, J. Champion 5, C. Belsey 6, W. Haigh (conductor) 7, W. J. Walker 8.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On January 25th, for evening service, 336 and 168 Stedman Triples.—On Sunday, Feb. 1st, 504 Grandsire Triples. On Feb. 3rd, 504 Stedman Triples: A. H. Took 1, J. Spalding 2, C. Moss 3, J. Larter 4, J. O'Neill 5, J. Howard 6, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 7, W. Pierce 8.

HAYES, KENT.—At St. Mary's the Virgin's, on Dec. 31st, 720 Oxford Single Bob (30 bobs, 30 singles), rung for the first time: B. Williams 1, H. Reader (composer) 2, A. Cassam 3, G. Harwood 4, H. Brown 5, F. Keech (conductor) 6.

HILLINGDON WEST.—On St. Andrew's Day, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 42 mins.: J. Peddle 1, H. Waite 2, H. Chandler 3, E. Hancox (conductor) 4, R. Carter 5, T. Smith 6, W. Honor 7, W. Foster 8.

HORSHAM.—Sussex County Association. — On Dec. 21st, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 1064 Grandsire Triples: A. Francis 1, R. Dale 2, R. Wood 3, J. Burdfield 4, W. Short 5, W. Denyer 6, W. Stanford (conductor) 7, P. Doick 8.

LANGPORT.—Bath and Wells Association.—On Dec. 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 27 mins.: Tom Jeanes 1, G. W. Font 2, T. J. Lloyd (conductor) 3, A. Whaddon 4, T. W. Creed 5, G. Locke 6. First 720 Kent on the bells, and by all except T. W. Creed.

SUTTON-ON-HULL.—At St. James' Church, on Nov. 13th, a quarter-peal of Minor, in 47 mins., being 552 Kent and 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Rodmell 1, C. Jackson (conductor) 2, J. S. Calvert 3, G. F. Williams 4, A. E. West 5, L. Rodmell 6.

HYTHE.—On Feb. 7th, a half-peal of Stedman Triples, in 1 hr. 29 mins.: S. Binfield 1, A. R. Manning 2, E. Cheesman 3, W. Bidnell 4, W. H. Wood 5, S. A. Gower 6, P. Pierce (conductor) 7, W. Knight 8.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On Feb. 8th, at St. Saviour's Church, Walthamstow, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. B. Lucas 1, W. Cooper 2, G. Cooper (first in the method) 3, W. J. E. Jones 4, E. D. Lillywhite 5, H. Rumens 6, F. Hull (conductor) 7, O. L. Twist 8.

MATHON.—Hereford Guild.—On Feb. 8th, 504 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: C. Layton 1, C. A. Layton 2, C. Powell 3, C. Bowers 4, A. Layton (conductor) 5, G. Jordan 6.—On Feb. 1st, 360 Canterbury Pleasures: A. Layton (conductor) 1, C. A. Layton 2, C. Powell 3, C. Bowers 4, C. Layton 5, G. Jordan 6.—On January 18th, 360 Double Court, and 360 Woodbine Treble Bob.—On Jan. 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, conducted by A. Layton, 360 Double Court and 360 Woodbine.

BENTLEY, SOUTH WEALD.—On Feb. 8th, for evening service, 720 of Doubles (two six-scores Grandsire and Plain Bob, one of New Doubles, and one of St. Simon's): G. Sewell 1, E. Furbank 2, W. Sheldon 3, F. Otley 4, A. Rainbird (conductor) 5.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—At St. Luke's Church, on Septuagesima Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Jones 1, D. Jones 2, A. Jones 3, G. Claybrook 4, R. Dunn 5, A. Everson 6, J. Bradney (conductor) 7, C. Darby 8.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: H. Holloway 1, H. W. Cotton 2, W. Phillips 3, J. W. Fruin 4, V. Holloway 5, Robert Holloway (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, J. R. Mackman 7, J. R. Sims 8.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Dec. 19th, for evening service, 672 Bob Major: W. Mead 1, J. Mead 2, W. Pether 3, W. Sear 4, L. Meager 5, E. Marks 6, T. Best 7, H. Sear (conductor) 8. Also 224 Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. Sear, and 336, conducted by H. Sear, with Miss W. Swinfield ringing the treble.

BRAINTREE.—For Matins, on St. Thomas' Day, at the Parish Church, 882 Grandsire Triples, and for evensong 657 in the same method: H. Coote 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, F. Webb 3, H. E. Hammond 4, W. H. Dyson 5, F. Ely 6, G. Lindridge 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

SELBY.—At the Abbey Church, for morning service, on December 21st, 336 Bob Major, with tenor covering, conducted by H. Fairlam. For evening service, 360 Grandsire Caters: E. Storr 1, G. Morley 2, T. Morgan 3, A. Hall 4, H. Morley 5, J. Jackson 6, F. Crayer (conductor) 7, W. Hinton 8, H. Fairlam 9, T. Strudwick 10. Also 168 Stedman Triples, conducted by T. Strudwick.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Christmas Day, 447 Grandsire Triples: H. Long 1, A. Brooks 2, E. Brown 3, T. Bull 4, G. Brooks 5, J. Monk 6, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 7, J. Brooks 8.—On January 4th, for morning service, 447 Grandsire Triples, and for evening service 504: H. Long 1, T. Bull 2, E. Brown 3, A. Brooks 4, C. R. Walker 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, J. Brooks 7, G. Brooks 8.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On December 31st, at St. Michael's Church, a date touch of Oxford-Bob Triples (1913 changes), in 1 hr. 11 mins.: W. Rickett 1, F. Bird 2, P. C. Springham 3, H. M. White 4, H. Champness 5, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 6, H. Dew 7, P. Springham 8.

LUTON.—On Dec. 31st, for the watch-night service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: H. Walker 1, T. Rendall 2, G. Newson 3, B. Wilson 4, W. Payne 5, F. Hunt 6, A. King (conductor) 7, A. Rockwood 8.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—For evensong, on New Year's Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Hammond 1, A. Harman 2, H. Butcher 3, O. Holmwood 4, E. Bishop, junr., 5, C. Brasior (conductor) 6, F. Hammond 7, E. Bishop, senr., 8.

ALDERSHOT.—On Dec. 31st, for midnight service, 720 Oxford Single Bob: W. Fisher, senr., 1, J. Woolacott 2, G. Fisher 3, A. Croucher 4, W. Fisher 5, Alf. Croucher (conductor) 6.

BREWOD, STAFFORD.—On handbells, retained in hand, on Dec. 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, being 10½ six-scores, each called differently, in 29 mins., by: John Perry (conductor) 1—2 3—4, A. A. Bailey 5—6. Also on Sunday, January 4th, another quarter-peal as above, in 32 mins., by: A. H. Bailey 1—2, J. Perry (conductor) 3—4, J. Cope 5—6.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.—On Jan. 1st, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles (1914 changes), in 1 hr. 13 mins.: T. W. Cox 1, W. Cuss (conductor) 2, S. R. Hicks 3, G. Timbrell 4, A. Painter 5. Longest length on the bells.

ABINGDON.—On Sunday, Jan. 4th, for evening service, at St. Nicholas' Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Holifield 1, F. Barrett 2, Miss K. Holifield 3, A. Fawcett 4, A. E. Lock (conductor) 5, H. Holifield 6.

COLEY.—At St. Bartholomew's Church, on Jan. 4th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins.: H. Smith 1, P. Brown 2, P. Smith 3, N. Griffen 4, A. Carter (conductor) 5, W. Peglar 6.

SHEFFIELD.—At St. Maries' (R.C.) Church, for evening service, on Jan. 4th, Shipway's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: F. Smith (first quarter-peal) 1, T. G. Sarel 2, H. Thorpe 3, J. A. Dixon 4, A. T. Baker 5, W. Midgley 6, R. Harrison (conductor) 7, F. Shackleton 8.

TRING, HERTS.—On Christmas Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, the first at Tring by an entirely local band: *F. Fitkin 1, F. J. Reeve 2, *H. Lovell 3, A. Tompkins 4, *H. Heley 5, *W. Grove 6, W. Melville (conductor) 7, J. Wells 8. * First quarter-peal.—On December 23rd, 560 Grandsire Triples by the same band.

SHEDFIELD, HANTS.—Winchester Guild.—On January 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 40 mins.: J. Didymus 1, W. Heath 2, T. Kirby 3, A. Mears (conductor) 4, A. Titheridge 5, W. Titheridge 6. First quarter-peal by all except the conductor. It was called in ten different ways, and was rung at the first attempt. All the band are local men except the conductor, who belongs to Curdridge.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.—On December 29th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 45 mins.: J. Hollow 1, W. Berry (conductor) 2, E. B. Shaw 3, T. K. Driver 4, W. Hardman (first quarter-peal) 5, T. A. Ogden 6, J. Arrowsmith, senr., 7, T. Willens 8.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.—Bath and Wells Association.—On Christmas Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 53 mins.: G. Sims (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Fisher 2, O. Denning 3, G. Standen 4, G. Fisher 5, E. Standen (conductor) 6, R. Fisher 7, G. Jones 8.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On January 4th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Curris (first attempt) 1, H. Sear (conductor) 2, W. Mead 3, L. Meager 4, J. Mead 5, E. Marks 6, F. Hedges 7, V. Sear 8. Also 252 Stedman Triples.

KEIGHLEY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Feb. 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Cooper (longest length) 1, J. Edmondson 2, T. Bancroft 3, R. W. Jennison 4, J. Hall (longest length) 5, S. Bateman (conductor) 6, S. Murgatroyd 7, E. Green 8.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Christmas Day, at the Parish Church, 1331 Grandsire Caters, in 52 mins.: W. J. Thynge (conductor) 1, G. Hollis 2, G. Davies 3, W. T. Peglar 4, F. Davies 5, A. Knights 6, F. Jacobs 7, T. W. Gore 8, E. J. Oliver 9, B. A. Knights 10. Rang as a birthday compliment to Mr. D. Farthing, who is the oldest ringer at the above church.

SUNBURY.—On Dec. 6th, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1hr. 30 mins.: *L. Allford 1, W. New 2, A. Denford 3, *G. Phampllett 4, T. Beadle 5, F. G. Goddard 6, G. Spencer 7, *F. Shepherd 8. * Longest length, and belong to the local band.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 7th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Double (1260 changes), each six-score called differently: W. Law 1, *J. F. Lancaster 2, A. J. Richardson 3, W. T. Law 4, T. Law (conductor) 5. * First quarter-peal, and rung on his 16th birthday.

HACKNEY.—On Sunday, Dec. 7th, at St. John of Jerusalem, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: C. H. Hughes 1, J. Barry 2, A. D. Barker (conductor) 3, A. Bunn 4, E. E. Grimes 5, T. King 6, W. Powell 7, A. Riley 8.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.—Yorkshire Association.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sunday, Dec. 7th, 572 Yorkshire Surprise Major: W. Wood 1, George Robinson 2, R. Thomas 3, W. O. Talbot 4, H. Williams (conductor) 5, John McKell (Gargrave) 6, H. Lindsay 7, A. Haste 8. First attempt to ring the method by J. McKell. Also a touch of Grandsire Triples, with Miss A. Micks, table.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Dec. 8th, for practice (960 changes), Kent Treble Bob Major, in 43 mins., longest touch by local band: L. Fidler 1, A. Squires 2, H. Day 3, F. R. Bacon 4, G. Wolfe 5, C. Have 6, G. Croft 7, J. F. Foster (conductor) 8.

ISLEWORTH.—At All Saints' Church, for watch-night service, on December 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Beckensale 1, O. Dell 2, G. Miles 3, G. Biggs 4, T. Beadle 5, F. C. Goddard 6, G. Spencer (conductor) 7, H. T. Beadle 8.—On Sunday, January 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Beckensale 1, C. Beaumont 2, G. Tricker 3, C. Bird 4, T. Beadle 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, A. Harding 7, G. Spencer 8.

STOKE COVENTRY.—On Monday, Dec. 8th, at the Church of St. Michael, Stoke, a quarter-peal of Bristol Surprise Major (1280 changes): O. J. Hunt 1, W. J. Smith 2, W. H. Brunsdon 3, F. E. Pervin 4, J. H. W. White 5, W. T. Cox 6, C. Freeman 7, A. Roberts 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all, and first quarter-peal in the method by the Warwickshire Guild.

THE MEMORIAL FUND TO THE REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

The committee entrusted in the raising of the funds for the purpose of perpetuating the memory of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, for 29 years Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, have now completed their labours. The committee, which consisted of the Rev. G. W. O. Jenkyn, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Mr. W. Pole Routh and Mr. A. E. Reeves, were appointed in 1910, and in response to the appeal made, £205 was received in subscriptions.

The chief memorial, as is well known, has been set up in Drayton Church, of which Mr. Robinson was Vicar. It is a carved oak screen at the west end of the church between the ringing chamber and the nave. It was designed by Mr. C. G. Hare, the well-known architect, and Messrs. Bridgman, of Lichfield, executed the work. A bronze tablet in the church bears the following inscription:—

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By the courtesy of the Dean and Chapter a second tablet of Hopton Woodstone has been placed in the cloisters of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, and a third of polished brass in the Church of Appleton, where Mr. Robinson "began his great career as a bell ringer, and whose peal he increased from eight to ten bells."

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 21st, at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., business meeting to follow. All ringers and friends invited.—F. A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Rettendon on Saturday, March 21st. Short service and address at 5 o'clock by the Rector, the Rev. G. Evans-Gwynne. Tea will be served at 5.45, at the kind invitation of the Rector. Meeting to follow. Will correspondents of towers in the district kindly notify me of any alterations they may have for annual report now about to be revised.—Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne and Hoddesdon on March 21st. The tower of Broxbourne will be open from 3 to 5.30 p.m., tea at "The Welcome" after. Ringing subsequently at Hoddesdon until 9 o'clock. All members and friends will be made welcome. Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due.—W. H. Lawrence, District Secretary, Little Munden.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, by kind permission of the Rev. E. Hartley, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells available from 3.30. Short service, with address by the Vicar, at 5. Tea at 5.30, 6d. each. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1914 are now due.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held Pendleton on Saturday, March 28th. Bells ready at 4.30.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Secretary.

BEDS ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Clapham, near Bedford, on Saturday, March 28th.—John W. Barker, District Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, April 4th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary, 135, Salts Street, Shaw.

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

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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.

SUNDAY BELL RINGING.

"Some people are highly indignant over what they describe as the 'nuisance of church bells.' Why, they say, should the churches be allowed to disturb our Sabbath peace, wake the patients in the hospitals, and scatter the thoughts of those who live within sound of a belfry? These are the people, no doubt, who have a grievance against the sun for waking them on a fine spring morning. Let them be thankful that though the sun rises, at least nominally, every day, church bells only ring one day in the week, and begin a good many hours after sunrise. Church bells are unnecessary nowadays, say these people, because everyone has a clock. But not every clock has an alarm, and the church bell is designed to supply that want. As for people who object to hearing church bells while taking their walks abroad, they should be confined in the belfry of Big Ben for twelve hours, to appreciate better the mellowing effect of distance. They are not asked to go to church. They are simply provided gratis with a very pleasing and inspiring form of music.

"The music of church bells is the most ancient and most truly national music that we have in England, and, in an ordinary Englishman, it revives memories, partly his own and partly those of the race. Centuries of history are epitomised in the sounds of church bells, and when we hear them it is not only our own early impressions that revive, but sensations which are part of the national life and the result of its history. Evidently, however, the bells make no appeal to some people. They would be content to hear motor horns, steam sirens, clashing tram wires, and other modern noises all day and all night, but church bells drive them to print and fury."

This comment upon those who seek to silence by condemnation the sound of the church bells appeared in the "Daily Citizen," the Labour journal, on Monday, and it contains a great deal of common sense. We wish it could be brought under the notice of those people who spend so much time and ink in endeavouring to rouse public opinion against the pealing of the bells, for the subject could scarcely have been treated more effectually by the most enthusiastic partisan, and its value is certainly increased by the fact that it appeared in a paper totally unconnected with the Exercise. After all, most of the opposition to Sunday bell ringing is to be found amongst those of hyper-sensitive natures, whose nerves, strung up perhaps by the hustle of business through the week, must find something upon which to vent their feelings. We may sympathise with these people, but we doubt if their opposition to this proper and consecrated use of bells has the slightest influence upon ninety-nine per cent. of the public.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CHELTHENHAM.

THE CHELTHENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Thursday, March 19, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQU S, 5016 CHANCES;

W. T. PATES Treble	A. ALFORD 7
G. H. PHILLOTT 2	F. MUSTY 8
A. W. HUMPHRIS 3	G. WALTERS 9
W. BRINKWORTH 4	W. YIEND 10
G. PEARCE 5	J. BALLINGER 11
W. DYER 6	J. PARSONS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. T. PATES.

The above is the first peal of Cinques rung on the bells since their augmentation from ten to twelve by the gift of two trebles from Alderman J. Winterbotham and Mrs. Winterbotham, and also the first peal on them of any kind since the augmentation and rehanging of the whole peal by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank in 1912. First peal of Cinques by all the band (which is a local one) except by the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 6th and 8th.

TEN BELL PEALS.

PLYMOUTH.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, March 12, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

* F. LOVIS Treble	W. HAMLYN 6
† J. GLEYAS 2	J. WOODLEY 7
A. MITCHELMORE 3	W. SHEARS 8
W. FORD 4	G. H. MYERS 9
G. PARR 5	T. LINNELL Tenor

Composed by JOHN ROGERS, and
Conducted by G. H. MYERS.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Caters away from the treble.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;

SAMUEL WOOD Treble	JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... 6
JOSEPH MELLOR 2	SAMUEL BOOTH 7
THOMAS JAKEMAN 3	ALBERT ADAMS 8
CHARLES BROADBENT 4	HARRY CHAPMAN 9
BENJAMIN GILL 5	ARTHUR E. PEGLAR Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lbs.

HARRY HALL Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 5
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 2	WILLIAM BURGESS ... 6
HORACE BEDINGFIELD ... 3	DAVID G. WIGHTMAN ... 7
EDWARD JENKINS 4	T. WILLIAM LAST Tenor

Composed by THOMAS DAY, and
Conducted by D. G. WIGHTMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. David Collins, of Worlingworth.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS... ..	...Treble	GEORGE FARNISH	5
ERNEST E. LANHAM	2	GEORGE WHITING	6
GEORGE BENNETT	3	T. WILLIAM LAST	7
WALTER WHITING	4	SIDNEY W. PILGRIM ...Tenor	

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and
Conducted by T. W. LAST.

This is the first peal in the method by all the band and was rung at the first attempt. It is also the first peal in the method by members of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

PENTRE RHONDDA

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 12, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lbs. in C flat.

GEORGE CROSS ... ..	...Treble	THOMAS HAMLIN	5
GEORGE WINES	2	TOM PAGE	6
HARRY PAGE	3	JAMES CROSS	7
WILLIAM PAGE	4	HENRY CRABBE	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES CROSS.

First peal as conductor in any method.

OSWALDIWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS HOWARTH ... ..	...Treble	ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH	5
JAMES SHAW	2	WILLIAM RILEY	6
WILLIAM WHEWELL	3	JAMES HOULDSWORTH	7
JOSEPH RAWCLIFFE	4	JOHN BENTLEY	Tenor

Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

Rung as a farewell to John Bentley. First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MARLBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, March 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores, with ten different callings, 4, 6, 8 covering.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HERBERT FLEWELLING	... <i>Treble</i>	MAURICE TUCKER	...	...	5
HAROLD FLEWELLING...	... 2	CHARLES CURTIS	...	...	6
LOUIS A. WILSON	... 3	FRANK HARRIS...	...	...	7
CHARLES BARBER...	... 4	SAMUEL LAWRENCE...	...	<i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by L. A. WILSON.

This is the first peal by all except the ringers of the 3rd and tenor, and first ever rung by an entirely local band. First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, March 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

BENJAMIN GOUGH ... ..	...Treble	WILLIAM FISHER	5
MISS SARAH PIGOTT	2	HORACE HOWELL	6
ALBERT LITTLE	3	JOSEPH PIGOTT	7
THOMAS HUGHES	4	ARTHUR BAKER	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

First peal on the bells in which a lady has taken part.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 18, 1914, in Three Hours.

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS... ..	...Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE	5
FRANK I. HAIRS	2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	6
REUBEN SANDERS	3	JAMES HUNT	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...Tenor	

Composed by FREDERICK PISTOW, and
Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, March 19, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

*ALBERT A. STONER ... ..	...Treble	STEPHEN KENWARD... ..	5
JOSEPH KENWARD	2	ALBERT HARMAN	6
†ALBERT STREETER	3	OSCAR GILBEY	7
HENRY F. EWINS	4	PETER ETHERIDGE	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(HEENE BRANCH.)

On Thursday, March 19, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FRANK BENNETT ... ..	...Treble	WILLIAM HILLMAN	5
JOSEPH FARMER	2	HARRY INGLE	6
JOHN PAGE	3	EDMUND H. LINDUP	7
ALFRED W. GROVES	4	JOHN JERVIS	Tenor

Conducted by EDMUND H. LINDUP.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 19, 1914, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Edward,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER ... ..	...Treble	ALFRED PYE	5
*ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN	2	GEORGE R. PYE	6
GEORGE H. JAYE	3	HARRY F. DAWKINS	7
WILLIAM BILLENNESS	4	ERNEST PYE	Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell and first attempt. H. F. Dawkins' 100th peal. All the above are members of the local company.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

*VICTOR WEBB ... ..	...Treble	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEAR.	5
†MISS KATHLEEN HOLIFIELD	2	FREDERICK WEBB	6
ALBERT E. LOCK	3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUNR.	7
WILLIAM JUDGE... ..	4	FRANK WEBB	Tenor

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUNR.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method with a bob bell.

BICESTER, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Edburg,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

LAURENCE MEAGER Treble	WALTER SEAR 5
FREDERICK C. TOMPKINS ... 2	FRED SEAR 6
ALFRED J. HESSIAN 3	HARRY SEAR 7
JAMES GEORGE 4	VALENTINE SEAR Tenor

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

This is the first peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells since they were recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

STRANTON, WEST HARTLEPOOL.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*W. BRANTFORD WEBSTER Treble	ERNEST BURNETT 5
FRED P. HOWCROFT 2	ALBERT R. WEBSTER ... 6
†ROBERT WEBSTER 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER 7
MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... 4	WILLIAM T. ROBSON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

* First peal. † First peal of Major.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary, BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT 5
*GEORGE M. KILBY 2	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
HARRY FLANDERS 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal in the method.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*THOMAS ROBERTSHAW ... Treble	*JOB A. ROSS 5
GEORGE B. BOLLAND 2	JAMES COTTERELL 6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3	JOSEPH BROADLEY 7
JONAS AMBLER 4	FRED SALMONS Tenor

Composed by THOMAS BLOORE, and

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells, which are a fine-toned peal put in by Messrs. J. Taylor & Sons last year, the "go" being all that can be desired.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE GAILAND Treble	EDWARD F. COLE 5
ALBERT D. STONE 2	ALFRED W. GROVES 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	EDMUND H. LINDUP 7
HENRY STALHAM 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

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

JAMES JONES Treble	JOHN CORRIGAN 5
WILLIAM J. MEERS 2	GEORGE GARRISON 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	MORRIS J. MORRIS 7
*WILLIAM H. JONES 4	WILLIAM G. ELLIS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples and first attempt. The tenor-man has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1914, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*FRED ABBOTT Treble	*JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 5
JOHN POTTER 2	TITUS BARLOW 6
†JOHN YATES 3	ALFRED POTTER 7
*GEORGE POWNALL 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers of the treble and 6th hail from Deane, 2nd and 7th from Walkden, 3rd, 4th and 5th from Newchurch, and tenor from Worsley.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Alkmund,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM TAYLOR Treble	JOHN FLOWER 5
HERBERT DAY 2	FRED W. HILL 6
HENRY LETTS 3	ALFRED C. WRIGHT 7
JOHN C. DICKEN 4	PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

HOLBROOK, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 11, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

R. WHYATT Treble	C. SMITH 4
E. THURLOW 2	T. WARD 5
A. BURROWS 3	J. DALE Tenor

Conducted by JAMES DALE.

BARLBOROUGH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, March 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of 720 each of Lancashire, Stamford, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.

FRED PARR Treble	GEORGE BRUNHAM 4
HARRY GREAVES 2	WILLIAM H. TURTON 5
THOMAS A. HOWES SMITH 3	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor

Conducted by C. SEVERN.

First peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung and made into a ring of six by the addition of a new treble the gift of the Rector. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. Griffiths for the use of the bells, also Mr. Kennan for having everything in readiness. The "go" of the bells was excellent. The work was carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

BURSTOW, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor $11\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

*ALBERT A. STONER... ..Treble	REV. EDWARD J. TEESDALE ... 4
GEORGE ELLIS 2	CHARLES VARO 5
*ALFRED WISDEN 3	ALBERT HARMAN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal of Minor.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Court Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure, and three 720's of Plain Bob, called differently.
Tenor $10\frac{1}{2}$ cwt., in G.

GEORGE E. NAUNTON ... ..Treble	ERNEST W. HALL 4
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 2	JOHN SPENCER 5
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

First peal in five methods on the bells and by all the band, except the ringers of treble and tenor. This peal was arranged and rung as a farewell to G. E. Naunton, who is shortly leaving the district.

PYCHLEY, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1914, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being eight Six-Scores each of Grandsire, St. Simon's and Old Doubles, and nine Six-Scores each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

RICHARD WILLIAMSON, Junr. Treble	THOMAS GARLEY 3
RICHARD WILLIAMSON, Senr. 2	GEORGE BUCKLEY 4
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN Tenor	

Conducted by J. EDWARD CHAPMAN.

First peal by the ringer of the treble, who is only 14 years of age.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 22, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob, and 720 of Canterbury Pleasure.

RICHARD RUSSELL ... ..Treble	ALBERT RELFE... .. 4
ANDREW MARSHALL 2	WALTER MARSHALL 5
GEORGE FULLER 3	HARRY PRICE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

First peal for the ringer of the treble.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PURSTOW'S VARIATION. Size 18, in G.

MAURICE SMITHER... .. 1-2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 5-6
ALFRED H. POLLING 3-4	*CHARLES HAZELDEN 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: Mrs. HAZELDEN and Mrs. POLLING.

* First peal of Stedman on handbells.

DERBY.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(DERBY DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, March 19, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S FIVE-PART.

ARTHUR BRAINES 1-2	W. WALLACE 5-6
A. H. WARD 3-4	*BART MITCHELL 7-8

Conducted by A. BRAINES.

* First peal of Triples "in hand."

LATE PEALS.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 19, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor $22\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

THOMAS ESTERBY ... ..Treble	WILLIAM F. RICHARDSON... 5
WILLIAM W. FOX 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES 6
WILLIAM W. MARTIN 3	HARRY WARNETT, Senr. ... 7
*RALPH WOOD 4	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... ..Tenor

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

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his daughter, and to Mrs. Fox, wife of the ringer of the second.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1914, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor $19\frac{1}{2}$ cwt., in E.

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN... ..Treble	WILLIAM BURGESS 5
EDWARD JENKINS 2	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 6
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 4	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... ..Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

For composition see N.D.A. Report, 1897, No. 779.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
(THE ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, March 23, 1914, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

HAROLD JACKSON ... ..Treble	*SAMUEL WINSTANLEY ... 5
JOSEPH TAYLOR 2	*JOHN WELHAM 6
GEORGE GARNETT 3	*EDWIN OGDEN 7
*ROBERT WIMPENNY 4	WM. W. WOLSTENCROFT... ..Tenor

Composed by W. MALLINSON, and
Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor and rung at the first attempt. Messrs. Garnett, Wimpenny and Wolstencroft hail from Ashton-under-Lyne.

MONEWDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Morning Exercise, Ipswich, Netherseale and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt., in C.

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...Treble	GEORGE WIGHTMAN... .. 4
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 2	DAVID G. WIGHTMAN 5
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 3	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEMBERS DISCUSS FORTHCOMING CENTRAL COUNCIL BUSINESS.

Matters which are to occupy the Central Council at their meeting at Whitsun were discussed at the half-yearly meeting of the Rochester district of the Kent Association held on Saturday week at Swanscombe. In spite of the fearful state of the weather there was a good attendance, about 50 members being present from Gillingham, Chatham, Rochester (Cathedral and St. Margaret's), Frindsbury, Moppham, Cobham, Milton-next-Gravesend, Gravesend St. George's, Crayford. There were also several visitors from Essex, as well as Mr. Alfred Bowell (of Ipswich) and two of his staff, who were working on the new steel frame which he has erected at Shorne, a village about 3½ miles below Gravesend.

Through the generosity of the Swanscombe band the visitors were entertained to tea, for which a hearty vote of thanks was accorded them at the business meeting, held later in the evening. The number of ringers present increased as the weather abated, and upon the arrival of the district secretary at 7.15 p.m., the business meeting commenced, Mr. W. Harper, of the Swanscombe band, being unanimously voted to the chair. The election of new members took place, as well as the ratification of several elections before peals.

A short discussion ensued on the question of the representation of the Ladies' Guild on the Central Council. The opinion of the meeting was that as soon as their numbers were high enough to comply with the Council's rules they could claim representation, but the meeting was against any change in the present constitution of the Central Council to specially admit the Ladies' Guild, as most, if not all, of its members were already represented through the various County Associations and Diocesan Guilds.

The question of inter-affiliation was next discussed, and it was considered that such a scheme would be a great benefit to those ringers who travel about. The ringing in peals away from one's home Association, generally meant a fee of 5s. which, coupled with the cost of travel, made a rather expensive peal for workers. After discussion, it was decided that the question be brought before the Central Committee of the Association for discussion. It was also hoped that other associations would take up this inter-affiliation question.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the clergy for the use of the bells, and also to the chairman.—The bells were kept going during afternoon and evening in a variety of methods.

RESTORATION OF CREDITON BELLS.

A DEVON GUILD MEETING.

A very satisfactory job has been made of the restoration of the peal of eight at the Church of the Holy Cross, Crediton. The work, which has cost about £250 (borne by the Governors) has been carried out by Messrs. Stokes and Son, of Woodbury, and included the strengthening of the frame, the quarter-turning and rehauling, in new fittings, of the whole of the bells. The tenor is about 27 cwt., and the bells are one of the finest peals in a county where grand rings are numerous. To celebrate the restoration, the members of the Exeter Archdeaconry of the Devon Guild held their winter meeting at the tower, the branches represented being St. Sidwell's and St. David's, Exeter, Heavitree, Colyton, Withycombe Raleigh and Thorverton, while the ringers from Crediton and Woodbury (at present unaffiliated) also attended. Some of the bands also visited Newton St. Cyres and Shobrooke, and on arrival at Crediton were warmly welcomed by the Vicar (the Rev. W. M. Smith-Dorrien), and the local ringers. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening, and the admirable work which Messrs. Stokes and Son have done was amply demonstrated by the ease with which the bells were rung.

Tea was served in the Churchworkers' Institute by members of the Churchworkers' Guild, and the party, numbering between 60 and 70, had their wants attended to by lady parishioners. The Vicar presided, and was supported by the Revs. G. E. F. Molineux (hon. treasurer of the Guild) and W. Jukes (Shobrooke), Mr. Pope (Governor), etc. The proceedings were enlivened by pianoforte selections by Misses M. Backwell, A.L.C.M., and V. Bricknell, which were much appreciated.

Subsequently the Vicar of Crediton expressed the great pleasure which the Governors and parishioners had in welcoming the Guild, and, on behalf of the Governors and Crediton ringers, extended an invitation to come on future occasions to try the bells.

The Rev. G. E. F. Molineux, in the name of the Guild, thanked the Vicar and Governors, and especially the ladies, for having so kindly contributed to the enjoyment of the afternoon. He could not recall any occasion in his long period of connection with the Guild when the members had been treated with such great hospitality as they had experienced that day at Crediton. He heartily congratulated the Governors, the Vicar, and the ringers on the work which had been carried out so satisfactorily, in connection with Crediton's splendid peal, and expressed the opinion there was scarcely any other ring in the county which could compare with the beautiful tone of the Holy Cross octave.

The proceedings closed with cheers for the Vicar and the Guild.

BARLWAY, HERTS.—On March 2nd, 720 Oxford Bob, in 28 mins.: *W. Machon 1, *W. Bysouth 2, W. Mansfield 3, *A. Bysouth 4, *C. Bysouth 5, R. G. King (conductor) 6. *First 720 in the method, and all local men.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT CUBITT TOWN.

A meeting of the North and East District was held at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, on Saturday last, and as the weather was not of the sort to entice men out of doors, an attendance of about 30 members and friends was considered as very satisfactory. A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. Hartley, who gave a very interesting and instructive address, reminding the ringers of their duties as members of one great body, the Church. He urged them to be faithful to their Church, of which they were a very important part.

Tea was served in the schoolroom close by, followed by the business meeting, at which eight new members were elected.—Mr. F. A. Milne, vice-president, proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for the good advice given in his address; to Mr. D. Hodgson and other members of the local band for all they had done to ensure the success of the meeting; and to the ladies who had so kindly waited upon the members at tea.—This was seconded by the Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles), and carried with acclamation.—The Vicar, in reply, gave the Association a hearty welcome, and said how pleased he was to meet the members once again. He was glad his own ringers were loyal members, and hoped to have the pleasure of again welcoming the Association to Cubitt Town in the future.

Short touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung upon a peal of handbells, brought by Mr. J. Rayner, the genial towerkeeper, of St. Andrew's, Holborn. Ringing was then continued upon the church bells, touches being rung in many methods from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to Cambridge Surprise. An object of great interest in the belfry-chamber was the splendid tablet recording the peal of Grandsire Triples rung by lady ringers on July 20th, 1912, which was erected by the members of the Exercise.

A SUFFOLK PEAL RECAST.

DEDICATION OF NEW CLOCK AND BELLS.

The recast peal of six bells and new clock, presented to the Parish Church of St. Mary, Higham, Suffolk, by the two sons and daughter of the late Mr. Furniss, in memory of their father who lived at Higham Hall, were dedicated on Tuesday of last week by the present Vicar's predecessor, a large congregation attending the service.

After the dedication ceremony and the tolling of the treble bell by the Canon, the clock was started and struck the hour of four, just as the congregation filed out of church. Then the fine-toned bells pealed forth sweetly into Treble Bob, which resounded over the swollen waters of the beautiful Stour and the hills around, the ringers and visitors being much struck with the sonorous effect of the peal for their weight, the tenor being only 9½ cwt. in the key of G sharp. By request, a band of ringers from the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, opened the bells, Kent, Oxford, Double Court, and Cambridge Minor being rung.

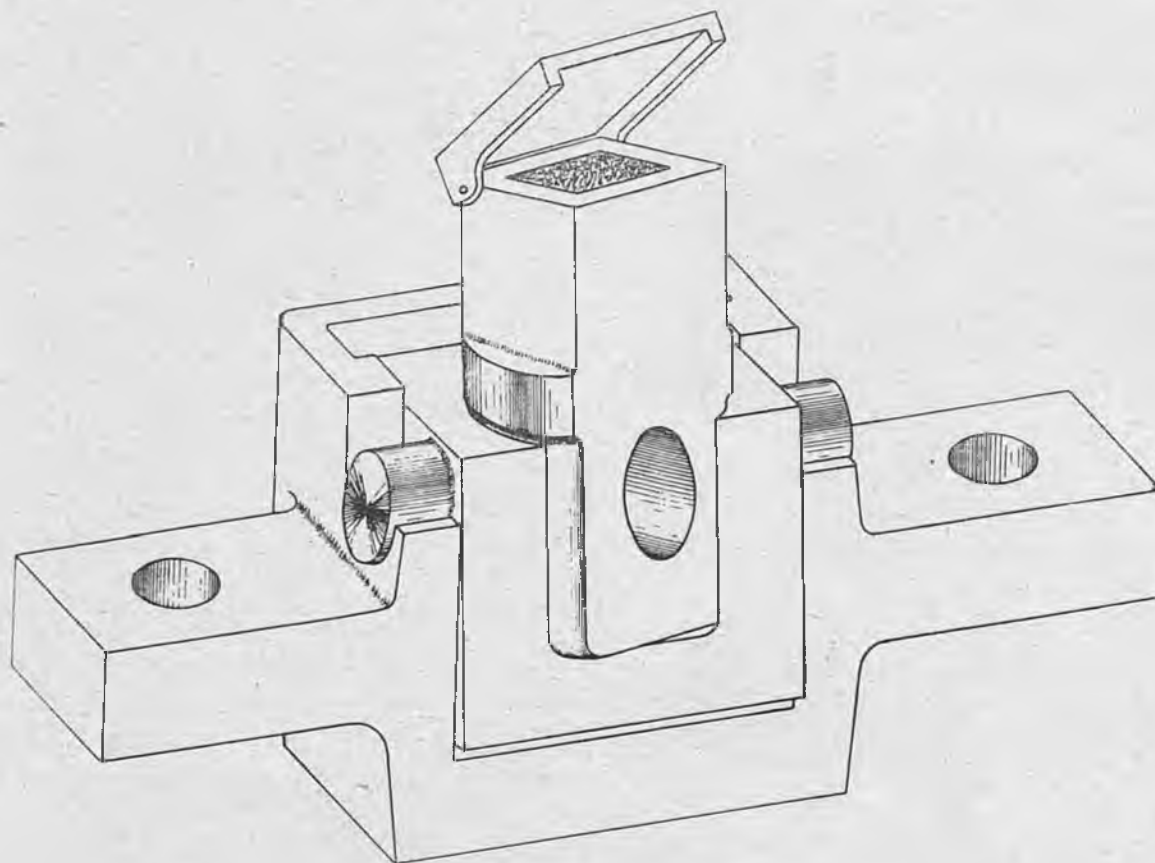
The six bells, recast and tuned on the Simpson principle, make an extremely musical ring, and they are hung upon the most modern principle of church bell hanging, by the well-known firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, Surrey, in a very strong iron frame, resting upon four massive steel girders, braced horizontally by wrought iron straps. The "go" of the bells is perfect. The clock, also constructed on the latest principles by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, shows the time on two skeleton dials, with gilt faces that form a fitting ornament to the masonry of the tower. Ringers from the surrounding district of Stratford St. Mary, and Langham, also Mr. W. Nevard, of Great Bentley, Essex, and Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, of the founders' firm, took part in the ringing during the day.

5055 STEDMAN CATERS.

By JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

	231456789	4	5	10	12	13	14	16	18
	*213465879								
B	124563978								
	214563879	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
A	145263978								
	415263879	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B	twice produces	413562							
A	once	315462							
B	twice	312564							
A	twice	513264							
B	5 times	512364	S.	at 5 in 3rd sel.					
A	twice	312564							
B	twice	314562							
A	once	415362							
B	twice	412563							
A	once	215463							
B	once	214365879							

* Produced by calls at 1, 4, 8s, 9, 11, 13, 14. First rung at Ashtou-under-Lyne on Feb. 24th, 1914, conducted by the composer. This composition has alternate tittum and hand-stroke home courses throughout, with the 6th behind the large bells at every course-end and the treble in front, with 6—8 behind in every course. It is the first time such qualities have been rung.



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By J. R. JERRAM.

The steeple of St. Giles', Cripplegate, contains a peal of twelve bells, tenor 59in. diameter, weight 36 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lbs. The inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble, Second and Third.

JOHN BRIANT HERTFORD FECIT 1792. THOS WILLITS & THOS SMITH C:WARDENS. DEPTy WM STAINS, ROBT CLARK NICKS BROWNING JOHN NIGHT COM: COUNCIL.



ST. GILES', CRIPPLEGATE.

Fourth and Fifth.

PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT 1772.

Sixth.

YE PEOPLE ALL WHO HEAR ME RING BE FAITHFUL TO YOUR GOD & KING. PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT 1772.

Seventh.

WHILST THUS WE JOIN IN CHEARFUL SOUND MAY LOVE AND LOYALTY ABOUND. PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT 1772.

Eighth.

PEACE & GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD * PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT 1772.

Ninth.

TO HONOUR BOTH OF GOD & KING, OUR VOICES SHALL IN CONSORT RING. PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT 1772.

Tenth.

* IN WEDLOCK BANDS ALL YE WHO JOIN WITH HANDS YOUR HEARTS UNITE: SO SHALL OUR TUNEFULL TONGUES COMBINE TO LAUD THE NUPTIAL RITE. PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT 1772.

Eleventh.

YE RINGERS ALL THAT PRIZE YOUR HEALTH AND HAPPINESS BE SOBER MERRY WISE AND YOU'LL THE SAME POSSESS. PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT 1772.

Tenor.

WILLIAM GODFREY BROWNE & RICHARD GOUGE CHURCHWARDENS. SIR JAMES ESDAILE KNT ALDERMAN, JOHN BANNER DEPUTY, ROBT (sic) FRENCH WILLIAM STAINES & ROBERT CLARK COMMON COUNCILL MEN. JOHN WARNER CONTRACTOR 1787. ROBERT PATRICK FOUNDER.

The following tablets recording peals rung are in the belfry:—

Novr. 23rd, 1732, 6012 Catons (method not stated), by the City Scholars.

May 22nd, 1777, 5200 Oxford Treble Bob Royal, by the College Youths.

Decr. 10th, 1844, 5016 Stedman Cinques, by the Cumberland Youths.

April 27th, 1847, 5136 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, by Cumberland Youths.

Feby. 15th, 1848, 5376 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, by Cumberland Youths.

Decr. 3rd, 1850, 5280 Stedman Cinques, by Cumberland Youths.

Jany. 6th, 1851, 7524 Stedman Cinques, by College Youths.

Feby. 7th, 1853, 5088 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, by College Youths.

I am sorry that I have been unable to obtain any further information about these bells, or anything about the bells which were in the tower previous to 1772. The present peal appears originally to have been one of ten bells cast in the above year by Pack and Chapman, of the Whitechapel foundry, the old treble having been recast and two trebles added to make a peal of twelve by J. Briant in 1792. Robert Patrick, who recast the tenor in 1787, worked with Thomas Osborn, of the Downham foundry, and in conjunction with him cast the peal of eight at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, in 1782.

Our picture of the tower is reproduced, by kind permission, from a photograph by Mr. F. E. Dawe.

LANTERN SLIDES WANTED.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir.—I am anxious to obtain for the Oxford Diocesan Guild a collection of lantern slides which would be of use to members in giving lectures on church bells. May I appeal to your readers for gifts of any slides which they may be able and willing thus to dispose of, or for the loan of any interesting negatives that would make good slides. Mr. Harry Miles, of 18, Osberton Road, Oxford, has kindly undertaken to act as collector.—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

HERE AND THERE.

A LOCAL "FIRST."

There is a young band at Wootton Bassett, Wilts, and last week they scored their first peal. True it was only Grandsire Doubles, with 4, 6, 8 covering. They may ring many peals in the future, but it is doubtful if any of the six, whose first peal it was, will look back upon any performance with greater pride than upon this initial success. The peal was well struck, and these young hands deserve every credit for the way in which they stuck to their task.

H. F. DAWKINS' "CENTURY."

The 100 peals, completed at Romford last week, by Mr. H. F. Dawkins is made up as follows:—On tower bells: Grandsire Triples, 4 (conducted 1); Stedman Triples, 16 (conducted 2); Stedman Caters, 2; Bob Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 3; Double Norwich Major, 7; Superlative Surprise Major, 13; Cambridge Surprise, 2; New Cambridge Surprise, 3; Bristol Surprise, 14; London Surprise, 24. On handbells: Grandsire Triples, 1; Stedman Triples, 5; Stedman Caters, 5; total, 100, conducted 3. The peals were rung in 18 different towers.

MUFFLED RINGING AT SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL.

The bells at Southwark Cathedral were muffled on Sunday last, and in the evening the whole pull and stand was rung, in memory of the late Rev. Canon Rhodes Bristow. The following ringers participated: T. Mash, T. A. Ellis, A. Marsh, H. Dare, F. Smith, T. Bugby, E. Oliver, T. Haggood, J. Lewis, W. Adkins, T. Coxhead, G. Edwards and S. Pettett.

HER NAME ISN'T (K)NELL.

Jack calls Miss Bute a silent belle
Because, becoming bold,
He kissed the maid one day and—well.
She never told.—"Boston Transcript."

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

Members of the Central Council who intend being present at the Winchester meeting, and will require sleeping accommodation, are reminded that they should communicate with Mr. J. W. Elkins, 20, Culver Road, Winchester. Anyone desiring to attempt peals should write to Mr. George Williams, West End, Southampton.

HANDBELL PEAL AT BRISTOL.

A short time ago, we noted the efforts made by the St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol, to score a handbell peal, and also the fact that while they possessed the men, they were without handbells of their own. Their only practice was upon a borrowed peal. The bells came once more into their possession recently for a concert, and, taking advantage of this fact, the company successfully attempted a peal of Grandsire Caters. It was rung by a band who have reached the "top of the tree," in tower bell ringing, yet three of them had never before rung a handbell peal, and what is perhaps more remarkable, the conductor, one of the ablest men in the West of England, had never before called a peal of Grandsire Caters. But there perhaps, it is not surprising in these days when ringers sometimes begin on the higher methods. Miss Parker's first peal, for instance, was Superlative, and, speaking from memory, we believe that another well-known Metropolitan ringer's first peal was London Surprise.

NEW TREBLES AT SIBLE HEDINGHAM.

The Bishop of Colchester is to dedicate the two new trebles at Sible Hedingham, Essex, on Easter Eve, at 3.30 p.m. Ringers will be welcomed at the ceremony.

YORK MINSTER BELLS.

The dedication of the bells of York Minster took place on Wednesday. The restoration of the peal of twelve has been carried out by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry.

BRIGHTON'S NEW PEAL OF TEN.

The new peal of ten at St. Peter's, Brighton, are to be opened on April 16th. The bells, which have a tenor of 25 cwt., have been cast and hung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the celebrated Whitechapel Foundry.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Messrs. Jamer and William Motts, of 25, Orchard Street, Ipswich, wish, through the medium of "The Ringing World," to thank their numerous friends and acquaintances for the kind sympathy shown in their late bereavement.

WYE BELLS.

The ring of eight bells, tenor 21 cwt., at the Church of SS. Gregory and Martin, Wye, near Ashford, Kent, will be dedicated on Sunday, April 5th. These bells have been re-tuned, and the 6th bell recast, and all have been hung in one of Messrs. John Warner and Son's new pattern steel frames.

BISHOP'S VISIT TO BELTRY.

The Bishop of Worcester, after conducting a Confirmation service at Clent on Sunday, visited the belfry and spoke a few words with the ringers. This encouragement was naturally much appreciated by those who had fulfilled their duties in the tower. The ringing for this service included 672 Bob Major: W. Shilcock 1, Miss K. O. Thatcher 2, W. Short (conductor) 3, C. Boughton 4, C. Sherriff 5, V. White 6, G. Popnell 7, H. Martin 8; and 720 Bob Minor: W. Short 1, Miss Thatcher 2, C. Boughton 3, G. Popnell 4, C. Sherriff 5, W. Shilcock 6.

SOUTH AFRICAN ITEMS.

GRAHAMSTOWN CATHEDRAL BELLS TO BE RESTORED.

News, which will doubtless be read with interest in this country, reached us by the last South African mail. It records some handbell performances, the prelude, we hope, of further achievements in a land where change ringing is practically unknown. Between November 8th and 16th last year, four 720's of Bob Minor, with different callings, were rung on handbells at St. Alban's Vicarage, Ferrierns, Johannesburg, the residence of the Rev. G. H. Ridout, by:—

Rev. Canon C. E. Earle Bulwer	1-2
Rev. G. H. Ridout (conductor)	3-4
Colin W. Kenans	5-6

These 720's were rung during a visit of Canon Bulwer to Johannesburg, and were his first since leaving England in 1897.

At the Deanery at Grahamstown on February 17th last two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung:—

Van, J. R. Vincent (Dean)	1-2
Rev. G. H. Ridout	3-4
Percy Holt (first attempt)	5-6

In sending us these interesting items, the Rev. G. H. Ridout adds some particulars as to Grahamstown Cathedral. The western tower and spire (187 feet high) were erected in 1879. Fourteen years later the chancel was completed, and dedicated on All Saints' Day. The nave was next taken in hand, and was opened for service on August 6th, 1912. An attempt is now being made to put the bells—a heavy ring of eight, by Warner—into ringing order. The Dean of Grahamstown is an old ringer, with nearly a score of peals to his credit, rung mostly with the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of which he retains life membership. Perhaps that number will grow during his visit to the old country this year. All ringers will heartily wish him success in the arduous task of training a band of young ringers from the very beginning, with practically no help from outside, and with more discouragements and difficulties than most of us have faced at the outset.

ADJUSTABLE LOUVRE-SHADES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read Mr. Taylor's letter in your last issue with much interest. It must be borne in mind that the ringing of church bells is a public entertainment, and that an audience is essential as well as the performers.

The Rector of Birmingham said, at the Henry Johnson dinner, in reference to the 100th peal of Stedman Cinques on St. Martin's bells that "no doubt his ringers little thought their Rector was listening to them 1½ miles away." It is probable that few of us ever do "think."

To reach the audience with a full measure of music (not tintinnabulation) it is necessary to study effective means of distributing the sound. Louvres-shades, placed in the windows as a precaution against weather, are not at present effective means, since they direct the whole melody into the churchyard and neighbouring premises.

Tennyson wrote "Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky!" which is exactly opposite to existing facts. "Ring out, mild bells, to the mild daisies," more nearly meets the case.

The "front seats" in the audience naturally object to this method of "distribution." Obstructions are promptly stuffed into the tower windows, and the pomp and glory of the bells is bottled up. The cure is worse than the disease and unworthy of the high intelligence of ringers, who are not above dictating to architects on matters pertaining to the tower.

The effective radius of a bell performance being thus reduced, a large area of the parish is made to suffer for the sake of a small section. We all know something of this small section. A certain butcher was loud in his complaints of wedding-bells, he couldn't hear himself speak in his own shop. "What about the jobmaster next door, his yard is open to it all?" he was asked. "Oh! He gets something out of it. I don't," came the reply.

It would be very comforting, perhaps, if we might say that bells are placed in towers solely for the enjoyment of ringers, but since we cannot delude ourselves to this extent, it is as well to seriously consider an intelligent manner of distributing the music evenly, so that it may be welcome in all quarters.

And the revision of an interesting feature of peal-ringing might possibly follow. Whenever a highly talented band scored a performance, "Dedicated to an indulgent and admiring public," it would be not only graceful, but altogether acceptable.—Yours faithfully,

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NOTICES.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting will be held Pendleton on Saturday, March 28th. Bells ready at 4.30.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on March 31st, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on April 14th, Southwark Cathedral and St. John's, Hackney, on the 21st, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 23rd, St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m. A district meeting will be held at Hornchurch, Essex, on May 2nd. Tower open for ringing from 4.30 to 8 p.m. — William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, April 4th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary, 135, Salts Street, Shaw.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Rev. R. O. Sutton, at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. All are welcome. Quarterly peal (Bob Major) will be attempted at Heston on Easter Monday. South and West members desirous of taking part please communicate with H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Steyning on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Members intending to be present please notify me by Thursday, April 2nd.—H. Evans, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.—Dedication and opening of two trebles to complete the octave on Easter Eve, April 11th. Service at 3.30. Dedication by the Lord Bishop of Colchester. Ringers welcomed. Tea will be provided at the Assembly Rooms to those who give notice of attending not later than Wednesday, April 8th.—Bernard Pettit, Sible Hedingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION. — The thirty-second annual meeting will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Easter Monday, April 13th. The bells at St. Paul's (8), S. Modwen's (8), Horninglow (6), and Winshill (6) will be available for ringing from 10 a.m. A short service will be held in St. Paul's at 3 p.m. Committee at 3.30 and tea (1s. 3d. each) at 4.15, both in St. Paul's Institute. Will those who intend taking tea kindly notify Mr. H. Wakley, the "Lord Napier," Victoria Street, by Wednesday, April 8th.

BASS' BREWERY.

Messrs. Bass and Co., Ltd., have kindly arranged to grant facilities to members attending the meeting to view their premises. Messrs. Bass and Co.'s official guides will be in attendance at the High Street offices of the company at 11 a.m., when they will proceed to conduct the party round one of the three breweries, the beer stores, hop stores, fire brigade station, etc. It will be a convenience to Bass and Co., if members who intend going round the brewery will advise Mr. Wakley as above not later than the first post on Thursday morning, April 9th.—W. E. White, Hon. Secretary.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans, on Easter Monday, April 13th, 1914, when the various towers in the city will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Choral service at the Cathedral (in the choir) at 5 p.m., with an address by the president, the Very Rev. the Dean of St. Albans. Tea in the Abbey Institute, 6 p.m. sharp, followed by business meeting for election of officers, etc. All ringers heartily welcomed.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Secretary, Duffield, St. Albans.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — The next meeting of this society will be held at Rotherham on Easter Monday, April 13th, Parish Church of All Saints, 10 bells, tenor 32 cwt., available 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Committee meeting during the afternoon to decide upon the fixtures for the ensuing year. I would again remind members that all nominations for any of the officers' positions must be in my hands by March 31st.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester, on Easter Monday, April 13th, 1914. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House, at 2 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Address by the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, Dean. Tea will be provided free in the College Hall, at 5.15 p.m., for all those who notify me before Wednesday, April 8th, 1914. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2 p.m.; St. Helen's (8), Hallow (8), St. Swithin's (6), 10 to 11 a.m.; St. Nicholas (6), and St. John-in-Bedwardine (6). Subscriptions should be paid, expenses received, and reports obtained, in St. Helen's Church House between 12 and 1. Peal book on view. The presentation will be made to Mr. J. R. Newman, on the occasion of his marriage, immediately after tea, to which all members are cordially invited. The children of Mr. Johnson, of Hinton, Evesham, will give an exhibition of handbell ringing.—A. E. Parsons, Master, 148, Station Road, Old Hill.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Peter's, Brighton Branch.—The new peal of ten bells, tenor 25½ cwt., by Mears and Stainbank, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Chichester on Thursday, April 16th, at 3 p.m. Tower open for ringing 4 till 5 and 7 till 9. All ringers are heartily invited. Refreshments will be provided in the Parish Room, at 5 o'clock, to those who let me know by Monday, April 6th.—A. D. Stone, 29, Ashton Street, Brighton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, April 18th, 1914, to celebrate the centenary of the bells. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Service at 4. Preacher: Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A. Tea will be provided to all members of the association sending their names to Wm. Mallinson, 8, York Street, Colne, not later than Tuesday, April 14th.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at All Saints', Fulham, by kind permission of the Rev. W. C. Muriel, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30, with address by the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, President of the Cambridge University Guild of Ringers. Tea at

6.15, followed by the business meeting. Putney bells will also be available. Further particulars will be given next week.—C. T. Coles and H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretaries.

ADDRESS WANTED.—Would Albert Pittam, late of Willesden Green, or anyone knowing his present address, kindly communicate with Mrs. A. Jacob, 28, Palace Road, Crouch End, London, N., late of 10, St. Ann's Road, Hornsey, London, N.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly general meeting will be held at Eye, on Easter Monday, April 13th. Dinner at 1.30 p.m. at the White Lion. Those attending must send notice before April 9th. For full particulars see notice cards.—C. E. Borrett, Secretary, 12, Grove Avenue, Norwich.

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Central District).—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ewell, on Easter Monday, April 13th. The bells of Ewell and Cheam Parish Churches will be available from 2.30 p.m. Service in Ewell Church at 5 p.m. Tea in the Church Room at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after. Handbells, kindly lent by Mr. T. Miles, for use of the members will be available at the Church Room during the day.—Cyril F. Johnston, Hon. Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

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A KENTISH RESTORATION.

SHORNE PARISH CHURCH BELLS REHUNG.

During the period of four years the Rev. J. Tanner (the Vicar of Shorne, near Gravesend) and others, have worked hard in getting together funds for the restoration of the Parish Church bells. The district is chiefly an agricultural one, and the task of raising the money has been by no means easy.

However, their perseverance has at last been rewarded, and their bells have now been rehung in a new steel frame. The peal of six, with a tenor of 9 cwt., was recast by Mears in 1803 and form a good musical ring. The present restoration has been carried out by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, who has recently been doing a good deal of work in Kent, including the rehanging of the eight at Gillingham in a new steel frame and recasting three of the bells, the rehanging of the peals of six at Hoo St. Werburg, Bexley and Yalding, and of the ten at Leeds, near Maidstone, all of which do him great credit. His work at Shorne has added to the reputation which he has gained in the county, and the ringers who took part in the ringing at the dedication ceremony found nothing to be desired in the "go" of the bells.

The church is very prettily situated under the hills, and it was well filled when the Archdeacon of Rochester, on Thursday of last week, attended to perform the act of dedication. The Archdeacon, in an excellent address, based on the text, "A golden bell and a pomegranate" (Exodus xxviii, 33), spoke of the part which bells had played in the life of both Church and State, and in that of individuals as well. He reminded the ringers that they ought to live a good and pure life, and said he was pleased to know that the time had passed when, in some parishes, men of low character carried out the duties of ringers, and the belfry was sometimes a place where scenes which were far from creditable took place. It was not all the fault of the ringers, for some of the blame must be laid at the feet of the clergy who seldom, if ever, were known to visit their belfries and ringers. Through the influence of the County Associations and Guilds of Ringers, this state of things had vanished, never, he hoped, to return.

After the service, several touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and a course of Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung.

5088 TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By JOSEPH W. PARKER.

23456	M	B	W	H
34256				2
24536	1	—		1
26435	2			1
63254	2		2	
43526	2	—		1
32465		—		
65324	2		1	
52436	2	—		
23564		—		
53624	1	—		1
32546		—		
46325	2		1	
62534	2	—		
23645		—		

Repeat the last five courses. 2—3 never in sixth's place at course-ends. Rung at Stranton, West Hartlepool, on March 21st, 1914, conducted by the composer.

THE TREBLE BOB ROYAL RECORD.

Another attempt upon the Treble Bob Royal record (12,000 rung at Shoreditch 130 years ago) is to be made at Ashton-under-Lyne on Easter Monday by the following band: Samuel Wood (conductor), Joseph Mellor, Thomas Jakeman, Charles Broadbent, Benjamin Gill, James W. Washbrook, senr., Samuel Booth, Albert Adams, Harry Chapman and Arthur Peglar. A start is to be made at 7 a.m.

A previous attempt was made some time ago on the same bells, where the Treble Twelve record was established three years ago.

In view of the fact that the St. Martin's Guild have in view a similar long peal attempt at Evesham at an early date, the above announcement is extremely interesting.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—For evening service, on Sunday, Feb. 22nd, at the Cathedral, 809 Grandsire Caters: W. Turner 1, W. Peaker 2, J. W. Moorhouse (conductor) 3, G. Hinsley 4, A. Scott 5, T. L. Moorhouse 6, James Moorhouse 7, J. T. Eason 8, T. R. Hensher 9, F. Cockell 10. Longest length by W. Turner, and rung to qualify him for membership of the Yorkshire Association.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On Jan. 26th, 720 Oxford Bob: A. Young 1, W. H. Lawrence 2, S. Game 3, P. Patmore 4, A. Phillips 5, E. A. Overhall (conductor) 6. Also 720 Double Oxford: A. Rodie (first 720) 1, B. Patmore 2, E. A. Overall 3, A. Phillips 4, A. Carter 5, W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6.—On Feb. 1st, for morning service, 720 Oxford Delight: H. Carter 1, F. Williams (conductor) 2, E. A. Overall 3, A. Phillips 4, A. Carter 5, W. H. Lawrence 6. For evening service, 720 Plain Eob. —On Feb. 3rd, 720 College Single: A. Young 1, B. Patmore (conductor) 2, S. Game 3, A. Phillips 4, A. Carter 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.—On Sunday, Feb. 8th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by W. H. Lawrence.—On March 3rd, 720 Double Court: Bombardier G. H. Carter, R.G.A., 1, A. Woolston 2, B. Patmore 3, A. Phillips 4, E. A. Overall 5, W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6.

FARNHAM ROYAL.—For evening service, on January 4th, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: J. Bavington 1, W. Henry 2, J. J. Parker 3, A. Bateman 4, W. Bateman 5, J. Elderfield 6, G. Basdon (conductor) 7, W. Clarke 8.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On January 11th, for evening service, 1260 Stedman Triples: G. Alder 1, W. A. Garraway 2, W. Healey 3, G. Martin (conductor) 4, J. Blackmore 5, J. J. Parker 6, J. Eldridge 7, E. Carter 8. Rung on the occasion of the Rev. T. B. Carter's appointment to the living of Burnham.

KENSINGTON.—On March 15th, for evening service, at St. Mary Abbot's Church, 1224 Double Norwich Court Bob Caters: Hy. Dains 1, W. A. Garrard 2, A. V. Selby 3, G. Jutson 4, W. G. Matthews 5, E. G. Stillbons 6, H. G. Miles 7, A. F. Harris 8, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 9, F. J. Redknapp 10.

ACTON.—St. Mary's Guild.—For C.E.M.S. service, on March 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 minutes: H. Holloway 1, H. W. Corton 2, A. Roker (first quarter on inside bell) 3, J. W. Frain 4, V. Holloway 5, Robt. Holloway 6, J. R. Mackman (conductor) 7, W. Holloway 8.

HORBURY.—On Sunday, January 11th, a date touch of 1914 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Pickles 1, G. F. Pickles 2, W. H. Mitchell 3, J. Woffenden 4, G. Barstow 5, H. Rowley 6, J. Smith (conductor) 7, R. Thickett 8.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.—On Christmas Day, for Matins, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob; on December 28th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Woodbine Treble Bob; on New Year's Eve, 720 Plain, and to ring the New Year in, 720 Oxford Treble Bob; on New Year's Day, in honour of the wedding of Mr. Fred Richardson and Miss Rose Smith, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, during the afternoon another 720, with different calling, and in the evening, 720 Double Court; on Sunday, Jan. 4th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob; on Sunday, Jan. 11th, for evening service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. This was also rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Edwd. Underwood, father of the conductor, who attained his 68th birthday on that day, and also completed his 53rd year as organ blower at St. Mary's Church.

PENN. WOLVERHAMPTON.—On February 4th, at St. Bartholomew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins.: E. Mitchell 1, H. Knight (conductor) 2, T. Roden 3, *A. Roden 4, *E. Bowyer 5, *B. Hand 6, F. Brace 7, *J. Jay 8. *First quarter-peal. The ringers of the treble and 2nd hail from St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, and the rest are of the local band.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Feb. 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: H. Richell 1, W. J. Rice 2, P. Timson 3, *H. R. Dawson 4, J. Walden 5, H. F. Cooper 6, G. Green (conductor) 7, *P. C. M. Pickett 8. *First quarter-peal.

CHELMSFORD.—At the Cathedral on Feb. 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins.: *J. Ridgwell 1, W. Newman 2, P. Timson 3, H. Allen 4, H. F. Cooper (conductor) 5, F. Gill 6, H. Richell 7, *J. Poulton 8. *First quarter-peal, and first quarter on the bells by the local company.

STRETTFORD, LANCs.—On Jan. 15th, 720 Bob Minor: J. J. Moss 1, C. W. Birchall 2, W. J. Moss (conductor) 3, W. E. Dale 4, W. Wigglesworth 5, A. Bannister (first 720) 6. Another 720: J. J. Moss 1, C. W. Birchall 2, W. Wigglesworth 3, W. E. Dale 4, T. Tetley (first 720) 5, W. J. Moss (conductor) 6.

GLOUCESTER.—At St. Lawrence's Church, Barnwood, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. T. Waite 1, H. Mitchell (composer) 2, A. E. Waite 3, A. A. Waite (conductor) 4, G. A. Smith 5, J. A. Waite 6, H. Newman 7, A. G. Waite 8. First quarter-peal on the bells, and rung to commemorate the birthday of the Vicar (the Rev. F. H. Fowler) and of Mrs. Waite (wife of the conductor). It was also the 46th anniversary of the conductor first entering this tower.

STRETTFORD, NORFOLK.—At St. Peter's Church, on March 1st, 672 Bob Major: *Chas. Elmer 1, *Edgar Long 2, Thos. Stagg 3, F. J. Poulson 4, *Herbert Mason 5, Thos. Fitzjohn 6, Alfred Mauro 7, F. J. Salter 8. *Longest touch on eight bells.

HOO, KENT.—Kent Association.—An attempt for a peal was made on Feb. 14th, but lost after ringing a 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Double Oxford: A. J. Bishop 1, W. T. Hyland 2, V. A. Jarrett, R.E., 3, Lee-Sergt. J. Bennett, R.M.L.I., 4, W. J. Walker 5, C. C. Bishop (conductor) 6. Subsequently 720 College Single: A. J. Bishop 1, W. T. Hyland 2, Lee-Sergt. J. Bennett, R.M.L.I., 3, C. C. Bishop 4, V. A. Jarrett, R.E., 5, W. J. Walker (conductor) 6.

LUTON, BEDS.—On January 18th, for morning service, 1386 Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: B. Wilson 1, G. Newson 2, T. Kendall 3, H. J. Burgess 4, W. Payne 5, C. Wing 6, A. King (conductor) 7, J. Rookwood 8. Arranged for Mr. H. J. Burgess, of Toronto, Canada, who was on a visit to Luton.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—At St. George's Church, on Jan. 29th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: F. W. Rice 1, A. James, senr., 2, G. W. Clarke 3, F. King 4, F. Terry 5, E. Tigwell 6, G. Durling (conductor) 7, *F. Scutcher 8. *First quarter-peal in the method.

HORCHURCH, ESSEX.—On January 15th, in 48 mins., at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: D. Phillips (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Jaye 2, A. Chaplin 3, W. Billenness 4, J. Dale 5, A. Pye 6, W. Watson (conductor) 7, C. Barlow 8. Rung to commemorate the wedding of Mr. Robert Nodes Barber, and Miss Charis Margaret Dale, daughter of the Vicar, earlier in the day at the above church.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Jan. 18th, at St. Edward's Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major: W. Watson 1, *T. A. Pye 2, *E. Butler 3, W. Billenness 4, A. C. Chaplin 5, G. H. Pye 6, H. P. Dawkins 7, E. Pye (conductor) 8. *First quarter-peal of Cambridge.

MIRFIELD, YORKSHIRE.—On Jan. 18th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Royal (1911 changes), in 1 hr. 20 mins.: R. Ham 1, P. Gott 2, T. Cranshaw 3, A. North (conductor) 4, H. Buckley 5, J. W. Dewes 6, J. P. Lapiash 7, H. Trainer 8, C. Grayson 9, J. E. Dawson 10.

MONKSILVER, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 9th, a quarter-peal of Bob Doubles (1260 changes), in 42 mins.: H. Watts 1, W. Calloway 2, A. Snell 3, F. Calloway 4, W. Bennett (conductor) 5. Longest length in the method by all except conductor.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On February 10th, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes), in 1 hr. 33 mins.: H. Hookham 1, H. Gillett 2, F. E. Davis 3, F. Bird 4, E. Pardon 5, W. Stratford 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, G. Pugh 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Feb. 15th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, for evening service: W. Lutter 1, G. Thompson (first in the method as conductor) 2, S. Faithfull 3, A. Eardon 4, W. Smith 5, *H. Sellar 6, H. Porter 7, *R. Rush 8. *First quarter of Stedman.

ASTON.—On Feb. 15th, after morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1277 changes), in 47 mins.: A. Scrivens 1, W. G. Anker 2, A. Jones 3, W. J. Meers 4, W. Seaton (first quarter with a bob bell) 5, W. H. Jones 6, J. Porter 7, W. G. Ellis (composer and conductor) 8, J. Corrigan 9, W. Davies 10.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 12th, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Oxford Bob Minor (average time, 27 mins.): C. Edwards (conductor) 1, W. H. Fussell 2, John Evans 3, W. Horne 4, J. Blackmore 5, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 6. The first 720's in the respective methods on the bells, which have recently been restored and rehung in a creditable manner by Messrs. Means and Stainbank in the old bell frame. Permit to ring was kindly given by the Vicar, a school chum of the Master of the Guild. It is thirty years ago since the first Minor was rung in Amersham—a 720 of Grandsire, conducted by J. J. Parker, for the Oxford Guild.

LONDON.—London County Association.—On Feb. 15th, for evening service, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1280 changes): F. V. Martin 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, C. H. Hughes 3, R. N. Ruckham 4, A. Jones 5, C. W. H. Grimwood 6, W. Berry 7, A. D. Barker 8.—On Feb. 22nd, for evening service at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, S.E., 1280 of Cambridge Surprise Major: T. Walker, T. H. Taffender (conductor), C. H. Hughes, R. N. Ruckham, W. Shimmans, C. W. R. Grimwood, W. Berry, A. D. Barker.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Feb. 18th, for a confirmation service at St. Mary's Church, 896 Grandsire Triples.

BRAINTREE.—On Feb. 19th, on the occasion of the funeral of Mrs. Harrison, mother of Dr. Harrison (Coroner for East Essex), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled: H. Coote 1, W. Sadler 2, C. H. Howard (conductor) 3, G. Melbourne 4, P. Holmes 5, F. Elv 6, F. Rudkin 7, H. J. Collins 8.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On Sunday morning, Feb. 15th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Argent 1, J. Burles 2, G. Jones 3, F. Hayes 4, G. Ambrose 5, F. Mitchell (conductor) 6. The same evening, 720 Cambridge Surprise, conducted by F. Mitchell. Rung in honour of the birth of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. H. Holden, of Meopham.

BLETCHLEY.—On Sunday, Feb. 15th, at the St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Curtis (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Mead 2, L. Meager 3, J. Mead (first quarter as conductor) 4, T. Best 5, E. Marks 6, H. Sear 7, V. Sear 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. V. Sear.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—At St. Deny's Church, for evensong, on March 1st, and for the 21st birthday for the ringing of the treble, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: E. Baldoek 1, H. Hammond 2, H. Butcher 3, O. Holmwood 4, E. Bishop, junr., 5, F. Hammond 6, E. Bishop, senr., 7, C. Brasier (conductor) 8.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 22nd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: *O. Sheldon 1, *W. Sheldon 2, E. Furbank 3, F. Ottley 4, *H. Oliver 5, W. Leggett (conductor) 6. * First 720. Also 480 Grandsire Doubles conducted by F. Ottley.

MORTLAKE.—After an unsuccessful attempt for a peal at St. Mary's Church on February 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: M. Jacobs 1, H. Barrett 2, G. Jutson 3, H. Cook 4, H. Stevens 5, E. Cassell 6, C. F. W. Hunt (conductor) 7, J. Wilmott 8.

FINEDON.—On Feb. 22nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: *P. Manning 1, G. M. Ette 2, *W. H. Ette 3, *G. Basford 4, J. C. Shatford 5, *G. Lines 6, A. Smeathers (conductor) 7, *A. Tompkins 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 10th, 720 Court Bob: G. Bertram 1, A. J. L. Naunton 2, W. H. P. Mellin 3, E. W. Hall 4, J. Spencer 5, F. W. Naunton (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all the band. Also 540 of Minor, consisting of one course each of Court Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.—On Thursday, Feb. 12th, 360 of College Single and 360 of Oxford Bob.

RUGBY.—On Feb. 10th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 51 mins.: J. W. Chandler 1, J. A. Fenton 2, B. W. Haywood 3, H. O. White 4, C. E. Joynes 5, C. W. Wheeler 6, W. Malins (composer and conductor) 7, R. W. Jesson 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Richard Over, an ex-churchwarden, who was interred at Rugby on this date.

WORKSOP.—On February 15th, a quarter-peal of College Single Major (1280 changes), in 47 mins.: E. Clark 1, H. H. Cartwright 2, C. Hudson 3, W. Johnson 4, A. Johnson 5, C. E. Peck 6, T. Wilson 7, T. Bartholomew (conductor) 8.—On Feb. 20th, in honour of the Duke and Duchess of Newcastle's silver wedding, and the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. Warner Turner, the former being agent to the Duke of Portland, touches of Grandsire and Union Triples were rung and the bells fired in volleys at intervals. The Duke of Newcastle is one of the wardens at the Priory Church.—On February 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Union Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: W. Johnson 1, H. H. Cartwright 2, C. Hudson 3, A. Johnson 4, H. Haigh (conductor) 5, C. E. Peck 6, T. Bartholomew 7, T. Anderson (first quarter-peal) 8.

BROADWAY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Feb. 22nd, 720 Bob Minor: A. Colley 1, F. Moss 2, J. D. Johnson (conductor) 3, A. Keyte 4, F. J. Johnson 5, H. Middleton 6. First 720 of Minor on the bells, which need rehanging. As the bells were coming round the tenor clapper fell out. Some six-scores of Doubles were afterwards rung on the front five.

MALDON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 24th, at St. Mary's Church, with the bells deeply muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Edmund Gowers, who was organist and choirmaster, 360 Oxford Treble Bob: J. H. Waldock 1, J. Gozzett 2, H. Finch 3, T. C. Gozzett 4, W. Nice 5, A. Gozzett (conductor) 6. Also 360 Cambridge Surprise: E. Mansfield 1, A. South 2, H. Finch 3, W. Nice 4, H. J. Mansfield 5, F. Chalk (conductor) 6.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 22nd, 504 Grandsire Triples, for morning service: J. Millman 1, W. H. Newell 2, F. Walker 3, H. Golding 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd (conductor) 6, W. Floyd 7, E. C. Watson 8; and for evening service, 700 Grandsire Triples, conducted by H. Golding and W. W. Charge 8.

GRAVESEND.—Kent Association.—On Feb. 22nd, for morning service, 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major: Avis 1, J. Burles 2, A. Constant 3, R. Smith 4, R. Tall 5, R. Constant 6, A. Martin (conductor) 7, J. Cheesman 8. Longest length in the method as conductor.

GREENWICH.—At St. Alfege's Church, on Feb. 24th, for evening service, at which the Lord Bishop of Southwark instituted the Rev. F. J. Tackley, late of Ickleton, Cambridge, Vicar of Greenwich, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: W. Foreman 1, G. Rawlings 2, W. J. Rawlings 3, W. Berry 4, H. W. Clark 5, H. Hoskins (conductor) 6, W. Shimmans 7, L. Jakeman 8.

FRAMPTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Leggett 1, F. Leggett 2, H. Taylor 3, G. Coleman 4, P. Taylor 5, W. Barker (conductor) 6. First 720 of Treble Bob by all except the conductor, and the first on the bells.

IDEN, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 46 mins.: P. Nash 1, G. Kinward (first quarter as conductor) 2, G. Wood 3, G. J. Youngs 4, W. R. Wood 5, E. Coleman 6.

SEELY OAK.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: *W. Dowler 1, *W. Ball 2, W. Mumford 3, *E. Boylin 4, *W. Ikin 5, S. Grove (conductor) 6, J. Eaton 7, *H. Parkes 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

SHENFIELD.—On Feb. 28th, 720 Bob Minor: H. Oliver 1, C. Sheldon 2, E. Furbank 3, W. Sheldon 4, W. Leggett 5, F. Ottley (conductor) 6.

BENTLEY, SOUTH WEALD.—On March 1st, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: F. Ottley (conductor) 1, E. Furbank 2, W. Sheldon 3, G. Sewell 4, J. Dedson 5.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On March 1st, at Christ Church, for evening service, 1248 Double Norwich: A. Lawrence 1, O. W. Laying 2, R. W. Hyner 3, T. Robinson 4, D. W. Jackson (longest touch in the method) 5, O. Norman 6, G. W. Townsend 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8.

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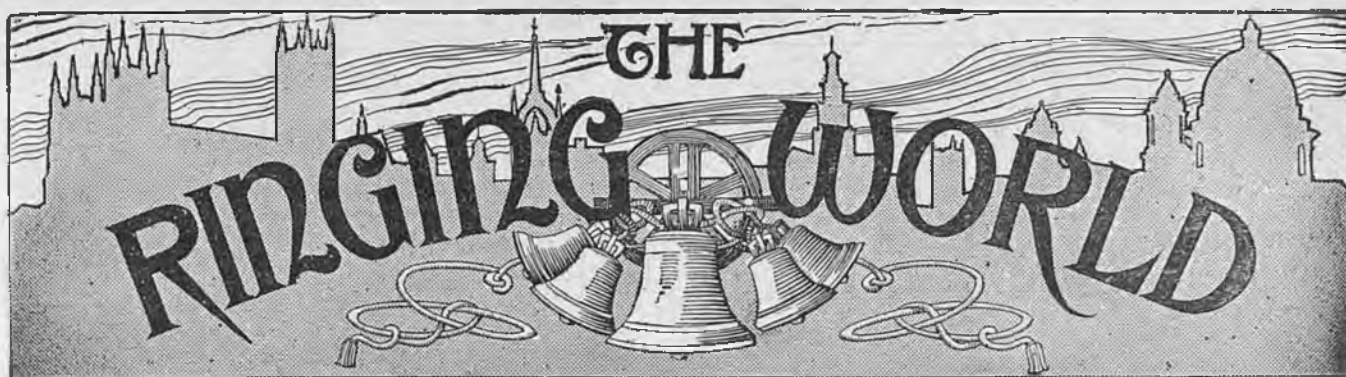


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Gentlemen,

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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

BELL RESTORATION.

The restoration of ancient peals of bells goes steadily on and ringers cannot be other than gratified at the way in which slowly, but surely, some of the famous rings are coming under the attention of the bell hanger. York Minster is the latest of our historic fanes to have its bells restored, and there must be general rejoicing among those members of the Exercise, who reside in the county of Broad Acres, that once again, and with improved tone, the bells of York may ring out. From all accounts, Messrs. Warner, who have recently completed some big jobs, including the new peal of twelve at Chelmsford and the restoration of Shoreditch, have carried out their work at York very satisfactorily. To successfully rehang a ring of bells with a tenor of 50 cwt. is a triumph of the bell hangers' art, and when the real test of "go"—a peal of 5,000 changes—has been made and nothing found wanting, then, indeed, will the Spitalfield's firm have every reason to be proud of what will be almost a crowning achievement in their long history.

It is interesting to note that the bells are hung in self-aligning bearings, which more than one firm of bell hangers are now adopting in the hanging of large bells, but even technical experts differ as to the need for this ingenious kind of fitting. In our issue to-day, as a matter of fact, no less an authority than Mr. Arthur Hughes, the head of the Whitechapel Foundry, raises the question of their necessity in cases where the bells are properly hung. His contention is that there is nothing to equal the fixed bearing when accurately fitted, and probably most engineers will agree. There remains, however, the question of the future of the bells and frames, which cannot be expected perpetually to continue as the bell-hangers leave them. Supporters of the self-aligning bearings contend, we believe, that they help to secure the good "go" of the bells for a much longer period than would otherwise be the case. Be that as it may, we are only able to pass on the views of the experts to those who, like ourselves, are of purely lay mind.

The one thing that we, and all ringers, are delighted to know is that ecclesiastical authorities up and down the country are showing a growing anxiety and desire to have dilapidations among bells taken in hand and remedied, and that it is only a question of raising the necessary funds, in quite a number of cases, that prevents the work being carried out. There are still, however, well-known churches where there is need for the attention of a bell-hanger, and those are cases where we should like to see the ringers, acting through their associations, take organised steps to expedite action on the part of the authorities. A little tactful agitation that is not easily rebuffed will sometimes do wonders.

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HALIFAX.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(OFFICERS' PEAL.)

On Saturday, March 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILLARS, 5163 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

*JOE HARDCASTLE Treble	ARTHUR GILL 6
JAMES COTTERELL 2	CHARLES JACKSON 7
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY 3	JOHN MCKELL 8
*HARRY WILLIAMS 4	CLEMENT GLENN 9
JOSEPH BROADLEY 5	JAMES T. REW Tenor

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

* First peal of Stedman Caterpillars.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, March 24, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILLARS, 5017 CHANCES;

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

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

25th peal by W. White. 150th peal by A. Stowell. 50th tower in which J. E. Sykes has rung a peal.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELV DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	*FRANK CLAYDON 6
GEORGE DEBENHAM 2	FREDERICK DEWELL 7
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 3	*ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 8
WALTER RADLEY 4	ERNEST W. BECKWITH 9
ARTHUR SYMONDS 5	*DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung to celebrate the enthronement, on the previous Wednesday, at the above cathedral, of the first Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich (the Right Rev. Dr. B. Hodgson).

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANCES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

FRANK I. HAIRS Treble	GEORGE B. LUCAS 6
HAROLD P. BURTON 2	WILLIAM T. POWELL 7
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 3	WILLIAM BERRY 8
ALBERT BRIGHTMAN 4	JAMES HUNT 9
WILLIAM SHIMMANS 5	WILLIAM J. NUDDS Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD, and
Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

This peal was arranged in commemoration of the 130th anniversary of the record length of Royal rung on these bells March 27th, 1784. First peal of Royal since the restoration.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM, E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 6
BERTRAM PREWETT 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 8
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	HARRY FLANDERS 9
ARTHUR J. NEALE 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Samuel Hayes, on his 75th birthday.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

"MISS KATHLEEN HOLIFIELD Treble	FRANK BARRETT 6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUNR. 2	FREDERICK WEBB 7
HARRY HOLIFIELD 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SENR. 8
FRANK WEBB 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
WILLIAM JUDGE 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SENR.

* First peal of Caters and first lady to ring a peal on these bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 23, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JOSEPH SLATER Treble	ARTHUR E. WHATMORE ... 5
JOHN BASS 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 6
HARRY HUBBLE 3	CHARLES E. PERKINS ... 7
JAMES WHATMORE 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Alfred Whatmore, father of the 4th and 5th ringers. It was also the conductor's 200th peal for this Association.

MIDDLETON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROOHDALDE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, March 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWES Treble	WILLIAM HARDMAN 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	TOM A. OGDEN 6
THOMAS OLDHAM 3	JAMES ARROWSMITH, SENR. 7
THOMAS K. DRIVER 4	DAN RENSCHAW Tenor

Composed by W. GARRARD, and
Conducted by W. BERRY.

Rung on the eve of the Festival of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary: also to commemorate the bi-centenary of the back six bells, and as a birthday compliment to James Arrowsmith, Senr.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY Treble	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY 5
JOSEPH J. ALLEN 2	FREDERICK EDWARDS 6
WALTER S. INWOOD 3	FRANCIS A. SMITH 7
BERTRAM PREWETT 4	GEORGE A. HUGHES Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK EDWARDS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Seeley.

CROSTON, LANCASHIRE.

On Tuesday, March 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM DALTON Treble	JOHN HOUGH 5
THOMAS WHITTLE 2	JOHN ASCROFT 6
WILLIAM BANNISTER 3	PHILIP ASCROFT 7
THOMAS DALTON 4	JAMES ASCROFT Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS DALTON.

First peal of Stedman as conductor. First peal of Stedman by all the band who are all local men and Sunday service ringers, and first peal of Stedman on the bells.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.
THE SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, March 24, 1914, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

FREDERICK PITSTOW Treble	JOHN F. PENNING 5
†ROBERT STRONG 2	*ALFRED EVENETT 6
†HAROLD PITSTOW 3	ARTHUR JAMES 7
†GEORGE SPARROW 4	FREDERICK J. PITSTOW ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. PITSTOW.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 25, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 27 cwt.

ROBERT HOOKHAM Treble	EDWARD PARDON 5
HENRY GILLET 2	WILLIAM STRATFORD ... 6
FRANK E. DAVIS 3	WALTER LARGE 7
FRANK BIRD 4	GEORGE PUGH Tenor

Conducted by WALTER LARGE.

First peal of Triples by all except the conductor. Messrs. Bird, Pugh, Davis, Hookham and Pardon were elected members before starting for the peal.

PENTRE RHONDDA.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 26, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten 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.

CHARLES H. PERRY Treble	*THOMAS HAMLIN 5
†HARRY PAGE 2	WILLIAM PAGE 6
JAMES CROSS 3	TOM PAGE 7
FREDERICK CHAMBERLAIN 4	BENJAMIN THORPE Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES, and

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORPE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and to the ringer of the 2nd.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE SOCIETY OF CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS AND
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 26, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM B. KEMPTON ... Treble	PERCY TAYLOR 5
GEORGE TAYLOR 2	ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 6
JOHN TAYLOR 3	FRANK E. KEMPTON ... 7
T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 4	FREDERICK DENCH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

All the above are resident ringing members of the Cambridge Youths, and this is the first tower peal by all the band for the Society. The last peal was accomplished 49 years ago on March 24th, 1865, at the same tower. This is the first peal of Kent Treble Bob by the Society.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 26, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... Treble	*WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 5
GEORGE HOWCHIN ... 2	FRANK R. COPEMAN ... 6
*EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 3	ALBERT G. WARNES ... 7
WILLIAM STEELE ... 4	WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

* First peal in the method.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, March 26, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, WOOD GREEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

*WILLIAM HILL ... Treble	THOMAS BLOORE ... 5
JAMES TYLER ... 2	EDWIN J. TYLER ... 6
EDGAR MARLOW ... 3	†THOMAS HILL ... 7
*WILLIAM PEART ... 4	CHARLES TYLER ... Tenor

Composed by F. CLAYTON, and

Conducted by T. HILL.

* First peal of Major. † First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Bloore. This was E. J. Tyler's 50th peal.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Friday, March 27, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

SAMUEL WOOD ... Treble	JOSEPH MELLOR ... 5
CHARLES BOWER ... 2	BENJAMIN GILL ... 6
THOMAS JAKEMAN ... 3	MALCOLM OLDFIELD ... 7
CHARLES BROADBENT ... 4	SAMUEL BOOTH ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Samuel Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*EDWIN S. GARNET ... Treble	FRED J. HARDY ... 5
*ARTHUR WALTON ... 2	†THOMAS W. WYATT ... 6
*HAROLD J. WALTON ... 3	*ALEC S. MILLER ... 7
*ARCH. T. MILLER ... 4	*THOMAS W. WELBOURNE Tenor

Conducted by ALEC S. MILLER.

* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell. First attempt as conductor. All the above, except the ringer of the 5th, are members of the Guild of St. John the Divine, Kennington, S.E.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

DAVID R. JAMES ... Treble	WILLIAM SMITH ... 5
RICHARD EVANS ... 2	JOHN W. JONES ... 6
FRANK MORGAN ... 3	FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... 7
JOHN COX ... 4	*ROBERT SHARP ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

* First peal. This is but the second peal rung on these bells, which were put in by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, some years and one of the first rings of bells to be hung in an iron frame.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 21½ cwt.

FREDERICK PROTHEROUGH ... Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES ... 5
JOHN THOMAS ... 2	ALBERT D. STONE ... 6
RICHARD HOLDER ... 3	KEITH HART ... 7
FRANK BENNETT ... 4	GEORGE TOMSETT ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to George Tomsett.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE BOLNEY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Half-a-Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

WARDEN WALDER ... Treble	†CHARLES STARLEY ... 5
WILLIAM WHEELER ... 2	THOMAS GASSON ... 6
FRANK STONER ... 3	WILLIAM VINCENT ... 7
*EDMUND J. DAVEY ... 4	ARTHUR ABSALOM ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GASSON.

* First peal. First peal of Triples.

HAWLEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS ... Treble	HUBERT J. CHAFFEY ... 5
ERNEST C. LANBERT ... 2	BARZILAI HAWKINS ... 6
ALFRED J. CROUCHER ... 3	CORPL. G. GILBERT, R.E. 7
JOHN RANCE ... 4	*HARRY BUNGAY ... Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLL, and

Conducted by HARRY BUNGAY.

* First attempt at conducting a peal on eight bells.

SOUTH CHURCH, BISHOP AUCKLAND.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

†JAMES BAXTER ... Treble	THOMAS CLARK ... 5
*R. B. ROBINSON ... 2	THOMAS WICK ... 6
G. W. PEVERILL ... 3	WILLIAM BROADLEY ... 7
W. D. LISTER ... 4	W. H. PORTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and

Conducted by JAMES BAXTER.

* 25th peal. † 90th peal. G. W. Peverill was proposed a member of the above Association before starting.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs., in E.

HERBERT DAY ... Treble	JOHN C. DICKEN ... 5
*FREDERICK W. HILL ... 2	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... 6
*JAMES L. WRIGHT ... 3	*ALEX. HUTCHINSON ... 7
ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... 4	PERCY PRICE ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE, and

Conducted by FREDERICK W. HILL.

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

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

A. LEWIS Treble	*W. MARGETTS 5
*F. BOLTON 2	J. PIPPIN 6
S. JONES 3	C. GREEDY 7
*H. HOLMES 4	*N. HOLMES Tenor

Conducted by C. GREEDY.

* First peal.

REDHILL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt., in F.

ARTHUR HOLMAN Treble	FREDERICK BASHFORD 5
WILLIAM H. CARD 2	GEORGE F. HOAD 6
HENRY F. EWINS 3	WILLIAM CHEESEMAN 7
*WALTER CLAYDON 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

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

GREAT WALTHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE USHER Treble	JAMES TARBUN 5
WILLIAM E. DAVIS 2	ALFRED TARBUN, JUNR. 6
WILLIAM ROWLAND 3	GEORGE W. PIPER 7
WILLIAM WELLINGTON 4	CHARLES MATTHAMS Tenor
	GEORGE DAY Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM J. PIPER, and
Conducted by G. W. PIPER.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells. First in the method by all except the ringer of the 2nd. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Dannatt (churchwarden).

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

†A. J. HOING Treble	R. COLES 4
†G. H. TWITCHEN 2	J. W. WILKINS 5
*W. COLES 3	J. GRANSBURY Tenor

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WILKINS.

* First peal and foreman of the local ringers. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

ALLENSMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, March 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

BEN TAYLOR, JUNR. Treble	ALFRED KITSON 4
WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS 2	GEORGE HARRIS 5
JAMES TAYLOR 3	JOHN SMITH Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. J. E. Grasett on his retirement from the parish after 46 years as Vicar. The ringers, with others, were entertained to a substantial tea by the Vicar after the peal.

LECKHAMSTEAD, BUCKS.
THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

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

HERBERT CARTER Treble	WILLIAM CARTER 3
PERCY WARNER 2	LEONARD SMITH 4

DENNIS CARTER ... Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS CARTER.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd and 4th.

SHEDFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ALFRED TITHERIDGE Treble	*THOMAS KIRBY 4
WILLIAM LINTER 2	ALFRED MEARS 5
WILLIAM J. RYVES 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. The ringers of the treble and 4th belong to the local band.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 25, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lbs., in E.

DAVID JOYNSON Treble	JOHN A. WEBSTER 4
THOMAS MURRAY 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
JAMES R. GRIFFIN 3	JOHN GREASLEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Rung in honour of the visit to Wallasey of their Majesties the King and Queen.

CASTLE ASHBY, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 32 Six-Scores of London Doubles, and 10 of Grandsire, all the Six-Scores being called differently. Tenor 23 cwt.

*HARRY WOODING Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON 3
ARTHUR MINNEY 2	ALBERT MINNEY 4
	HARRY FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY FOWLER.

* First peal and elected a member previous to starting.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 29, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven 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, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*SYDNEY J. SPICE Treble	FREDERICK S. MACEY 4
GEORGE H. SPICE 2	WILLIAM SPICE 5
WILLIAM NYE 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

* First peal. Arranged and rung to celebrate the coming-of-age of the ringer of the 2nd.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(St. Stephen's Guild.)

On Tuesday, March 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Stephen the Martyr,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

HARRY BROWNJOHN ... 1-2	RAYMOND J. WILKINS ... 5-6
JOHN A. BURFORD ... 3-4	GEORGE CONDICK, JUNR. 7-8
WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 9-10	

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

Umpire: GEORGE TOMKINS.

LANCASHIRE MEETING AT PENDLETON.

On Saturday, the half-yearly meeting of the committee was held at Pendleton, and as is usual on these occasions, the monthly meeting of the branch was held at the same time. The bells were set going at 1.30 p.m. with a quarter-peal of Stedman. Afterwards several took car to Manchester Town Hall, and had a short practice with the policemen on the noble ten. While the business was conducted in the school, the branch members kept the bells of Pendleton going to Kent Minor and Grandsire Triples, and as the company increased, Kent Major, Plain Bob and Double Norwich were practised. Tea was kindly provided by the Vicar and local ringers, and about 35 sat down, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. H. L. Forsbrook), supported by the Rev. H. J. Elsee (President of the Association), and the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth. — The Vicar welcomed the ringers to Pendleton, and paid a compliment to his own company for their regular attendance at service. He hoped that when the Association were short of a place of meeting they would remember Pendleton. — After deciding to hold the next branch meeting at Birch, the arrangements for the special meeting for higher methods was discussed, and it was decided to hold one on the first Saturday in the month, tomorrow excepted, at Miles Platting, to the Rector of which church thanks were accorded for placing the bells at the disposal of the Association. — The President thanked the authorities for the use of bells, etc., and afterwards ringing was again indulged in. There were altogether about 50 members present from nine towers in the branch, and Stockport, Todmorden, Blackburn, Oldham, and Walkden.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South Eastern District was held at Rettendon on Saturday week. The Rector (the Rev. G. Evans-Gwynne) officiated at the service, at which the organist and choir were in attendance, and the Rev. R. P. Burnett, Rector of Runwell, gave an excellent address. A ringers' service was quite a new feature, and drew quite a large number of parishioners, who, no doubt, would have turned up in even greater numbers had the weather been fine. Tea was served in the Parish School, at the kind invitation of the Rector, the clergy, churchwardens, singers and ringers enjoying most heartily the good things provided.

At the business meeting, the Rev. G. Evans-Gwynne presided. — Six new members were enrolled, and Boreham was selected for the next meeting to be held in July. — Mr. Lincoln (District Master) proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for his hearty welcome, and the Chairman assured all present it was a great pleasure to him to meet the ringers, and also to hold the service. He hoped to be able to welcome them again on some future occasion.

The bells, a nice handy ring of six, were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob throughout the afternoon and evening. Members who braved the elements hailed from Great Baddow, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Rayleigh, Writtle, and the local company.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at Stapleton on March 21st, when over 30 members attended. The following towers were represented: St. Stephen's, Clifton, St. Thomas', Emmanuel, Horfield, Filton, St. James', St. George's, Abbot's Leigh, and St. Werburgh's. The Bitton branch were represented by the secretary (Mr. W. Sims). — Nine new members were elected at the business meeting, which was held in the Vestry Room after tea. The church bells were available during afternoon and evening. The handbells were not brought into use, owing to the fact that some of the ringers had very severe blisters on their hands. An announcement in "The Ringing World" last week probably showed the cause of these blisters. However, all were pleased at having such an excellent meeting, there being only one occasion for regret—that was someone mistook the genial secretary's pocket for an ash-bin for old Castor oil bottles.

INTER-AFFILIATION.

By J. PIGOTT.

In view of the fact that the subject of Inter-Affiliation will be raised for discussion at many of the annual meetings this coming Easter, and will no doubt come before the Central Council's next meeting, it is necessary that the matter should go before the latter body in its most concrete form. It is with this object in view that this article is written, as, up to the present, the Exercise in general is more or less in the dark as to its possibilities or otherwise.

As yet, inter-affiliation has not been put before ringers in any workable form, nor yet have we any very definite reasons why it should not be successfully organised for the general good of ringing. With the possible object of clearing the ground, let us first take what, perhaps, is the most likely objection, viz.: Finance of the County Association. In looking over last year's balance sheets of three local bodies, one finds that in only one instance is there the item "Life members." In this one case it is 7s. 6d., this representing three. Obviously then, the bodies in question could not lose much on this score. Now, seeing that many members of one of these Associations belong to one or all of the others, the point arises, would a member continue to belong to the other bodies under inter-affiliation? The answer is "yes," because under the scheme I am venturing to put forward he would gain little or nothing by doing otherwise. This will be obvious when it is noted that his inter-affiliation fees would soon swamp the amount which would otherwise have been his subscription. In these circumstances it still seems that the object does not defeat itself, but remains for what, I believe, was originally intended, the casual long distance visitor.

In what manner can inter-affiliation be worked, seems to be the next question, and here we must carefully bear in mind that we are not to put any more, or practically no more work on to the shoulders of our County Association officers. Briefly, then, I will outline a method which occurs to me. Let each Association that decides to adopt inter-affiliation have one or two hundred tickets printed at a cost of a few shillings. These should bear the style of the society, and an inter-affiliation ticket would be issued to, say, Tom Jones, to cover a period of seven days inclusive from date of issue, and would be signed by the secretary, to whom the member would have to apply. The cost may be 6d., and a further ticket could be taken to cover each extension of period. A ringer in possession of this ticket wishing to attempt a peal during his visit would then present it to the conductor, who, in turn, would pass it on to his secretary. If more than one peal was to be attempted during the period, each conductor could endorse the ticket, and the final one give it up to the secretary. Peals would be published in the ordinary way under the style of the parent body, and the inter-affiliated member shown by a distinctive sign in the same manner as first pealers.

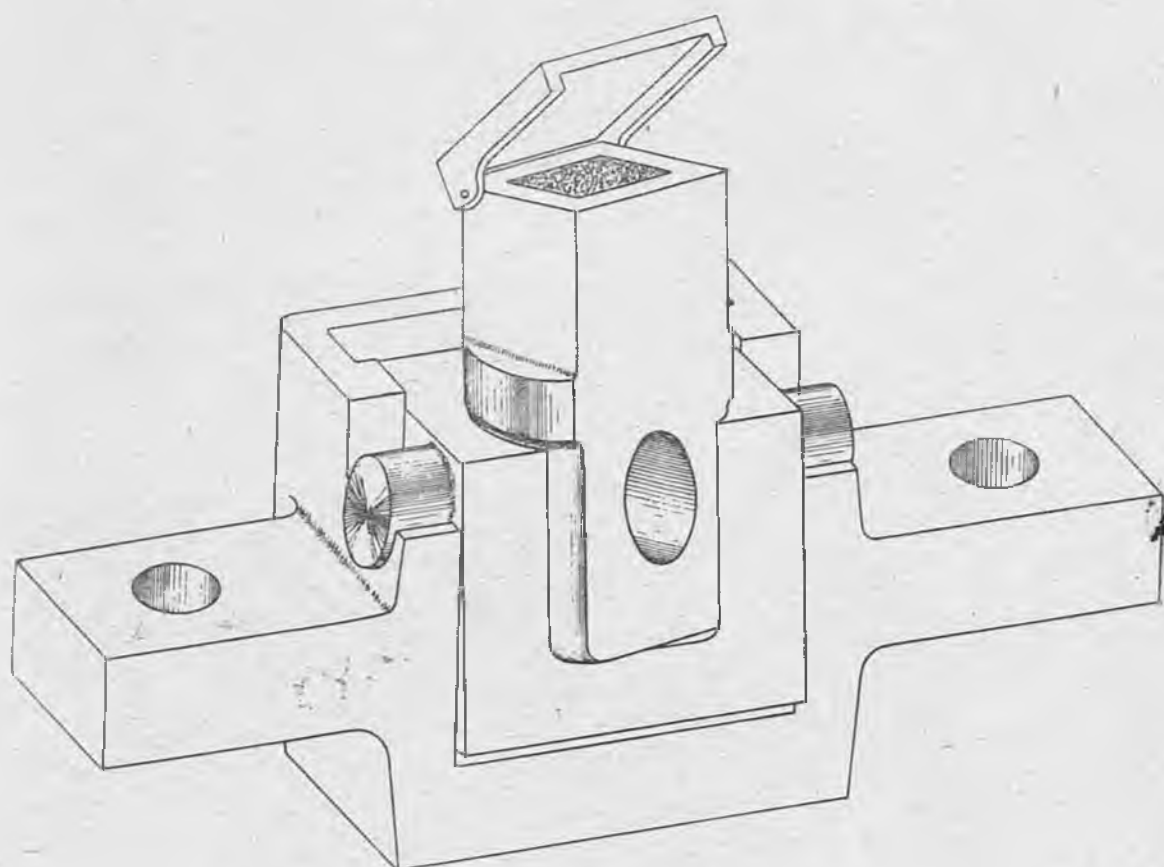
At the end of each year, in preparing for his balance sheet, all the secretary would have to do, would be to post on all tickets to their several associations that he had collected during the year, receiving in return their value in coin. This he could show on his balance sheet in two items, thus: "Inter-affiliation tickets sold," "Ditto received." In conclusion, I think, perhaps it may be possible to work this by a member buying his ticket direct from the Association which he visits, only I think this way is subject to leakage. However, if this article serves to open up the ground on this matter, and in addition to bring the great body of ringers in yet closer touch with each other, the ambitions of its writer will be entirely satisfied.

A NEW SINGLE.

Mr. F. W. Dale, of Hull, writes: "Some time ago, whilst pricking out some changes of Bob Minor, I happened upon what I have termed a "Simplex Single." The reason it is so named is because it simplifies the method by eliminating the dodging places, as will be found by examining the figures given below. It also works the same on higher numbers of bells. By the use of this Single, a 720 of Minor can be obtained in three parts, with twelve calls only. In Snowden's "Ropesight," page 73, fourteen calls is the lowest number known. Although this Single may not be of much use to the Exercise in general, I thought that it would be of some interest to six-bell ringers. The Single is made thus:—

536241
352614
325164
231546
213456
124365
124635
126453
261543
625134
652314
563241

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HERE AND THERE.

YORKSHIRE OFFICIALS' PEAL.

When the committee of the Yorkshire Association met at dinner recently, it was suggested that two officers' peals be attempted simultaneously. The total of the executive being 19, arrangements were made for Stedman Caters at Halifax, and Treble Bob at St. Chad's, Headingley, of which church the President is Vicar. Mr. Hattersley being under doctor's orders and unable to ring, undertook to do his share by devising two compositions for the occasion, every officer thus having a hand in the matter. The Stedman Caters was duly rung, being the first officers' peal by the Association on ten bells. All went well with the eight bell peal for an hour and a half, when, unfortunately, a broken rope put an end to matters. However, all gathered together later in the evening at the Albion Hotel, Leeds, and did good justice to a substantial tea, followed by a jolly "social." The Yorkshire executive, whilst not making any claim to be the first to ring an officers' ten bell peal, will be glad to hear if this has been achieved by any other Association.

ANCIENT FOUNDERS.

"Interested" seeks information as to Johannes Tonne, and John Hodson, who were the founders of bells still hanging in a few Sussex steeples. Both these founders are mentioned in Tyssen's "Church Bells of Sussex," published in the "Sussex Archaeological Society's Collection" of 1864. At that time there were eleven bells in the county cast by Johannes Tonne, including "Old Gabriel," the clock bell of about 17½ cwt., which hangs in Lewes Market Tower. Those of Tonne's Sussex bells that are dated show that they were cast between 1522 and 1536. Several of his bells are to be found in Essex, but we are unable to state where his foundry was situated.

FOUNDER OF GREAT TOM.

As to John Hodson, he was a well-known London founder in the latter half of the seventeenth century, his name occurring on many bells in Sussex, Surrey, Kent and Middlesex, between the years 1654 and 1671. His name appeared on the bells originally in Hailsham Church, which were cast at a spot still known as "Bell bank," near the church. The tenor at Rotherfield, which bears John Hodson's name, and the date 1670, also bears the initials "C.H.," which are supposed to stand for Christopher Hodson, another eminent bell founder of the same family, who cast Great Tom of Oxford, in 1680.

IMPOSSIBLE.

"Learner."—You set us a problem that it is impossible for us to solve. We do not think anyone could tell you the name of a method from three lead-ends. If you could send us a full plain lead, perhaps we could help you.

BELFRY THE SAME FOR A CENTURY.

A most successful Northern district practice of the Durham and Newcastle Association was held at the delightful old-world belfry of St. John's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Monday of last week. There was an excellent attendance of members from six belfries, who thoroughly enjoyed themselves by practising rounds: Plain Bob Doubles and Minor, Grandshire Triples and London Surprise Major. This belfry has not been "improved," but is still in much the same condition that it has been for well over a century. It contains some fine peal boards and an extensive collection of peal cards. Because of the low ceiling it gets very warm, but it is kept wonderfully clean and tidy, and is really very cosy. St. John's belfry and its associations make a strong appeal to the romantic mind.

THE PEAL AT WEST WYCOMBE.

Mere cold print does not always indicate the magnitude of a task represented by the record of a peal. In another column the first peal on the bells at West Wycombe is recorded, and owing to the need for restoration of this peal, the performance reflects much credit upon the company, especially the ringers of the three back bells, who stuck to their task with grim earnestness. It is to be hoped that the visit of the Master of the Guild, who inspected the bells, may have the desired result. The thanks of the ringers are accorded to the Vicar for his kind permission to ring, and to Mr. W. Goodchild who was present throughout the peal to assist if his help were needed.

PEAL BOARD AT BENWELL.

A very neatly designed peal-board was presented to the belfry of St. James', Benwell, on Friday, by Mr. Wm. Sinclair, of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild, to record the first 5040 (in seven methods) rung on these bells.—The Vicar (the Rev. B. E. Shirvell), in unveiling it, complimented the band on their excellent performance, and said that peal-boards were an excellent incentive to future generations of ringers to try to emulate the great deeds of their predecessors. A touch of Treble Bob was then rung, and later a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Richards, seconded by Mr. Keen, and carried unanimously.

NEWCASTLE'S PEAL OF TWELVE.

The dedication of the new trebles at Newcastle Cathedral will take place on Easter Sunday, and the bells will be open for ringing on Easter Monday, from 2 p.m. Other towers in the city will also be available for peals or touches.

THE LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

Ringers generally are looking forward with interest to the attempt upon the Treble Bob Royal record at Ashton-under-Lyne on Easter Monday, and the band have the best wishes of the Exercise for their success.

"S.L.H." AND BELLS.

S.L.H., whose "Sub-Rosa" column in the "Daily News" is so much enjoyed by its readers, is apparently the latest public writer to be the recipient of a complaint about the ringing of bells, and he treats the matter in his customary humorous vein. He has taken the trouble to dip into history and quotes an ancient writer as being responsible for the statement that it was by means of a bell that Noah called all living creatures to the Ark. "The ancient writer," says S.L.H., "does not give any evidence to support his statement—and I mention it only to show that ancient writers will say almost anything." At any rate it carries our history a bit further back than most of us were aware of.

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INTERESTING STORIES, BUT —

The "Sub-Rosa" stories are very entertaining, but "S.L.H." is quite justified in throwing his doubts upon the figures of the mathematician who provides him with the facts for his practical side of the question, for the man of figures, after pointing out that 470,061,600 changes may be got on twelve bells, adds: "It is calculated that ten changes may be rung in one minute, that is, 720 in an hour. On this computation all possible changes on twelve bells could not be rung in less than seventy-five years ten months and ten days."

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A MISCALCULATION.

"S.L.H." adds: "I accept no responsibility for these figures, and only quote what the wise man says. Indeed, it seems to me, as an absolute simpleton in these things, that if you have ten changes in every minute in an hour, you would have 600 in the hour, and not 720, as given above. But I have long ceased to strive with mathematicians, and I always think with gratitude of an assurance I received from a gentleman who was in his year the Third Wrangler at Cambridge, and who told me that when you get into the very highest regions of mathematics you cannot be quite sure about anything. I daresay it is so—but I have never been there. I have mentioned the appalling possibilities in a peal of twelve bells, not to depress the reader, but to make him thankful that even the fiercest little tribe of campanologists could not go through with this business. It would mean unceasing din for more than three-quarters of a century." If we may venture to give "S.L.H." any information on the subject, we would just tell him that his mathematician knows very little about the pace at which bells are rung. The average pace for twelve bells is, as all ringers know, from 20 to 23 changes per minute.

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AN INQUIRY.

"Middlesboro" writes: "Can any reader tell me, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' as to what would be the probable cost of providing and fixing the apparatus with miniature bells, to correspond with the ringing of tower bells, similar to those at St. Mary's, Tunton, for silent practice; eight bells, wood frame."

SELF-ALIGNING BEARINGS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I have noticed in your paper, a drawing of a "Self-aligning" bearing for bells. I do not know who is the inventor of this bearing, and I am quite ready to admit that it is the best of its kind that has come under my notice; but I also venture to submit that a self-aligning bearing for bells is quite unnecessary, and unlikely to prove permanently satisfactory.

In the first place, a "self-aligning" bearing may be simply a remedy for inaccurate fittings. Provided that gudgeons and bearing are accurately fitted, there is nothing to equal the fixed bearing, but with slovenly work the self-aligning bearing will, to a certain extent, remedy it. There are, however, so many wearing surfaces, that in the course of a very few years a bell hung in such bearings would, in my opinion, become "sloppy," that is, unsteady, put extra strain on the frame and tower, and necessitate a renewal of the working parts.

As bells of 50 and 60 cwt. can now be easily rung for several hours in rigid bearings, I fail to see the necessity for self-aligning ones.—Yours truly,

Whitechapel Bell Foundry, London, E.

ARTHUR HUGHES.

Owing to Good Friday falling in next week, the "Ringing World" will be published on Thursday. All reports and publications should be sent in as early as possible.

YORK MINSTER BELLS.**RESTORATION OF THE PEAL.****MEMORIAL TABLET UNVEILED.**

The restoration of York Minster bells is now complete, and, as briefly announced in our last issue, were dedicated on Wednesday of last week. To those who knew the peal before they were taken in hand and who heard them on the occasion of their opening were greatly struck with the vast improvement effected in their tone by the retuning which has been effected. After being returned to the Minster, the bells were rehung with the most modern fittings, including the Warner patent self-aligning, self-lubricating, oil-bath and oil-ring design of bearings, which eliminate all shock to the framework, and consequently to the tower. The restoration has been carried out by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London.

At the special service of Dedication, the clergy present were: Bishop Quirk (Canon-in-Residence), the Dean of York, Canon Watson, Canon Nolloth, D.D. (Vicar of Beverley Minster), Rev. G. Trundle, Rev. H. T. S. Gedge, and the Rev. C. C. Marshall (Vicar of St. Chad's, Leeds), and President of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers. The Dedicatory prayers were offered by Bishop Quirk and the Dean of York.

ANCIENT RITES.

Canon Nolloth was the preacher, and spoke from Ephesians v. 14, "Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." He said that in ancient times bells were regarded as possessing a peculiarly sacred character, and on their dedication certain rites were gone through which so closely resembled the rite of baptism, that the bells were always said to have been baptised. On those occasions it was arrayed like those who were about to be baptised in a christening robe, and sponsors were chosen for it from the people in high position. For instance, Emperor Charles V became sponsor to the large bell at Antwerp. Then a name was generally given to a bell on its baptism—the name of some saint. It was interesting to recall on that particular day of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin that the name Mary was a favourite one given to the bells, some 900 bells of this country being dedicated to her. The next in numerical order was St. John, to whom 280 or thereabouts were dedicated, while some 70 inscriptions had been got together from bells dedicated to St. Mary the Virgin, and the commonest inscription naturally was the angelic salutation, "Ave Maria pleu gratia." Like the organ, the bells were instruments of praise and exaltation. They were designed to startle and awake from spiritual sleep, to rouse the careless, pleasure-loving and indifferent to a sense of danger that those dead in sins might arise to a new and better life. Bells were associated with public worship. This was a pleasure-seeking age, and men were becoming lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. Although there were never so many holidays, never such short hours, people could not keep off God's holy day, and the nation seemed to be losing its hold upon religion. Bells also proclaimed the flight of time; they called to industry. Were the bells abused? He thought not so much as formerly. Sometimes bells were rung for very secular occasions. In some places they had been rung for horse-racing not so very many years ago. He did not think that was so to any great extent at the present day, but he would say that when bells were rung, even by skilful hands, by those who disobeyed the invitation which they extended to others, then the music of the bells was as sounding brass and tinkling cymbal. The preacher, in conclusion, said he well remembered the late Mr. W. H. Howard, who for 68 years was a bell ringer at York Minster.

The service included special music sung by the choir, and an anthem, "Ring out ye brazen, tuneful peal," written for the occasion by the Dean of York, to music of a former organist of the Minster, Dr. Naylor. At the conclusion of the service an opening touch of Grandsire Cinques was rung by: T. Haigh 1, C. F. White 2, G. Worth 3, P. Firth 4, H. Ineson 5, G. Horner 6, E. Rickitt 7, J. Thompson 8, A. C. Fearnley 9, T. Hodgson 10, A. Haigh 11, T. F. Earnshaw (conductor) 12.

The York ringers, who were present for the dedication were Mr. T. F. Earnshaw (president), Mr. G. Horner (secretary), Mr. A. C. Fearnley, Mr. G. Worth, M. L. Woodcock, Mr. H. Ineson, Mr. E. Rickitt, Mr. T. Haigh, Mr. A. Haigh, Mr. T. Hodgson, Mr. J. Thompson, Mr. W. Fountain, Mr. G. Broad, Mr. P. Firth. They were supplemented by Mr. R. W. Falconer (Durham and Newcastle Association), Mr. T. Metcalfe (Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association), Mr. E. Maurice Atkins (Cambridge University Guild), Mr. T. W. Robbins (Escrick), Mr. Park (Darlington), etc.

ENTERTAINED BY THE DEAN.

The bell ringing party were afterwards entertained at tea in St. William's College, where they were the guests of the Dean of York, who attended with his grand-daughter, Miss Alice Purey-Cust. The Dean was unable, owing to a cold, to remain with the party, who were entertained with Grandsire Caters on handbells prior to tea. Before the Dean left, however.

Mr. T. F. Earnshaw proposed a vote of thanks to him, and said how delighted every one of them was to find the bells back in their

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YORK MINSTER BELLS.



THE BISHOP OF SHEFFIELD AND THE DEAN OF YORK
AND YORK MINSTER BELLS, 1914.

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LONDON, E.

accustomed place. The Dean had shown many kindnesses to the York Minster Society of Change Ringers in the past, and the ringers were extremely glad to have this opportunity of expressing their appreciation of his kindly interest. In the first place they felt that the Dean was to be congratulated on having brought to a successful issue the complete restoration of the bells. They fully understood the difficulties he had always to contend with in any great undertaking, owing to lack of funds, and it was to his credit that the restoration of the bells was only a unit amongst the many much greater projects that the Dean had undertaken and completed in such a manner as was befitting to the glorious Minster, of which they formed a part. It would not be too much to say that never in the whole history of the Minster had so many great and varying works been taken in hand by one Dean, and carried through with such conspicuous success as has been the case during the present Dean's residence amongst them. To them as ringers, however, the bells were the chief concern, and it had been quite refreshing to hear so many enquiries in the city as to when the bells would be ready, thus showing the keen interest that was centred in them. They had nearly despaired of ever getting them restored, until what might be called a fortunate accident occurred to one of the bell clappers. It fell out, and it was this clapper or tongue that seemed to "call the tune," although it was a difficult matter to get it to "pay the piper" (laughter). However, "All was well that ended well," and they were that day celebrating the opening. They were of the opinion that the work had been carried out in an eminently satisfactory manner, and in entrusting the firm of Messrs. Warner and Sons with the contract, they felt confident that the Dean's orders had not been misplaced (hear, hear). With regard to the tuning of the bells, he heard them rung singly during last week, as well as in peal that day, and, knowing their tone before they were retuned, he found them wonderfully improved, each bell being more musical in itself, more vibrating, and more mellow, making the whole a fine musical ring, and they now felt that they had a splendid peal of bells in first-class order. They were proud of the fact that their inheritance as ringers—and they were alive to responsibilities in connection therewith—was second to none in being associated with York Cathedral. It might be possible to find another good peal of bells, yet it would be impossible to find along with them a building that could be compared with the Minster of the ancient city (hear, hear). They had found that the Dean was always ready to meet the wishes of the ringers as far as possible, and in such a matter as placing the vestry at their disposal to conduct the ringing business in they had always felt it a great honour to have the privilege of holding their meetings there.

LONG SERVICE AT THE MINSTER.

Then when the ringers approached the Dean with regard to a tablet being erected in the belfry to the memory of the late Mr. W. H. Howard, the Dean was only too glad to accede to their wishes, and was pleased the matter had been brought forward. They appreciated this to the full extent, because they knew that it was only in very special cases that tablets were, or could be, fixed in the Minster, and he might say that the tablet was a beautiful specimen of the mason's art. They would especially thank the Dean in this direction, because Mr. Howard was rightly regarded amongst ringers, not only in York, but in the whole of Yorkshire, as the "Grand Old Man." There were several long service men in the Minster Society, but all of them had a long way to go before reaching Mr. Howard's record of 68 years' service (hear, hear). For the splendid service arranged in connection with the ceremony of opening the bells, and especially for the beautiful anthem the Dean wrote for the occasion, their gratitude was due. The tea so kindly provided for them in that historic building was yet another proof of the Dean's interest in the ringers, and their regret was that the health of Lady Emma was unfortunately not good enough to allow her to be present, but he trusted that her ladyship and the Dean might live long to enjoy the music of the bells (hear, hear).

Mr. A. C. Fearnley seconded the vote of thanks in brief but felicitous terms, and the Rev. C. C. Marshall added his tribute to the Dean.

The Dean of York, in acknowledging the compliment, said he regretted that as he was suffering from a cold it would be impossible for him to remain with them. Referring to the late Mr. W. H. Howard, to whom a tablet was later to be unveiled, he said he had the greatest affection for that gentleman. The absence of the bells had made people realise more fully the value of them (hear, hear). There were some people in York who thought that it would not be a bad thing if the Cathedral itself were shovelled out of the way somewhere (laughter). But when they had no Cathedral they would realise the value of it (hear, hear). He hoped people would realise what a grand adjunct the bells were to the House of God. In the death of Mr. Howard, he added, they had lost a ringer who had very great abilities. Not only was Mr. Howard valuable in that capacity, but he was a thoroughly good man (hear, hear). He was sorry Lady Emma was unable to be present, but the guests could be assured of his and her wishes that they would make themselves at home (hear, hear).

BELL HANGERS COMPLIMENTED.

The Rev. C. C. Marshall moved a vote of thanks to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, who had carried out the restoration of the bells. He said that the ringers had reason to be glad that competent men

had been called in to do the work. They all knew cases where incompetent people had been called in, and the result had not been satisfactory. They knew it needed experts to deal with such matters, therefore, one had very great pleasure in giving thanks where thanks were due (hear, hear). He was quite certain Messrs. Warner and Sons were a firm who were fully abreast of the times, and the work upon this heavy ring of twelve bells had been carried out most satisfactorily, and he had felt the keenest interest in examining their new self-aligning oil-bath and oil-ring design of bearings, which had been fitted to all the bells. — Mr. G. Worth seconded the vote of thanks, saying that everything promised well, and that he had no doubt that after further practical experience of the work, they would be able to say "they have made a jolly good job of it" (hear, hear).

Mr. Robert Warner, on behalf of the firm, acknowledged the resolution with thanks. He said that he was glad to meet such a gathering of well-known ringers, and he looked forward to the time when the York Minster Society would ring the first peal upon the twelve, as he believed that the only peal on the bells up to the present was one of Grandsire Caters in the year 1861. He was glad to see Mr. George Breed, the noted tenor ringer, once more able to participate in the ringing, after 6½ years' absence, through ill-health. He expressed thanks to the York ringers for the hospitality they had accorded to the bell hangers engaged upon the work, and for all the ringing facilities that had been afforded to them in many towers in the neighbourhood.

THE LATE MR. W. H. HOWARD.

The company then returned to the Minster and ascended the belfry, where the Rev. C. C. Marshall drew the veiling from a mural tablet inscribed as follows:—

To the Memory of
WILLIAM HORNER HOWARD,
who was for 68 years a Bellringer at this
Cathedral, 1839-1907.
Born August 28th, 1821; Died August 1st, 1907.
Respected by all.

He said he was proud to be there and to have been asked to unveil the tablet which has been erected to the memory of William Horner Howard. As an individual he had come into contact with Mr. Howard, and no one who did that could fail to be struck by the simplicity and genuineness of his character, and by his real love for the art of change ringing and for the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers, of which he was a life-long member and vice-president. But it was as president of the Yorkshire Association that he (the speaker) especially wished to speak, and to express his appreciation at being invited to be amongst them that day. Mr. Howard was a man of whom the Association must always be justly proud. He was one of the moving spirits in the foundation of the Association in 1875, was elected a vice-president at its first meeting, and held that office till his death in 1907. In addition to that they must always remember that he it was who, by virtue of his position and character, was elected to take the chair at the inaugural meetings of the Association, and to pass the election of the first president and officers. He it was, again, who, on the death of their first esteemed president, Mr. Jasper Snowden, took the chair at the intervening committee meetings, and again presented to the Association and welcomed in its name their second president, Mr. Wm. Snowden (hear, hear). His life and interests were then intimately bound up with the whole life of the Yorkshire Association, and as they knew that he was proud of his connection with them, so they were also glad to say that they were proud of their connection with him. He was a man of the right stamp, combining those two things which they as an Association must always aim to foster, love of the art of change ringing, and love of the church which, with that art, he served. The special traits of his character were, perhaps, his simplicity of character, with just that thoroughness and firmness which prevented simplicity from becoming weak, thus making it one of the most beautiful things that they knew. The speaker hoped that when they looked up to the tablet they would be inspired to follow a worthy example (hear, hear).

Mr. John Howard (Ampleforth) said that, on behalf of the family of the late gentleman, he desired to express thanks for the tribute thus paid to his father. There was no doubt at all that his father's whole heart was in change ringing, and it had always been a source of regret to himself and his brother that they had not been able to follow in their father's footsteps in that respect. His sister especially wished to thank the ringers very deeply for their kindness. It was one of the delights of his father to take anyone over the Minster, which he loved so well (hear, hear). — Mr. James Howard (Bawtry), another son of the late Mr. Howard, also thanked the ringers for their kindness.

BEARINGS 2 CWT. EACH.

Subsequently the bells were set going with touches of Treble Bob Maximus, Stedman and Grandsire Cinques and Grandsire Caters, while touches of Bob Major and Treble Bob were rung upon the front eight and Stedman Triples on the back eight. The bells have been improved almost beyond recognition by the retuning, and this is especially noticeable in the trebles. The resonance of the peal is so much greater that it is now necessary to install a new double floor under the bells. The "go" is absolutely perfect, and at the conclusion of the ringing everyone was unanimous that "Warner's had

made a jolly good job of it." The only regret that the York ringers had now that the bells had been hung, was that Messrs. C. F. White and Frank Smith would take their departure, and their invaluable ringing services during their stay in York would be greatly missed.

With further reference to the new self-aligning and self-lubricating bearings, it is interesting to mention that each bearing on the tenor bell weighs 2 cwt., and each of the bearing brasses will contain one pint of Graphite oil, which is especially prepared for bells to suit all temperatures. There is no doubt whatever, that these bearings are extremely beneficial, and there should be no excuse for bad going bells, seeing that now there is this perfect cure.

The remainder of the evening was spent at the "Lowther Hotel," the snug little rendezvous on the banks of the River Ouse, where a hearty welcome awaited from Mr. George Breed. Touches upon the handbells followed, and the time for departure, bringing to a conclusion a happy and memorable day, came all too soon.

Photographs in connection with the restoration of the Minster bells can be obtained of Mr. Hanstock, Clarence Street, York.

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. Michael's, Cornhill, on April 14th, Southwark Cathedral and St. John's Hackney, on the 21st, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 23rd, St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m. A district meeting will be held at Hornchurch, Essex, on May 2nd. Tower open for ringing from 4.30 to 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, April 4th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary, 135, Salts Street, Shaw.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Rev. R. O. Sutton, at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. All are welcome. Quarterly peal (Bob Major) will be attempted at Heston on Easter Monday. South and West members desirous of taking part please communicate with H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Steyning on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30.—H. Evans, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.—Dedication and opening of two trebles to complete the octave on Easter Eve, April 11th. Service at 3.30. Dedication by the Lord Bishop of Colchester. Ringers welcomed. Tea will be provided at the Assembly Rooms to those who give notice of attending not later than Wednesday, April 8th.—Bernard Pettit, Sible Hedingham.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester, on Easter Monday, April 13th, 1914. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House, at 2 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Address by the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, Dean. Tea will be provided free in the College Hall, at 5.15 p.m., for all those who notify me before Wednesday, April 8th, 1914. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2 p.m.; St.

Helen's (8), Hallow (8), St. Swithin's (6), 10 to 11 a.m.; St. Nicholas (6), and St. John-in-Bedwardine (6). Subscriptions should be paid, expenses received, and reports obtained, in St. Helen's Church House between 12 and 1. Peal book on view. The presentation will be made to Mr. J. R. Newman, on the occasion of his marriage, immediately after tea, to which all members are cordially invited. The children of Mr. Johnson, of Hinton, Evesham, will give an exhibition of handbell ringing.—A. E. Parsons, Master, 148, Station Road, Old Hill.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—The thirty-second annual meeting will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Easter Monday, April 13th. The bells at St. Paul's (8), St. Modwen's (8), Horninglow (6), and Winstanley (6) will be available for ringing from 10 a.m. A short service will be held in St. Paul's at 3 p.m. Committee at 3.30 and tea (1s. 3d. each) at 4.15, both in St. Paul's Institute. Will those who intend taking tea kindly notify Mr. H. Wakley, the "Lord Napier," Victoria Street, by Wednesday, April 8th.

The following notices of motion have been received:—Rule 4a, erase the words "after a month's notice in writing has been given by the Honorary Secretary." Rule 13, erase the whole and substitute "Delegates to the Central Council to be nominated by two members of the association, and names sent to the secretary one month before the meeting at which they are elected."

BASS' BREWERY.

Messrs. Bass and Co., Ltd., have kindly arranged to grant facilities to members attending the meeting to view their premises. Messrs. Bass and Co's official guides will be in attendance at the High Street offices of the company at 11 a.m., when they will proceed to conduct the party round one of the three breweries, the beer stores, hop stores, fire brigade station, etc. It will be a convenience to Bass and Co., if members who intend going round the brewery will advise Mr. Wakley as above not later than the first post on Thursday morning, April 9th.—W. E. White, Hon. Secretary.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Rotherham on Easter Monday, April 13th, Parish Church of All Saints, 10 bells, tenor 32 cwt., available 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Committee meeting during the afternoon to decide upon the fixtures for the ensuing year.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans, on Easter Monday, April 13th, 1914, when the various towers in the city will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Choral service at the Cathedral (in the choir) at 5 p.m., with an address by the president, the Very Rev. the Dean of St. Albans. Tea in the Abbey Institute, 6 p.m. sharp, followed by business meeting for election of officers, etc. All ringers heartily welcomed.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Secretary, Duffield, St. Albans.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Gresford on Easter Monday. Bells available from 12 o'clock. Meeting in Church House at 3 p.m. Kindly inform Mr. Geo. Williams, Sexton, Gresford, if requiring lunch, supplied at 1/6 each. Time of tea by post.—Harry Moore, Jun., Hon. Secretary.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the above Association will take place at Cambridge on Easter Monday. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Mary the Great (12), St. Andrew's (8), and St. Andrew's, Chesterton (6). A short service will be held in Great St. Mary's Church at 12.15 p.m., with address by the Ven. Archdeacon Cunningham. The annual dinner and business meeting will be held at the Lion Hotel at 12.45 p.m. Members are requested to notify me of their intention to be present not later than Thursday, April 9th.—T. R. Dennis, General Secretary, 33, Clarendon Street, Cambridge.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Peter's, Brighton Branch.—The new peal of ten bells, tenor 25½ cwt., by Mears and Stainbank, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Chichester on Thursday, April 16th, at 3 p.m. Tower open for ringing 4 till 5 and 7 till 9. All ringers are heartily invited. Refreshments will be provided in the Parish Room, at 5 o'clock, to those who let me know by Monday, April 6th.—A. D. Stone, 29, Ashton Street, Brighton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, April 18th, 1914, to celebrate the centenary of the bells. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Service at 4. Preacher: Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A. Tea will be provided to all members of the association sending their names to Wm. Mallinson, 8, York Street, Colne, not later than Tuesday, April 14th.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at All Saints', Fulham, by kind permission of the Rev. W. C. Muriel, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30, with address by the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, President of the Cambridge University Guild of Ringers. Tea at 6.15, followed by the business meeting. Putney bells will also be available. Further particulars will be given next week.—C. T. Coles and H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretaries.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting for practice will be held at Brighthouse Church, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers will be welcome.—F. Salmons, Secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, established 1824).—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's Parish Church, Willesden, on Saturday, April 18th, 1914. Bells available from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., and business meeting to follow at 8.30 p.m. All ringers and friends will be welcome.—Lawrence B. Porter, Honorary Secretary, 1, Canonbury Mansions, Canonbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The first meeting will be held at Northallerton, on Saturday, April 18th. The ring of eight at the Parish Church will be available. Tea at Tweddle's Commercial Hotel, Market Place, 5 p.m., at 1s. per head, will be provided for those who notify the caterer, Mr. A. Parker, at the above address, not later than Tuesday, April 14th. Business meeting afterwards in the Parish Room for the election of district officers, vice-president, ringing master, secretary, and committee. All ringers welcome.—Clement Glenn, Honorary General Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.—The new trebles to complete the peal of twelve at Newcastle Cathedral will be dedicated on Easter Sunday, at 10 a.m. The members of our and other associations are cordially invited for Easter Monday. Ringing at the Cathedral from 2 p.m. The other belfries in the city will be at the disposal of the visitors. Tea will be provided free, at the Collingwood Restaurant, at 5 p.m., to those who send notice to the Secretary (E. Ferry, 33, Ivy Road, Gosforth, Newcastle) not later than Thursday, April 9th.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Curdridge, Botley, on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at the Institute at 5 o'clock. Meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by not later than April 6th.—J. W. Whiting, District Secretary, Fareham.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the above society will be held at Leeds on Easter Monday. An attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques will be made, start at 12 noon. The business meeting will be held at the Royal Oak, at 7 p.m.—F. Hopwood 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke, Secretary.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Alfreton, on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells available from 1 p.m. Service in church at 4 p.m. Tea (1s. each) at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly notify F. Watkinson, Park Street, Alfreton, by Thursday, April 9th.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly general meeting will be held at Eye, on Easter Monday, April 13th. Dinner at 1.30 p.m. at the White Lion. Those attending must send notice before April 9th. For full particulars see notice cards.—C. E. Borrett, Secretary, 12, Grove Avenue, Norwich.

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Central District).—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ewell, on Easter Monday, April 13th. The bells of Ewell and Cheam Parish Churches will be available from 2.30 p.m. Service in Ewell Church at 5 p.m. Tea in the Church Room at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after. Handbells, kindly lent by Mr. T. Miles, for use of the members will be available at the Church Room during the day.—Cyril F. Johnston, Hon. Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. T. H. Taffender has removed to 10, Northlands Street, Camberwell, S.E.

PEAL BOOKS.—Price 3s. 6d., post free, 300 pages. The first peal written in (with weather-proof ink) free of charge, if particulars of same are enclosed with order.—J. Beams, Fir Tree Road, Banstead, Epsom, Surrey.

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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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LATE NOTICE.

CLEVELAND & YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Malton, Yorkshire, on Easter Monday, April 13th, 1914. Dinner will be provided at the Green Man Hotel at 12.30 p.m. Members 1s. 3d., non-members 2s. 6d. Those intending to be at the meeting please notify the Hon. Sec. not later than Wednesday, April 8th.—T. Metcalfe, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

THE SURPRISE MINOR RECORD.

An attempt for a record peal of 10,800 changes of Surprise Minor will be made at St. Giles' Church, Killarmarsh, Derbyshire, on Easter Tuesday, April 14th, commencing at 11 a.m.

THE HERTFORD ASSOCIATION.

A very pleasant meeting of the Eastern district was held on Saturday week at Hoddesdon and Broxbourne, ringing taking place first at the latter place. Tea was partaken of at "The Welcome," at which the Vicar (the Rev. R. H. Walker) joined the members.—The business meeting followed, the Vicar being unanimously voted to the chair.—Seven new members of the Broxbourne band were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicars of Hoddesdon and Broxbourne for granting the use of their bells, and for the welcome extended to the gathering.—The Rev. R. H. Walker responded, and said he hoped to meet all again upon some future occasion, and to invite them to tea some time during the summer in his grounds, an offer which, needless to say, was heartily appreciated by the meeting. The members then went on to Hoddesdon for further ringing. During the day, touches of Grandsire and Stedman, Oxford Treble Bob, Bob Major, Double Norwich and Superlative were rung.

PENWORTHAM.—St. Mary's Society.—On Sunday, March 8th, a date touch (1914 changes), consisting of 474 Plain Bob, 720 College Single and 720 Oxford Single Bob, in 1 hr. 1 min.: J. Burgess 1, W. Taylor (conductor) 2, E. Fox 3, J. R. Taylor 4, V. Martin 5, J. Gornall 6.

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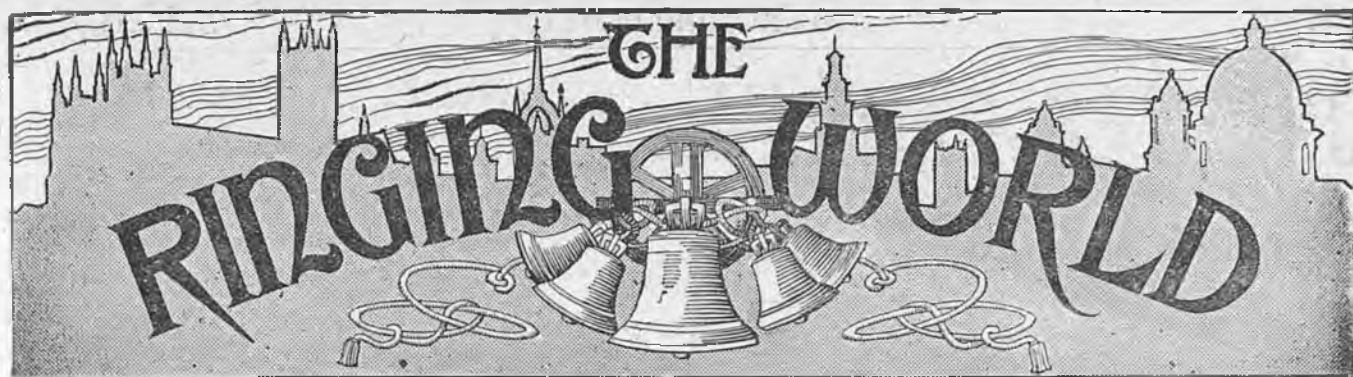


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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

IN AMERICA.

The picturesque language in which the writer in the "Boston Transcript" recently painted the reception of the English ringers in America was, it seems, hardly justified by the real facts. From the extracts which we quoted from the article in our issue of March 6th, our readers will have seen how the American writer, with the subtle genius of his kind, drew a somewhat alluring picture of the position which the ringers hold in the eyes of the Boston public, and of the advantages which they enjoyed in that land of democracy as compared with the status of the ringers in England.

In this issue we have "the other side of the shield." A frank letter from Mr. E. E. Randall, formerly of the St. Albans' Cathedral Society, shows that a good many of the statements that appeared in the "Boston Transcript" were the product of the writer's fertile imagination working upon "the limited truths that were placed before him by those in authority." Despite the promising outlook when Dr. Nichols endeavoured to get a band together capable of planting our Art on the American continent, the men, according to Mr. Randall, do not all seem to have improved their prospects, while the facilities for ringing have been curtailed rather than extended. In both respects this information is sincerely to be regretted, and must be a source of much discouragement to Dr. Nichols as well as to those who sought to make a new home, and, perhaps, lay the foundations of fortune, across the Atlantic.

As to the condition of the labour market in America we, of course, know nothing. We can only lament that any of those who left these shores with the dual purpose in view, should have failed, up to the present, to "make good." All ringers in this country will hope that fortune may quickly smile upon them. Equally we trust that the difficulties which seem to have arisen in the way of ringing may soon be removed. The Boston Guild do not seem to have had opportunities of overdoing their practice, but the Art, which seems indigenuous to English soil alone, has not yet appealed, apparently, to the soul of the American—and Italian. That the efforts which Dr. Nichols is making may not be eventually wasted is our sincere wish. So far as bells are concerned, he is introducing a veritable revolution in Boston, and rebuffs at the outset were, perhaps, only to be expected, but the closing of belfries, as Mr. Randall tells us has already been done in one case, will effectually put the extinguisher upon all effort. We hope that what has happened in regard to the ringing is only a temporary and not a permanent set-back to a condition of things that at one time seemed to promise well for our Art in America.

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BIRMINGHAM.

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BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, March 31, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

PERCY O. LAFLIN Treble	JOHN H. SWINFIELD ... 7
THOMAS RUSSAM 2	ALF PADDON SMITH ... 8
THOMAS J. BRATTON 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 9
JAMES GEORGE 4	SAMUEL GROVE 10
HARRY WITHERS 5	JAMES E. GROVES 11
BERNARD WITCHELL 6	JOHN NEAL Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
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* First peal on twelve bells. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Faux. Mr. Faux is a highly respected member of this Guild, and is in his 78th year.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, April 4, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5169 CHANCES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

FRANK COLE Treble	ARTHUR BOAR 7
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	WILLIAM HALE 8
WILLIAM IRELAND 3	*JOSEPH DYKE 9
JOHN AUSTIN 4	*EX-SERG. J. WILLIAMS ... 10
JESSE GILLET 5	WILLIAM HASTINGS ... 11
ALBERT WRIGHT 6	HUBERT HANKS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal of Cinques.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lbs.

ALFRED BARNES Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE 7
*HENRY W. WILDE 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD 8
GEORGE GARNETT 3	*JOHN T. BOTTRELL 9
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	*CHARLES F. WHITE 10
*THOMAS MURRAY 5	WILLIAM DAVIES 11
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6	HARRY CHATMAN Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX, and
Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal of Treble Twelve. First peal as conductor on twelve, and 50th peal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.)

On Saturday, March 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

JOHN N. ONBORROW Treble	HENRY S. ELLIS 5
ARTHUR G. ELLIS 2	HARRY R. PASMORE 6
JAMES WILLSHIRE 3	JOHN W. GOLDING 7
WILLIAM H. PASMORE 4	HENRY R. NEWTON Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 30, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Katherine,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
JOSEPH E. SYKES Treble	JOHN W. JONES 5
CHARLES H. PERRY 2	WILLIAM PAGE 6
HARRY PAGE 3	JAMES CROSS 7
BENJAMIN THORP 4	TOM PAGE Tenor

Composed by SAM WOOD, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

First peal of Kent Treble Bob on the bells.

PONTEFRAC T.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(EASTERN DIVISION.)

On Tuesday, March 31, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
FREDERICK MOODY Treble	WILLIAM PEARSON, Junr. ... 5
*BERNARD MOODY 2	HARRY WALTERS 6
WILLIAM BROOK 3	WILLIAM PEARSON 7
SAMUEL BROOK 4	ARTHUR WALKER Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by W. PEARSON.

* First peal in the method inside. † First peal in the method.

LOWER BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, March 31, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt.	
JAMES R. GRIFFIN Treble	THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... 5
JAMES W. BELL 2	HERBERT H. BARKER ... 6
JOHN WILKINSON 3	ERNEST J. OLIVER 7
HENRY FYLES 4	JAMES MARTIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. MARTIN.

This is the first Surprise peal on the bells; first Surprise Major peal by all the band except E. J. Oliver, and first by the above Branch.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.	
*GEORGE RICHARDSON Treble	GEORGE PIPER 5
EDWIN JAS. PANNETT 2	JAMES A. HART 6
FRANK S. STURT 3	ROBERT J. DAWE 7
GEORGE H. STURT 4	*DAVID TURNER Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT J. DAWE.

* First peal. This peal was rung as a farewell to E. J. Pannett (late secretary of the local band), who is leaving Lewes for Lewisham.

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

On Thursday, April 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the R.C. Abbey of SS. Thomas and Edmund,

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

Tenor 15 cwt., in F.	
J. HERBERT BENFIELD Treble	PERCY O. LAFLIN 5
*GEORGE PARSONS 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
*GEORGE GARRISON 3	BERNARD WITCHELL ... 7
MORRIS J. MORRIS 4	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

* First peal of Double Norwich on an inside bell.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(HEENE BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.	
ARTHUR G. ARNELL Treble	EDMUND H. LINDEP ... 5
HARRY MRETEEN 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
HARRY EVANS 3	WILLIAM HILLMAN ... 7
JOHN H. PAICE 4	ALFRED W. GROVES ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This composition, the author's No. 173, is now rung for the first time.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 4, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of the Saviour,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 20½ cwt.	
FRED ABBOTT Treble	*JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 5
HAROLD GORTON 2	RICHARD P. HEALD ... 6
*GEORGE POWNALL 3	ROBERT BENNETT 7
THOMAS WORSLEY 4	*JOSHUA N. HEWITT ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WORSLEY.

* First peal in the method.

SHILDON, DURHAM.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1914, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.	
JAMES BAXTER Treble	JOHN G. HALL 5
*WM. LETTY 2	THOS. WICK 6
EDWIN J. TITT 3	WM. BROADLEY 7
R. B. ROBINSON 4	T. METCALFE Tenor

Composed by JAS. PLATT, and
Conducted by JAMES BAXTER.

* First peal in the method on an inside bell.

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

On Saturday, April 4, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Ann, Highgate, N.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.	
ARTHUR D. BARKER Treble	ALBERT A. BRIGHTMAN ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	JAMES SCHOLES 6
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES ... 3	RICHARD N. RUNHAM ... 7
RICHARD BEVAN 4	CHARLES J. PRYOR Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung as a 56th birthday compliment to Mr. James Scholes.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.	
SAMUEL WESLEY Treble	JOHN C. DICKEN 5
HERBERT DAY 2	FREDERICK W. HILL ... 6
WILLIAM LAMBERT 3	ALEX. HUTCHISON 7
JAMES L. WRIGHT 4	ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE, and
Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

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

On Saturday, April 4, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. James.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM SEELEY Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
*FRANCIS A. SMITH 2	BERTRAM PREWETT 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Sir Hubert von Herkomer, R.A., who was interred in the churchyard that afternoon.

EDMONTON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 4, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JAMES PARKER Treble	MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 5
ARTHUR HUGHES 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 6
EDWARD F. COLE 3	GEORGE PAICE 7
WALTER J. BOWDEN 4	WILLIAM ANDERSON ... Tenor

Conducted by Miss E. K. PARKER.

First peal on the bells since their rehanging by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank. The "go" of the bells leaves nothing to be desired.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 4, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs.

*WILLIAM A. COOPER ... Treble	GEORGE HUGHES 5
*ALBERT E. BLONDELL ... 2	*ALBERT LITTLE 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
JOHN BASS 4	JOSEPH PIGOTT Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells. It was William A. Cooper's 50th peal for the Society. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Mrs. E. Jones, of Raglan Place, who was laid to rest in the churchyard on the above date and who has been a generous benefactress to the above church.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, March 30, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

*FRED WAKELIN Treble	*GEORGE J. YARDLEY ... 4
EDGAR T. SMITH 2	ALBERT H. HARBER ... 5
*JOHN OWIN 3	†CHARLES A. WAKELIN ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES A. WAKELIN.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. H. Harber and J. Yardley. E. T. Smith belongs to St. Matthew's, Walsall, the others to the local band.

COLD HIGHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 26 Six-Scores of Grandsire, and 16 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lbs.

*ARCHIBALD BIRCH ... Treble	J. WILLIAM UNWIN 3
†HAROLD FOLWELL 2	J. WILFRED SHARP 4
CHARLES S. FAULKNER ... Tenor	

Conducted by J. W. UNWIN.

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

WONERSH, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 4, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. John.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. approx., in F sharp.

*CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... Treble	CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 4
MAURICE SMITHER 2	ROBERT WHITTINGTON ... 5
CLARENCE H. DONNIE ... 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

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

BURSTOW, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 4, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*WILLIAM BEESON, JUNR. ... Treble	CHARLES VARO 4
†WILLIAM BEESON, SENR. ... 2	WILLIAM OLIVER 5
REV. EDWARD J. TEESDALE 3	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal, and aged 16. † First peal with a bob bell.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Stephen the Martyr,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

*HARRY BROWNJOHN ... 1—2	†RAYMOND J. WILKINS ... 5—6
†JOHN A. BURFORD 3—4	*GEORGE CONDICK 7—8
*WILLIAM A. CAVE 9—10	

Composed by FRED G. MAY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal on handbells. † First peal of Caters on handbells.

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THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 23, 1914, in One Hour and Fifty-eight Minutes,
In the Belfry of St. Saviour's Protestant Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

CHARLES BENNETT 1—2	RICHARD KEASON 3—4
ARTHUR HADLEY 5—6	

Conducted by ARTHUR HADLEY.

First peal of Bob Minor by all.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Size 17, in A.

MAURICE SMITHER 1-2	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 5-6
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 3-4	CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: L. HEAD. Witnesses: MRS. HAZELDEN and MRS. PULLING.

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Hazelden, Mr. Dobinson of Rammore Common, and W. Smith of Loughborough, and was rung on the nearest date possible.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, April 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE GEORGE IV, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5025 CHANGES;

HERBERT LANGDON 1-2	HARRY R. PASMORE ... 5-6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 3-4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7-8
ALFRED B. PECK ... 9-10	

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and
Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1914, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE RECTORY,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

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

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Wotton-under-Edge, on Saturday, members attending from Thornbury, Bristol, Dursley, Berkeley, Wickwar, Coaley, and Wotton. Only about a dozen members sat down to tea, but several others put in an appearance soon after the conclusion of the business meeting, when some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major were brought round. One of the churchwardens took the chair at the business meeting, and formally welcomed the Guild to Wotton on behalf of the clergy. Yate was chosen for the next meeting on May 2nd.—A discussion took place regarding business to be brought before the annual general meeting of the Association at Berkeley on May 9th, and members from towers in union were requested to talk matters over between themselves, and bring forward any suggestions they may have at the Yate meeting. This would enable the branch to settle its policy beforehand and so save time at the general meeting by presenting a unanimous vote on the various matters on the agenda.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPTS.

Three long peals are to be attempted this month.

On Easter Monday, as our readers are already aware, an attempt is to be made on the Treble Bob Royal record at Ashton-under-Lyne, where three years ago the Treble Twelve record was broken. A start is to be made at 7 a.m.

On the following day at St. Giles' Church, Killamarsh, Derbyshire, an attempt for the Surprise Minor record is to be made, viz., 10,800 changes. The start in this case is at 11 a.m.

On Saturday, April 25th, a long peal of Grandsire Cinques is to be attempted at St. Mary's Church, Painswick; twelve members of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths (who were established in 1886), and the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association having determined to start for a length of 12,475 changes. "Go" will be called at 10 o'clock. It is interesting to note that it was the Painswick Treble Twelve record of 10,224, made in 1833, that was surpassed by Ashton-under-Lyne peal of 12,240 three years ago.

LANGHAM, ESSEX.—On March 28th, after an attempt for a peal of Treble Bob Minor, 720 each of Kent and Oxford: S. Denton 1, A. Smith, senr., 2, C. Doo (conductor) 3, W. Mead 4, A. Smith, junr., 5, F. Smith 6. Rung as a farewell compliment to W. Mead, who was leaving the district for Woolpit.

INTER-AFFILIATION.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD SECRETARY'S VIEWS.

Dear Sir,—I think it must be borne in mind that any scheme of inter-affiliation which may be put into operation will necessarily be, at first, experimental. It ought, therefore, to be as simple as possible. The terms of the resolution published by Mr. Atwell in your issue of December 12th, 1913, present too many complications, in my opinion to be looked upon with much favour yet awhile by those responsible for the working of an Association. Much the same applies to Mr. Pigott's suggestions in your last issue.

In this I believe we shall do better to walk before we attempt to run. The whole subject, worked out cautiously through different stages of experience, will have more chance of developing into something likely to gain general acceptance, and to be of permanent benefit to ringers. I, for one, feel that there are great possibilities in front.

At present, however, I think we must confine our attention to the visiting ringer, who desires to ring a peal or attend a meeting under an Association of which he is not a member. For the large majority now the premium upon the enjoyment of such an occasional peal is too high; the ringer may never visit the area controlled by that Association again. What we want to gain, then, is that he should not feel barred from all opportunity in the new locality he is visiting of obtaining that enjoyment out of the art which is really his due—if the members of the Exercise are one great unity. The question of the Association's finance, of course, will seem to stand in the way of any scheme. But here I am going to suggest that members of Associations shall prepare themselves to face, if need be, a little diminution in the income derived from chance life-members. It has yet to be proved that under some such scheme of inter-affiliation as I submit below, this will not be more than counter-balanced by the attraction of a larger number of affiliated members. At all events, the possibility might be put to the test of experience for one, or two years at least.

I believe that inter-affiliation is practical without at first being necessarily universal. Some Associations might adopt it without in any way interfering with those who do not. My point is that, if it was found to be advantageous, or rather let us say, not detrimental, to the few it would soon come to be recognised by the many. Only let us get something simple approved and tried first, and be content to allow the more complicated systems to come along when we are more certain of our ground.

I would like the following to be considered:—

1.—That for a fee of 6d. a voucher (which might be the ordinary form of receipt specially headed) be issued by the Association to which the visiting ringer desires to become affiliated. Such voucher to be available for six months.

2.—That the Association in question have the right to the whole of the fee.

3.—That in the event of a peal being rung, a distinctive sign be placed against the affiliated member's name in the record. (This is Mr. Pigott's suggestion.)

4.—That members so affiliated shall not have the privileges of full members, and shall not be entitled to voting powers.

5.—That to be eligible for affiliation a ringer must be a full practising member of a duly recognised Association.

It, no doubt, goes without saying that those Associations which adopt a scheme must all adopt the same scheme. But I would urge that something simple be adopted, even if only by a few Associations to begin with, and that whatever scheme be approved it be given at least a two years' test.

It is to be hoped that something profitable will result from the discussion of the matter by the Central Council, and that the opportunity will be given to someone to lead the way.—Yours faithfully,

O. CAREW COX.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.—On Mar. 29th, for evening service, at St. George's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: R. Allred 1, Jas. Allred 2, B. Allred 3, Harry Allred 4, W. Hindley 5, P. Crook (conductor) 6, Herbert Allred 7, John T. Allred 8. This quarter contains the extent of 6, 7.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—At the Parish Church, recently, 1120 of London Surprise Major: W. Sadler 1, W. Howell 2, A. Shuffelbotham 3, F. Claydon 4, W. Keeble 5, E. Newman 6, E. Beckwith 7, D. Elliott 8.

STOCKPORT.—To commemorate the 76th birthday of W. Gordon, senr., a date touch of Grandsire Triples was rung for evening service at St. Mary's Church: W. Gordon (composer and conductor) 1, D. Pendlebury 2, J. H. Mason 3, J. Allan Gordon 4, Alfred Gordon 5, P. Bricknell 6, Allan S. Gordon 7, A. G. Clarke (longest length) 8.

BRECON, SOUTH WALES.—At St. Mary's Church, recently, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but unfortunately, after ringing 1 hr. 25 mins., two bells changed course, and "stand" had to be called: W. A. Fletcher 1, W. Short 2, G. Giblin 3, R. Kinsey 4, C. Beech 5, C. Powell 6, W. Evans (conductor) 7, A. Matthews 8. The same ringers afterwards rung 336 Kent Treble Bob Major.

ENGLISH RINGERS IN AMERICA. POSITION NOT WHAT WAS PAINTED BY "BOSTON TRANSCRIPT."

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The article in your issue of March 6th, headed "American Impressions," created so much discord among the members of the Guild when published in the "Boston Transcript," and contains so many inexactitudes that a reply is necessary in fairness to our brother ringers in England. The paragraph headed "The Welcome to Yankeeedom," is particularly obnoxious, and received in the columns of the "Transcript" a stinging reply from our ringing master. The statement that "As expert workmen their wages are generally double what they would have received in England" is correct as far as one of our members is concerned. He is a compositor. With regard to the others there is a far different tale to tell. One, a master bricklayer and mason, after an enforced idleness of six weeks, is a night watchman at a private hotel, earning enough to keep himself, the family not included. Another, who left a berth in England at 50s. per week, has earned 20s. per week for the last six weeks, and has to pay 8s. for a room and 18s. for board. Another, a carpenter, was out of work for four weeks, and had to take a berth on a farm 36 miles away. This he has left and is now located in Detroit, Michigan, over 1,000 miles away. These are only a few instances of the prosperous times the ringers are enjoying. Others could be mentioned, but I have no wish to unduly take up your space.

Another statement that "their position as the only musicians of their kind on this continent is unique" is certainly worthy of publication. We get so much practice, that if we score a 504 of Grandsire Triples it is equal to ringing a peal of Steadman at home, when the difficulties under which we work are considered. So far, we have met four times this year—three times at Watertown, five miles away, and once at Hingham, 18 miles away. At Watertown they allow us to ring once a month, on a Sunday morning or public holiday, for a period of 30 to 45 minutes.

USE OF BELLS REFUSED.

The bells at Hingham are not peelable. The longest length we have been able to ring on them is 1,000 changes, and this, after a hard physical struggle. In Boston our position certainly is "unique" as we have no bells to ring on. Christ Church with its fine ring of eight by Rudhall, has been denied us. This church is in the North end, in the midst of the Italian quarter. In an earlier publication of your paper a statement was made that we could ring here all day if we wanted to, as the Italians liked the bells. This statement, however, has not been confirmed by subsequent events, as two petitions have been presented to the Bishop praying that the bells be stopped, because they were a nuisance, although we had only rung there for periods of half-an-hour. The last one was successful, and no more do those bells swing round to Grandsire and Treble Bob. This is not the only peal in Boston that is silent. There is another peal at the Church of the Advent, which has been silent for ten years. These we hoped to get going, but all advances on our part were met by refusal.

The references to social caste and our entertainment at Groton are most obnoxious to any broad-minded Englishman. Boston itself is the most Conservative city in the States, and is dubbed the "Aristocrat" by men from all over the continent. During our entertainment at Groton School the social caste was clearly shown when the "upper ten" with the headmaster were seated at one side of the hall on a raised dais, while the ringers were scattered among the boys. True we appreciated the hospitality shown us, but we wish to point out that we are not placed on a pedestal and worshipped from afar as the article would have one believe. That Lucien Price is a brilliant writer none will deny. His power of imagination is splendidly shown throughout the article in the manner in which he has used the limited truths placed before him by those in authority.

The fact remains that ringing here is, as our Yankee friends would term it, "on the bum," and will always be as long as it is Englishmen who are trying to push forward the art in America.—Yours very truly,

ERNEST E. RANDALL,

Late member of the St. Albans Cathedral Society.
March 22nd, 1914.

HULL.—On March 12th, a date touch of Grandsire Caters, 1914, in 1 hr. 17 mins., at Holy Trinity Church, in honour of the visit of the 1st East Yorks Regiment to the City of Hull: F. Dale 1, T. Stockdale 2, C. Jackson (composer and conductor) 3, G. Dowling 4, G. F. Williams 5, J. Highfield 6, J. Hodds 7, G. T. Miller 8, D. W. Brown 9, F. Morrison 10.

BIRMINGHAM.—At St. Chad's Cathedral (R.C.), after morning service, on March 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: J. H. Fitter 1, A. T. Scrivens 2, J. Porter 3, T. Miller 4, W. F. Webb 5, J. Carrigan 6, J. B. Collett (conductor) 7, W. Gossage 8. — At Bishop Ryder's, for evening service, on March 15th, 504 Grandsire Triples: G. Knight 1, W. Stratford 2, J. B. Collett 3, A. T. Scrivens (composer and conductor) 4, J. Porter 5, W. H. Carrod 6, G. A. Taylor 7, S. Price 8.

LIVERPOOL RINGER'S DEATH.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild has lost another prominent member by the death of Mr. Richard Calland, of Hindley, who passed away at his residence, Liverpool Road, on Tuesday, March 24th, and was laid to rest at the Hindley Cemetery on Saturday week.

Deceased was a member of St. Peter's Parish Church, where he was formerly the parishioner's warden, and at the time of his death was a sidesman. He was also the conductor of the bell ringers, which position he had held for the last 23 years, having been a ringer there since the opening of the bells, 47 years ago. He filled the office with tact and dignity, and with great credit to himself.

His capabilities as a ringer and conductor were of very high order, and change ringing will be the poorer at his demise. His mode of life was a valuable example to all who knew him, and his end was peace.

Between the time of his death and interment the bells of St. Peter's were muffled, and several short touches were rung, as well as a few of the hymn tunes the deceased loved so well. After his remains had been laid to rest a muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a last tribute of respect by: Fred Banks (Leigh), conductor, 1, Hy. Smith (Leigh) 2, Wm. Blackledge 3, Hy. Hayes (Leigh) 4, John Yates 5, Thos. Marsh 6, John Halsall 7, John Akred 8. Among the wreaths: was one sent by the ringers of St. Peter's.

"BEDFORD SURPRISE MINOR."

A 720 in the following method of Minor has been rung at St. Peter's Church, Bedford, and the band are desirous of knowing if it has been rung before. If not, they propose to call it Bedford Surprise Minor.

123456

214365

124356

213465

231456

324165

321456

234165

324615

236451

263415

624351

263451

624315

642351

463215

643125

461352

643125

641352

614325

163452

613425

164352

146532

An examination of the method shows that it is but one row removed from Annable's, London, but that one departure turns it from a legitimate to an illegitimate method.

What is believed to have been the first 720 was rung by: A. Robinson 1, J. Cooke 2, C. W. Clarke 3, C. Stapleton 4, H. Sharpe 5, W. Stapleton (conductor) 6.

5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By J. MARTIN.

23456 B M W H

53624 — — —

36524 — — —

65324 — — —

43526 — — —

52436 — — —

24536 — — —

45236 — — —

23564 — — —

35264 — — —

35426 — — —

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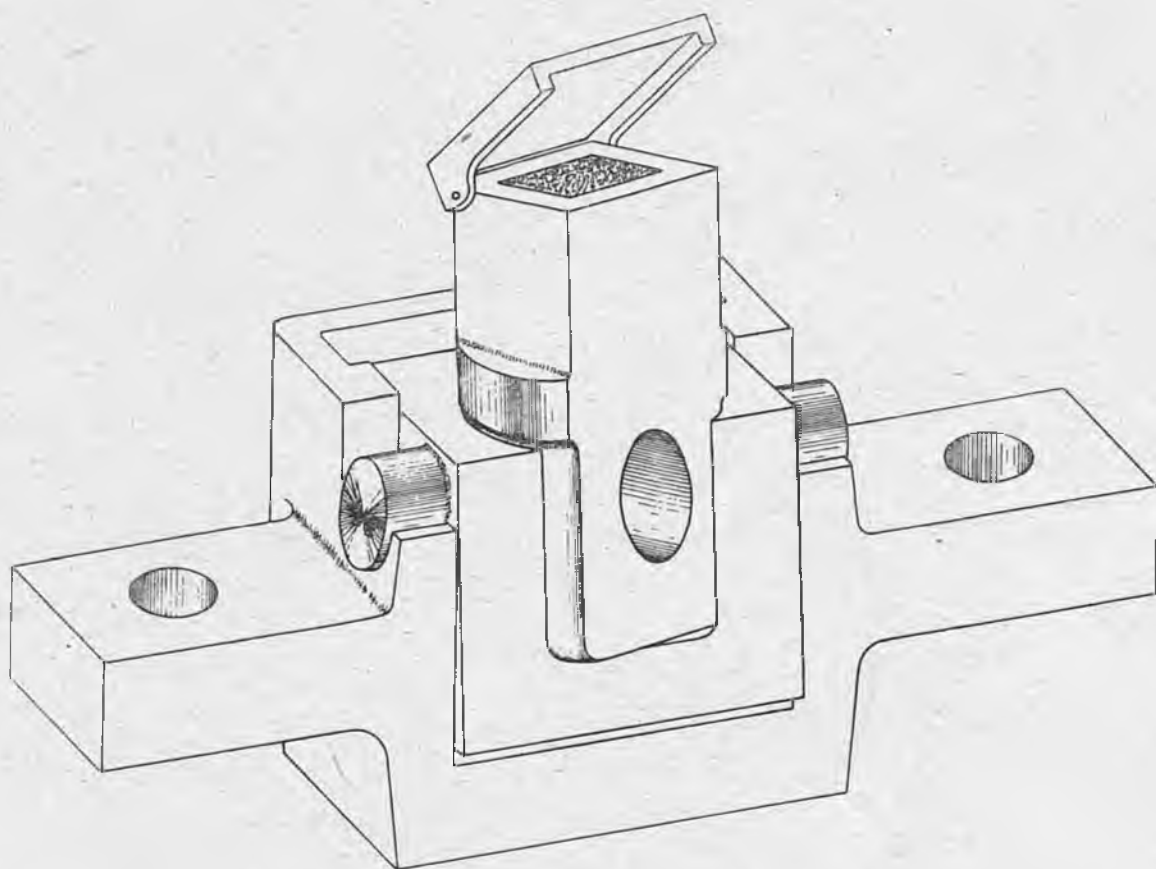
62534 — — —

62345 — — —

36245 — — —

23645 — — —

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CHELTENHAM.

The other day we recorded the first peal on the twelve bells of Cheltenham Parish Church—a peal of Grandsire Cinques. Such a performance is of more than passing interest, and serves to recall some noteworthy achievements in this tower. Originally the peal of four or five bells there were recast by Rudhall, of Gloucester, into a peal of eight, the tenor being 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs. in E flat. In 1826 and onwards various peals of Grandsire (including



CHELTENHAM PARISH CHURCH.

Holt's Original on November 5th, 1828) and Treble Bob were rung by the local company, at whose sole expense the bells were augmented to ten in the year 1833, and rehung by James Futy, of Cheltenham. On September 23rd of that year 6000 of Treble Ten was rung, the peal being conducted by Elijah Roberts, of Birmingham, of peal-tapping fame, one other Birmingham man, named Hopkins, being in the peal, the rest, apparently, being local men.

Progress in the Art fluctuated in the succeeding years; but about 1873 Stedman was practised and a peal of Triples in this method was rung about 1874 by the local

band, conducted by J. Belcher. In 1876, they rang a 5079 Stedman Caters, but the composition turned out to be false. In 1883 two of the bells were recast and the ring rehung, and on the opening day the Rev. F. E. Robinson conducted a true peal of 5079 Stedman Caters upon them. A few years later two famous peals were rung on the bells, viz., 13,054 Stedman Caters in 8 hrs. 16 mins., on May 21st, 1888; and 15,227 Grandsire Caters in 9 hrs. 43 mins., on April 22nd, 1889. Both peals were composed by Henry Johnson, of Birmingham, and conducted by W. T. Pates, who, at that time, had had practically no practice in calling Stedman Caters, and none whatever in Grandsire Caters. Both these were excellent peals.

It was in 1912 that the bells were augmented to twelve, by the gift of Alderman and Mrs. Winterbotham, of Cheltenham, the two trebles being added and the rest tuned, rehung in an iron frame, and quarter turned by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. It is most gratifying to see that the band at this tower is maintaining the traditions of the past, and we hope that before long further performances of Cinques and Maximus may be recorded on these bells—the lightest twelve hung in a church tower.

SELF-ALIGNING BEARINGS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Under the above heading, Mr. Hughes writes to you that this class of bearing is quite unnecessary and unlikely to prove permanently satisfactory.

As regards the first contention, he may be right if metal frames are used—though even so I am disposed to think that the gimbal principle will be found to give the best results—but with timber frames, which continually if slightly vary their alignment with every change of humidity, the self-adjusting bearing is a most definite advantage, for with it, so far as my experience goes, bells run equally well from year's end to year's end, with only oil as a lubricant.

As to the second contention, I can only say that nearly thirty years ago I hung our two tenors here in bearings, the exact counter-part of the one which I was surprised to see illustrated in your journal; the 8th and 9th in a modification of the same, with cast-iron in place of gun metal steps—few people know that the coefficient friction is less between steel and cast-iron than between steel and gun metal—and the remainder in a simple cast-iron cup and ball arrangement in two pieces only. All are lubricated by oil-soaked bunches of cotton wick, which cover the whole length of the gudgeons and last for months unattended.

We have never had the slightest trouble with any of the bells, nor has there ever been any tendency to the sloppiness which Mr. Hughes prophesies, and when I last examined them some two years ago, I could detect no appreciable deterioration.

I may add that these bells are rung for an hour and a half every Sunday, in addition to the two hundred or so of peals that have been achieved or attempted.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR HEYWOOD.

Duffield, April 5th.

MATHEMATICAL PROOF ASKED FOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the account of the opening of York Minster bells in your issue of April 3rd, I read "self-aligning bearings which eliminate all shock to the framework and consequently to the tower." A mere ringing engineer would like to see a proof of this statement. In the first place, in a rigid frame there is no shock to eliminate, except that due to the blow of the clapper. The resulting impulsive reaction is very small. In the case of a bell of 12 cwt., which I recently have worked out, this blow on the frame due to the action of the clapper acted almost vertically downwards, and was equivalent to that due to a weight of one pound falling three inches. Secondly, if there is shock it is due to faulty workmanship either in the frame or bearings, or to faulty steeple-keeping, which has allowed frame or bearings to work loose. In either case, how is it to be eliminated by a self-aligning bearing?

I can quite see the point of a self-aligning bearing in a timber frame, which is liable to twist under various atmospheric conditions. At the present time I am trying to collect all possible useful information as to frames in relation to towers. That is my reason for troubling you with this question. A statement of opinion is of no use to me, unless backed by strict mathematical proof.—Yours, etc.,

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

Simonsdelf, Fredsham.

HERE AND THERE.

NEW LADY HANDBELL RINGER.

We may shortly expect to see a fresh name among those of Lady handbell peal ringers, for Mrs. Hazelden, of Guildford, whose husband is an esteemed member of the Holy Trinity band, is showing excellent promise, and has recently rung two quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples. Her first was on March 23rd, and those taking part were: W. E. Maulden 1-2, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 3-4, M. Smither 5-6, Mrs. C. Hazelden 7-8. The second quarter was rung on Monday week, as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Hazelden, by: C. Hazelden 1-2, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 3-4, M. Smither 5-6, Mrs. Hazelden 7-8.

BISHOP VISITS BELFRY.

The Bishop of London, after holding a confirmation service at St. Nicholas' Church, Chiswick, visited the belfry and addressed a few words of encouragement to the ringers, who, he said, he looked upon as being very important church workers. Before leaving the belfry, the Bishop shook hands with all the ringers. The ringing done for the service included Grandsire Doubles, in which G. Haig, senr., R. H. Boddington, W. Field, G. Haig, junr., R. Holloway, S. Legley, A. Roker and J. Dalton took part.

A SOLE SURVIVOR.

The 57th anniversary of the first peal rung by Mr. W. Gordon, senr., of Stockport, was celebrated by a date touch of Grandsire Caters, which he composed and conducted, rung at St. Mary's Church on Sunday week in 1 hr. 12 mins., the ringers being: W. Gordon, senr., 1, H. Reynolds 2, J. H. Mason 3, D. Pendlebury 4, P. Brickell 5, J. Allan Gordon 6, Alfred Gordon 7, W. Gordon, junr., 8, Allan S. Gordon 9, Allan Gordon Clarke 10. Mr. Gordon senr., is the sole survivor of the band which rang in his first peal, which was Holt's ten-part, and was rung on Sunday, March 29th, 1857.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The Northern district met for practice at All Saints', Gosforth, on Wednesday week, and had the pleasure of welcoming Messrs. Billinghurst and W. Smith, of Loughborough, who are engaged in erecting the two new trebles at Newcastle Cathedral which are to be dedicated on Easter Sunday morning by the Vicar of Newcastle (Canon Gough, D.D.). The members enjoyed an excellent practice of Kent Minor and Major, Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, though they missed the genial presence of the esteemed vice-president, Mr. E. E. Ferry, who was unable to attend.—Arrangements are already in hand for holding meetings during the summer months at Rothbury, Morpeth, Alnwick, Bambrough, Whitley Bay and Embleton.

FOUR PEALS IN A DAY.

We understand it is likely that, if arrangements for the towers can be made, a band of Middlesex members will attempt four Surprise peals in the day on Easter Monday. Egham, Staines and Old Windsor will probably be three of the towers, and we may, we think, fully expect the methods to be London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative. The only time that four peals have been rung in one day was last year, when a Kent Association band "bagged" four peals of Minor.

THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION REPORT.

The thirty-fifth annual report of the Norwich Diocesan Association has been placed in the hands of the members this week, and, as in former years, contains a mass of most interesting information in the 150 pages which it covers. There is one point of special interest in the peal records, and that is that the total reached by the Association on December 31st, 1913, was exactly 3,000. Last year, as on two previous occasions, the Association carried off the distinction of a "double first," being first in number of peals rung and in point value. This record of 3,000 peals is another unique distinction, for no other Association has yet reached this total, although two or three are well on the way. The towers which have contributed most largely to the aggregate are: Debenham, 147; St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, 135; Leiston, 123; Henley, 117; Diss, 96; Framlingham, 92; Pulham St. Mary Magdalene, 92; Pulham St. Mary-the-Virgin, 87; Redenhall, 83; Thornham Magna, 82; Helmingham, 81; Framlingham and Kelsale, 74 each; St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, and St. Margaret's, Ipswich, 64 each; and Eye and Saxlingham, 52 each.

A CENTURY PEAL RECORDED.

Mr. A. J. Turner, the captain of the Southover, Lewes, Guild, Sussex, has presented a handsome peal board to the belfry, recording the 100th peal which he had rung in the tower. At a meeting of the members last week, Mr. Turner was heartily thanked by the Rector, on behalf of the Guild, for his gift, and the hope was expressed that others might follow Mr. Turner's example.—Mr. E. J. Pannett, who has held the secretaryship for some time, has resigned on leaving the town to take up residence at Lewisham, and is succeeded by Mr. Charles Errey.

DOUBLE COURT.

A correspondent is informed that 720 of Double Court Minor can be got by calling the observation bell "In" and "Out" in one course, and "In" in the next, repeating this five times with a single at one or other of the calls in one half and at the corresponding call in the second half. A 720 in any plain method of Minor where the bobs are made by the three back bells, can be got in this way, and the calling can also be utilised for Treble Bob Methods, the singles, of course, not being required.

INVERNESS BELLS IN LONDON.

After a very stormy passage in the North Sea, on board the s.s. "Royal Scot," the fine peal of eight bells (tenor 20 cwt.) of Inverness Cathedral, together with three semitone bells, have arrived safely at the London Docks. These bells have been sent to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London, E., to be returned, and are to be rehung on modern principles.

WYE BELLS DEDICATED.

The bells of the Church of SS. Gregory and Martin, Wye, near Ashford, Kent, were dedicated on Sunday, and everybody, we hear, was delighted with the new system of fixing the special frames without the aid of main girders, adopted in the hanging of the bells by Messrs. Warner and Sons, who have carried out the work.

QUAINT REQUESTS.

St. Martin's, Birmingham, is apparently not the only belfry where the ropes are provided by a bequest, for at Halstead, Essex, also, there is an ancient benefaction of three acres of land left by an unknown donor for the purpose of keeping the bell ropes in repair at the old parish church of St. Andrew, and the plot of ground is known as Bell Rope Field to this day.

BOMB AT ST. MARTIN'S.

The famous Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London, well-known to ringers on account of its peal of twelve bells, was seriously damaged on Sunday night by the explosion of a bomb, attributed to the militant suffragettes.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GIFT TO SONNING TOWER.

A successful meeting of the Sonning Deanery branch for combined practice was held at Sonning on Saturday, members being present from Wokingham All Saints, Binfield, Easthampstead and White Waltham, with several members from the Reading branch, bringing the total up to 25. The following methods were practised: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise Major, and the ringing was of a much better quality than usual. It is hoped that those members will make an effort to show up at the practices, who, hitherto, have not taken quite so much interest in the art of change ringing as they might have done. Surely a point can be strained to the extent of one evening a month for this purpose.

A very interesting event took place at the commencement of this practice, in the form of a presentation of a peal tablet, by the Master of the Guild (the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn) to the belfry of St. Andrew's Church (Sonning). The work was very neatly executed by Mr. A. W. Pike, of Reading, the board being entirely hand-painted in very artistic colours, no pains having been spared to produce the very best example of the craftsman's art.—The Master, in presenting the tablet, which records the first peal on the bells since their restoration by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, said the peal, Thurstans' four-part of Stedman Triples, was well worth recording, as it was the first on the bells which were now restored, and was an excellent peal. It was, of course, impossible to record every peal they rang, but everything in connection with this one was of the highest order, and quite deserving of a permanent record.—The Master then unveiled the board, and asked the Vicar to accept it as a present to the belfry.—The Vicar, in accepting it, said he was very pleased, on behalf of the parish and the church to receive such a handsome decoration to the walls of the belfry, and he hoped it would serve as an incentive to ringers in years to come to excel and to discharge their duties as church officers in as thorough a manner as the performers in this peal must have done to produce such splendid ringing.—The Vicar then very kindly invited ringers to a half-day's ringing one Saturday during the coming summer and to tea on the lawn, plainly showing that he takes great interest in ringers. The arrangements for this gathering were put into the hands of the master, and it can safely be said that it is looked forward to with the keenest anticipation.

SCUNTHORPE.—Lincoln Guild.—On Mar. 22nd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, with 6 and 8 covering: H. Chapman (first 720) 1, W. A. Miller 2, T. J. Hocknell 3, T. H. Parkin 4, F. Rudd 5, G. Vamplew (conductor) 6, J. Cuthbert 7, H. Parkin 8.

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NOTICES.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on April 14th, Southwark Cathedral and St. John's Hackney, on the 21st, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 23rd, St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m. A district meeting will be held at Hornchurch, Essex, on May 2nd. Tower open for ringing from 4.30 to 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.—Dedication and opening of two trebles to complete the octave on Easter Eve, April 11th. Service at 3.30. Dedication by the Lord Bishop of Colchester. Ringers welcomed.—Bernard Pettit, Sible Hedingham.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.—The new trebles to complete the peal of twelve at Newcastle Cathedral will be dedicated on Easter Sunday, at 10 a.m. The members of our and other associations are cordially invited for Easter Monday. Ringing at the Cathedral from 2 p.m. The other belfries in the city will be at the disposal of the visitors. — Secretary, E. Ferry, 33, Ivy Road, Gosforth.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester, on Easter Monday, April 13th, 1914. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House, at 2 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Address by the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, Dean. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2 p.m.; St. Helen's (8), Hallow (8), St. Swithin's (6), 10 to 11 a.m.; St. Nicholas (6), and St. John-in-Bedwardine (6). Subscriptions should be paid, expenses received, and reports obtained, in St. Helen's Church House between 12 and 1. Peal book on view. The presentation will be made to Mr. J. R. Newman, on the occasion of his marriage, immediately after tea, to which all members are cordially invited. The children of Mr. Johnson, of Hinton, Evesham, will give an exhibition of handbell ringing.—A. E. Parsons, Master, 148, Station Road, Old Hill.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The thirty-second annual meeting will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Easter Monday, April 13th. The bells at St. Paul's (8), S. Modwen's (8), Horninglow (6), and Winshill (6) will be available for ringing from 10 a.m. A short service will be held in St. Paul's at 3 p.m. Committee at 3.30 and tea (1s. 3d. each) at 4.15, both in St. Paul's Institute.

The following notices of motion have been received:—Rule 4a, erase the words "after a month's notice in writing has been given by the Honorary Secretary." Rule 13, erase the whole and substitute "Delegates to the Central Council to be nominated by two members of the association, and names sent to the secretary one month before the meeting at which they are elected."

BASS' BREWERY.

Messrs. Bass and Co., Ltd., have kindly arranged to grant facilities to members attending the meeting to view their premises. Messrs. Bass and Co.'s official guides will be in attendance at the High Street offices of the company at 11 a.m., when they will proceed to conduct the party round one of the three breweries, the beer stores, hop stores, fire brigade station, etc.—W. E. White, Hon. Secretary.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Rotherham on Easter Monday, April 13th, Parish Church of All Saints, 10 bells, tenor 32 cwt., available 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Committee meeting during the afternoon to decide upon the fixtures for the ensuing year.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans, on Easter Monday, April 13th, 1914, when the various towers in the city will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Choral service at the Cathedral (in the choir) at 5 p.m., with an address by the president, the Very Rev. the Dean of St. Albans. Tea in the Abbey Institute, 6 p.m. sharp, followed by business meeting for election of officers, etc. All ringers heartily welcomed.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Secretary, Duffield, St. Albans.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Gresford on Easter Monday. Bells available from 12 o'clock. Meeting in Church House at 3 p.m. Kindly inform Mr. Geo. Williams, Sexton, Gresford, if requiring lunch, supplied at 1/6 each. Time of tea by post.—Harry Moore, Jun., Hon. Secretary.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the above Association will take place at Cambridge on Easter Monday. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Mary the Great (12), St. Andrew's (8), and St. Andrew's, Chesterton (6). A short service will be held in Great St. Mary's Church at 12.15 p.m., with address by the Ven. Archdeacon Cunningham. The annual dinner and business meeting will be held at the Lion Hotel at 12.45 p.m. (members 1/3, non-members 2/6).—T. R. Dennis, General Secretary, 33, Clarendon Street, Cambridge.

THE BEDS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday at Bedford. The bells of St. Paul's (10) will be available from 9 a.m. to 11, 11.30 to 1 p.m., 3 to 6 p.m., 6.30 to 9 p.m. St. Peter's (6) during the same hours, except for service, 5 p.m. Elstow (6) 3.30 to 6.30 p.m. Hot dinner at St. Mary's Schoolroom, 1 p.m., 1s. each. Meeting to follow.—A. Rust, Hon. Secretary, Ridgmont.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Alfreton (8 bells) on Monday, April 13th, 1914. Annual service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting held afterwards. A scheme for recording Sunday ringing will be introduced with other business.—T. Alliboree, Secretary, North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

CLEVELAND & YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Malton, Yorkshire, on Easter Monday, April 13th, 1914. Dinner will be provided at the Green Man Hotel at 12.30 p.m. Members 1s. 3d., non-members 2s. 6d.—T. Metcalfe, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly general meeting will be held at Eye, on Easter Monday, April 13th. Dinner at 1.30 p.m. at the White Lion. For full particulars see notice cards.—C. E. Borrett, Secretary, 12, Grove Avenue, Norwich.

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Central District).—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ewell, on Easter Monday, April 13th. The bells of Ewell and Cheam Parish Churches will be available from 2.30 p.m. Service in Ewell Church at 5 p.m. Tea in the Church Room at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after. Handbells, kindly lent by Mr. T. Miles, for use of the members will be available at the Church Room during the day.—Cyril F. Johnston, Hon. Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Peter's, Brighton Branch.—The new peal of ten bells, tenor 25½ cwt., by Mears and Stainbank, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Chichester on Thursday, April 16th, at 3 p.m. Tower open for ringing 4 till 5 and 7 till 9. All ringers are heartily invited.—A. D. Stone, 29, Ashton Street, Brighton.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting for practice will be held at Brighthouse Church, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers will be welcome.—F. Salmons, Secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, established 1824).—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's Parish Church, Willesden, on Saturday, April 18th, 1914. Bells available from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., and business meeting to follow at 8.30 p.m. All ringers and friends will be welcome.—Lawrence B. Porter, Honorary Secretary, 1, Canonbury Mansions, Canonbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The first meeting will be held at Northallerton, on Saturday, April 18th. The ring of eight at the Parish Church will be available. Tea at Tweddle's Commercial Hotel, Market Place, 5 p.m., at 1s. per head, will be provided for those who notify the caterer, Mr. A. Parker, at the above address, not later than Tuesday, April 14th. Business meeting afterwards in the Parish Room for the election of district officers, vice-president, ringing master, secretary, and committee. All ringers welcome.—Clement Glenn, Honorary General Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, April 18th, 1914, to celebrate the centenary of the bells. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Service at 4. Preacher: Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A. Tea will be provided to all members of the association sending their names to Wm. Mallinson, 8, York Street, Colne, not later than Tuesday, April 14th.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The 16th annual general meeting will be held at All Saints', Fulham, by kind permission of the Rev. W. C. Muriel, on Saturday, April 18th. A service will be held at 5.30, with an address by the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, President of Trinity College, Cambridge. A meat tea will be served at 6.15, 9d. each to those who inform either of the undersigned not later than April 15th, of their intention of being present. At the meeting following important financial business will be discussed, and it is hoped that members will make every

effort to attend. The following towers will be open for ringing: All Saints', Fulham, from 2.30 to 5.30, and St. Mary's, Putney, from 3 to 5.15, and both after the meeting.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow, H. C. Chandler, Church Road, Heston, Honorary Secretaries.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—(Southern District).—The next meeting will be held at Horley on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 5.15. Tea at the Six Bells Inn 5.45 p.m.; business meeting after.—Henry F. Ewins, Hon. District Secretary, Duncton, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION (Bridgwater Deanery Branch).—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Enmore on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at Tynte Arms.—W. G. Sellick, Branch Secretary.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting of this Society will be held at St. Marie's, Sheffield, on Saturday, April 18th, 1914. Bells available 5 till 7.30 p.m.—J. Evinson, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, April 18th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Maidstone District will be held on Saturday, April 25th, at West Malling. Tower open at 2.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea provided 5.30 p.m.—Kenneth Mumford, 22, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Southgate, on Saturday, April 25th. Tea at the Cherry Tree. Tower open 4 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Honorary Secretary, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Farnworth, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available at 6.30 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccleston on April 25th. Bells ready at 3, meeting at 5.30. Tea will be provided for all who let me know by April 21st of their intention to be present.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hayes, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those who intend to be at tea please let me know by Tuesday, April 21st, the latest.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Christchurch, Wanstead, on Saturday, April 25th, 1914. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 5; Preacher: Rev. Canon Papillon. Tea at the National Schools, at 5.30, followed by the business meeting. Members are requested to notify me of their intention to be present not later than Wednesday, April 22nd.—H. Rumiens, Hon. District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Boldmere on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Members requiring tea please let me know by the 19th.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Secretary, Shottery.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at King's Norton on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—A. Paddon Smith, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, Hon. Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wednesbury on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available at 3. Service in church, with address by the vicar (Rev. L. A. Pritchard) at 5.30. Tea, 9d., in the Girls' Schoolroom at 6. Please notify intention of being present not later than Tuesday, 21st.—H. Knight, Hon. Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Birch on Saturday, April 25th. Bells ready at 4.30, meeting at 7. The special practices for higher methods will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, the first Saturday in each month at 4 p.m., until further notice.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Wm. Lawrence (Hawwell) has removed to 24, Wimborne Gardens, West Ealing, W.

PEAL BOOKS.—Price 3s., post free 3/6. Peals written in at 3d. per page. Prices for entering peals in Association official peal books upon application.—J. Beams, West Ewell, Epsom.

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.

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.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

SOUTHGATE.—Middlesex Association. — On March 8th, for the morning service, and to celebrate the induction of the Rev. —, Rothwell, as Vicar of St. Paul's, New Southgate, by the Bishop of Willesden, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1280 changes), in 47 mins.: A. R. Glascock 1, N. A. Tomlinson 2, J. W. Cornford 3, F. G. Tegg 4, J. Armstrong 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, S. Wade (conductor) 8. — For the evening service, and to celebrate a visit by the Bishop of Islington, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: G. W. Fletcher (first quarter away from tenor) 1, A. R. Glascock 2, F. Sharp 3, F. G. Tegg 4, J. E. Miller 5, H. Miller 6, J. Armstrong (conductor) 7, A. G. Crane 8.

HACKNEY.—At St. John of Jerusalem's Church, South Hackney, on March 8th, for morning service, Thurstan's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: T. Groombridge, junr. (first quarter of Stedman as conductor) 1, E. Wigg 2, H. Franks 3, J. Barry 4, R. Green 5, W. Powell 6, T. Groombridge, senr., 7, A. Riley 8.

WELLS.—On Sunday, March 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Cuthbert's Church, in 51 mins.: E. E. Stiles 1, T. T. Hayward 2, F. S. Loxton 3, W. J. Mills 4, E. G. Lush 5, A. E. Mills 6, W. Farley (first quarter as conductor) 7, W. Leakey 8. First quarter-peal ever rung by a local band at Wells.

ECCLESTON.—Chester Diocesan Guild. — On March 3rd, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: G. Jones 1, W. Bibby (first in the method) 2, R. Jones 3, W. Sconce 4, J. Morgan 5, E. H. Lewis 6, H. W. Wilde (conductor) 7, W. Morgan 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman on the bells.

HULL.—Yorkshire Association.—On March 3rd, for Confirmation service, by the Lord Bishop of Hull, at Holy Trinity Church, 737 Grandsire Caters: F. W. Dale 1, G. Dowling 2, C. Jackson (conductor) 3, T. Morton 4, H. Rodmell 5, E. Cutsforth 6, A. B. Cook 7, J. Hodds 8, A. E. West 9, J. Chamberlain 10. — At St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins.: Chas. O. Olson (qualification for Yorks Association) 1, H. Rodmell 2, G. Dowling 3, E. Cutsforth 4, C. Jackson (conductor) 5, A. E. West 6.

RICKLING, ESSEX.—On March 5th, 720 Bob Doubles: D. Jolly 1, F. Bonfield 2, W. Patmore 3, A. B. Wiffen (conductor) 4, G. Law 5. Rang as a farewell to the conductor on his leaving the district.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—On March 8th, for the morning service, at the Parish Church, 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by H. White; for the evening service, Stedman Triples, and a 504 Grandsire: H. E. White 1, Miss Alice White 2, F. Wilson 3, F. Hansford 4, J. Ballard 5, A. Burgess 6, Wm. Lawrence (West Ealing), conductor, 7, H. White 8.

OLD HILL, STAFFS.—At the Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 284 mins.: J. Price 1, J. P. Mason 2, H. Johnson 3, O. Pearson (first 720 Kent) 4, L. Johnson 5, W. Preen (conductor) 6.

WEST EALING.—For the evening service, at St. Stephen's, on March 1st, on the occasion of a visit by the Bishop of Kensington, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1248 changes), in 47 mins.: Wm. Lawrence 1, G. E. Harbour 2, A. W. Grimes 3, Wm. Hewett 4, P. I. Hairs 5, E. W. Piko 6, J. R. Mackman 7, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 8.

CHELSEA.—For evening service, at St. Luke's Church, on March 1st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, from Rev. H. Law James' peal: J. W. Barber 1, W. G. Matthews 2, G. Watkin 3, W. Dean 4, A. Newman 5, F. A. Smith 6, E. A. Reeve 7, W. Essery 8, H. Mance (conductor) 9, F. Gibbard 10.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Sunday, March 1st, for evening service, 580 Bob Major: W. Mead 1, J. Mead 2, W. Sear 3, F. Stanlon 4, L. Meager 5, T. Best 6, P. Hedges 7, H. Sear (conductor) 8. Also 252 Stedman.

SOUTH WEALD.—On March 3rd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor: C. Sheldon 1, W. Sheldon 2, E. Furbank 3, F. Otley 4, A. Rainbird 5, W. Leggett (conductor) 6.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Sunday, March 1st, after the evening service, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor with the tenor covering: W. J. Coakham, R. Maynard, junr., (conductor), J. O. Adams, J. H. Wilkins, H. Rumens, F. C. Maynard, R. Maynard.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.—On March 1st, for evening service, at St. Lawrence's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: R. Drage 1, J. Bailey 2, J. R. Ward 3, A. R. Hickton 4, T. Hutchinson 5, H. Green 6, N. H. Widdowson (conductor) 7, *A. Chamberlain 8. * First quarter-peal.

EASTHAMPESTEAD, BERKS.—On March 12th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: *A. Gough 1, *H. Hale 2, E. O. Lambert 3, *J. Turvey 4, H. Bungay 5, J. Rance (conductor) 6. * First in the method.

BARKING.—St. Margaret's Society.—On March 15th, for morning service, a date touch of Stedman Triples (1914 changes), in 1 hr. 7 mins.: G. Cottis 1, R. Fenn 2, T. Faulkner 3, G. W. Faulkner 4, A. C. Hardy 5, J. Norris 6, C. Fenn (conductor) 7, E. A. Davies 8. Composed by J. P. Bradley.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On March 15th, for evening service, 720 of College Single: G. Saunders 1, W. Tubb 2, W. Webb 3, F. Barker (conductor) 4, B. Tubb 5, F. Tubb 6.

KENNINGTON.—Ancient Society of College Youths.—On March 15th, for Divine service, 504 Grandsire Triples, non-conducted: E. S. Garnett 1, G. W. Wild 2, H. J. Walton 3, T. W. Wyatt 4, A. Walton 5, Arch. Miller 6, Alec. Miller 7, T. W. Welbourne 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On March 16th, at the Parish Church, for a Confirmation service, 504 Stedman Triples: A. J. Hoing 1, G. Twitchen 2, F. K. Biggs 3, J. Gransbury 4, S. T. Goodchild 5, B. Page 6, G. White (first as conductor) 7, M. E. Mealing (longest touch) 8.

TONBRIDGE.—On March 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: C. Cooke 1, G. H. Stonestreet 2, A. Lawrence 3, W. Steed 4, W. J. Wolfe 5, J. Milner 6, A. E. Headey (conductor) 7, A. Osborne 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd. It was the first quarter-peal of Stedman by a local resident band.

WHITCHURCH, CARDIFF.—On Sunday, March 15th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: F. J. Bailey 1, W. B. Biss (conductor) 2, L. Wright 3, T. Woods 4, F. J. Bailey, senr., 5, G. Mortimer 6. Also three six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, on Monday, March 16th, 360 Bob Minor by the above, and 120 Canterbury Pleasure by F. J. Bailey 1, W. B. Biss (conductor) 2, F. J. Bailey, senr., 3, T. Woods 4, G. Mortimer 5, T. Middleton 6, this being the first 120 of Canterbury Pleasure rung in South Wales.

LONDON.—At St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on March 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. J. Nelder 1, F. Andrews 2, Rev. J. A. S. Bullock 3, A. Coles 4, W. Alps (composer and conductor) 5, H. Hill 6, T. Walker 7, W. Arnold 8.

MIDDLETON.—Lancashire Association (Rochdale Branch).—On March 16th, in 1 hr. 8 mins., at the Parish Church, a date touch of Bob Major (1914 changes): J. Hollows 1, W. Berry (composer and conductor) 2, F. Berry 3, T. K. Driver 4, E. B. Shaw 5, T. A. Ogden 6, J. Arrowsmith, senr., 7, D. Renshaw 8. Rung to celebrate the Bi-centenary of the back six bells, which were cast by A. Rudhall in 1714.

HOLCOMBE ROGUS.—The Devonshire Guild.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in 43 mins., for Confirmation service: L. Pidgeon 1, T. Vickery 2, E. Woodberry 3, W. Vickery (conductor) 4, E. Edwards 5, C. Webber 6.

CREWE.—On Sunday, March 22nd, for evening service, at Christ Church, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 51 mins.: W. T. Holding 1, R. Langford 2, J. H. Ridding 3, H. F. Holding 4, W. F. Hartshorne 5, A. Crawley 6, G. H. Crawley 7, C. J. B. Cooke 8, R. T. Holding, junr. (first quarter of Grandsire Caters as conductor) 9, G. Dentith 10.

WENESBURY, STAFFS.—On March 16th, at St. Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: T. Hill 1, W. E. Walhen (first attempt for a quarter-peal) 2, E. Marlow 3, W. Hill 4, A. Plant 5, E. J. Tyler 6, C. Tyler (first quarter of Stedman as conductor) 7, J. Tyler 8.

CLIFTON.—On March 22nd, for evening service, at Emmanuel Church, 360 Bob Minor, with 6—3 covering: S. Popham 1, E. Guise (conductor) 2, G. Tudball 3, Y. Bramble 4, C. Rawlings 5, H. Parkin 6, W. Lewis 7, W. Payne 8. First 360 by the local band.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on March 29th, for morning service, 544 Double Norwich: A. Lawrence 1, J. H. Odey 2, R. W. Hyner 3, D. W. Jackson 4, T. Robinson 5, J. H. Shepherd 6, S. Palmer 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8.—For Men's Service, 756 Stedman Triples: J. Tazewell 1, R. W. Hyner 2, J. H. Odey 3, D. W. Jackson 4, T. Robinson 5, J. H. Shepherd 6, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 7, J. M. Brinkworth 8.—On March 31st, for Confirmation, 1008 Double Norwich: T. Lawrence 1, A. Lawrence 2, R. W. Hyner (conductor) 3, D. W. Jackson 4, T. Robinson 5, G. W. Townsend 6, S. Palmer 7, C. J. Gardiner 8.—For practice, 576 Superlative Surprise Major: L. A. Wilson 1, J. H. Odey 2, C. T. H. Boxwell 3, D. W. Jackson 4, R. W. Hyner 5, E. Bishop 6, G. W. Townsend 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples, conducted by A. Lawrence.

FRAMPTON.—At the Parish Church, on March 24th, in honour of the 72nd birthday of Mr. A. O. Barber, of Freiston, 804 of Minor in the following methods: Single Court, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Plain Bob and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob: W. Leggott 1, F. Leggott 2, H. Taylor 3, G. Coleman 4, F. Taylor 5, W. Barker (conductor) 6.

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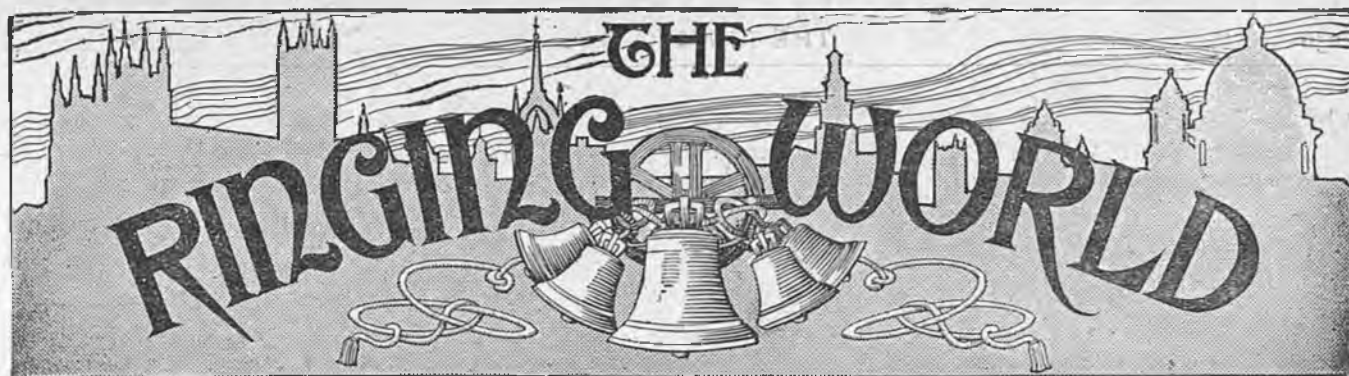


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EASTER DOINGS.

Easter Monday is always a busy day in the ranks of the Exercise, for it is a favourite occasion for the holding of ringing meetings, and last Monday was no exception to the rule. Favoured with a perfect spring day, which in itself was sufficient to draw people from home, ringers found congenial occupation in many parts of the country in foregathering for the transaction of their annual business meeting, and incidentally of enjoying the exercise of their art.

But in addition to the meetings there was more than one performance of note. It is some time since the College Youths were credited with a long-length peal, but 7777 on tower bells for the first time goes now on to their books, this length having been rung in Stedman Caters at Beddington. Then there was another record in eight-bell and Surprise ringing, the Middlesex Association scoring four peals in four Surprise Methods in four towers and three counties in one day. Mr. William Pye was the conductor and had round him a band which past experience had proved to be absolutely reliable when a question of endurance was involved. They were all, as it were, old campaigners and, we may quite well imagine, made few "bones" about the task. Indeed, the last peal on a tenor of over a ton was rung in six minutes more than three hours, so that it looks as if it was after all quite "a holiday job."

The principal performance of the day, however, was the record peal at Ashton-under-Lyne, where in the famous tower of St. Michael and All Angels, the 134 years' old record at Shoreditch was eclipsed, and Mr. Sam Wood and his confreres added the Treble Ten record to that of the Treble Twelve which they achieved three years ago. It may be asked by many what is the use of all these records? They are surely a personal triumph for those who make them. But they are also more than that. They are evidence of the perfection of fitness which is necessary in men before anything of this exacting nature can be undertaken, and proof that among those who stand pre-eminent in our art there are those who, in mental and physical prowess can be ranked in the forefront with those who seek to excel in other paths. A long peal is not a qualification for service ringing, but it is only by assiduous long practice and the regular performance of their duties in the belfry that fits men to share in performances requiring the attributes of so much grit and endurance.

There is one other matter which we cannot pass by without notice, and that is the dedication which took place on Sunday of the new trebles at Newcastle Cathedral. The completion of the work adds one more to the twelve-bell towers of the kingdom, and marks in its special way still another phase of the growth of the art.

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A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;

ALBERT G. WARNES Treble	DENISON HAYWARD ... 7
ROBERT H. HAYWARD 2	*EDGAR BAILEY 8
*GEORGE H. CROSS 3	*JAMES M. BAILEY 9
*ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	*WILLIAM G. RUMSEY ... 10
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 5	*CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 11
GEORGE HOWCHIN 6	WILLIAM STEELE Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, and
Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

* First peal of Maximus. The ringers wish to thank the Churchwarden (Mr. J. Bunn) for his kind hospitality after the peal.

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Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

*GEORGE HOLLIS Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 2	*WILLIAM J. THYNG 8
*GEORGE DAVIES 3	*ALBERT P. WAKLEY 9
†ARTHUR KNIGHTS 4	†WALTER ALLWOOD 10
JAMES L. WELLS 5	JOHN NEAL 11
ERNEST J. OLIVER 6	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

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Tenor 27 cwt.

SAMUEL WOOD Treble	BENJAMIN GILL 6
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THOMAS JAKEMAN 3	ALBERT ADAMS 8
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JOSEPH RIDYARD 5	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor

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Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs., in E flat.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	GEORGE F. HOAD 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ROBERT C. W. GRIMWOOD 7
ARTHUR D. BARKER 3	FRANCIS E. DAWE 8
WALTER S. WISE 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Sen. 9
DAVID WRIGHT 5	THOMAS WALKER Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and
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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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On Saturday, April 4, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt., in D.

ROBERT MOORE, SENT. ... Treble	*FREDERICK W. FROUDE ... 5
ARTHUR E. MOORE ... 2	FREDERICK G. DEWELL ... 6
*ARTHUR HAMMOND ... 3	*ROBERT S. LONG ... 7
*EDGAR BAKER ... 4	HARRY R. MOORE ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. MOORE.

* First peal in the method, and were re-elected members of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE HAYES ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 5
REGINALD BROUGH ... 2	WILLIAM LANE ... 6
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON ... 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SENT. ... 7
ALFRED W. PIKE ... 4	WILLIAM J. JEFFERIES ... Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, and
Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Good Friday, April 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN HOUGH ... Treble	WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON ... 5
JOHN AUSTIN ... 2	JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 6
WALTER HAIR ... 3	HERBERT HURDMAN ... 7
CHARLES ALLSOPP ... 4	ALBERT WAGG ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung with the bells half muffled.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Good Friday, April 10, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS ... Treble	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 5
FRANK R. COPEMAN ... 2	ALFRED FUNNELL ... 6
GEORGE HOWCHIN ... 3	GEORGE POYNITZ ... 7
ALBERT G. WARNES ... 4	WILLIAM STEELE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WM. STEELE.

Rung with half-muffled clappers.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(DARLEY DALE BRANCH.)

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt., in F.

JOHN SIDDALL, JURE. ... Treble	JAMES L. WRIGHT ... 5
WILLIAM TAYLOR ... 2	EDWIN BLACKWELL ... 6
HENRY GREGORY ... 3	JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE ... 7
THOMAS WHITE ... 4	ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... Tenor

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On Saturday, April 11, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE PINCOTT ... Treble	WILLIAM MITCHEL ... 5
HENRY SMITH ... 2	FRED BANKS ... 6
*HENRY HAYES ... 3	P. C. PETER CROOK ... 7
†THOMAS K. DRIVER ... 4	JOHN NUTTALL ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED BANKS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. W. Mitchel hails from Bury, T. K. Driver from Middleton, F. Banks, H. Smith and H. Hayes from Leigh.

SAMLESBURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 11, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD-THE-LESS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt., in E.

*ALEC MARTIN ... Treble	JAMES ARMSTRONG ... 5
E. ROGER MARTIN ... 2	ROBERT SANDERSON ... 6
JOHN W. FITCHIE ... 3	FRED HARWOOD ... 7
WILLIAM SHARPLES ... 4	EDWARD ARMSTRONG ... Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL, and

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

EARLSHEATON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, April 11, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

STANHOPE RIGG ... Treble	JOHN W. DEWS ... 5
*ROBERT ELLAM ... 2	JOHN B. JACKSON ... 6
WILLIAM H. SENIOR ... 3	WILLIAM B. SMITH ... 7
HEMINGWAY DRANSFIELD ... 4	HERBERT DRANSFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by WM. B. SMITH.

* First peal. The calling was taken from "The Ringing World" for March 20th, 1914.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt., in E.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... Treble	ARTHUR H. FOOK ... 5
JAMES SPALDING ... 2	JAMES HOWARD ... 6
GEORGE B. BAXTER ... 3	JOHN LARTER ... 7
GEORGE H. PADGETT ... 4	WILLIAM PIERCE ... Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

The ringer of the 3rd hails from Beccles, the 4th from Southwold, the remainder belong to the local company.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES HEASMAN ... Treble	ERNEST LEIGH ... 5
JOHN W. STEDDY ... 2	HARRY HARRINGTON ... 6
GEORGE MALYAN ... 3	RICHARD JENNER ... 7
WILLIAM LEIGH ... 4	HERBERT MARKWELL ... Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and

Conducted by JAMES HEASMAN.

This composition is in thirteen courses with tenors together. The peal was rung on the seventh anniversary of the induction of the Vicar (Rev. H. Somers Cocks).

RANMORE COMMON, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, 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.	
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	Treble	CHARLES GILES...	5
ALFRED A. DOBINSON	2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE	6
WALTER A. WEBB	3	ALFRED H. PULLING	7
ALFRED T. REEVES	4	REGINALD BLAKE	Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

AYLESFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
*RICKS PAINE	Treble
GEORGE H. DAYNES	2
WILLIAM HEWETT	3
REGINALD BROUGH	4
EDWIN F. PIKE	5
HUBERT J. BLACKWELL	6
WILLIAM J. WALKER	7
EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, Senr.

* First peal in the method.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 26½ cwt.	
WILLIAM HEWETT	Treble	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.	5
EDWIN F. PIKE	2	GEORGE H. DAYNES	6
REGINALD BROUGH	3	WILLIAM HAIGH	7
HUBERT J. BLACKWELL	4	WILLIAM J. WALKER	Tenor

Conducted by E. BARNETT, Senr.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 31 cwt. 3 qr.	
SIDNEY HILLIER	Treble	CHARLES DENSLEY	5
FREDERICK C. RICH	2	RICHARD J. COUSINS	6
THOMAS HOGSFLESH	3	CHARLES W. BELL	7
ALBERT E. ALEXANDER	4	FRED. J. MOORE	Tenor
		*CHARLES WARWICK	Tenor

Conducted by R. J. COUSINS.

* First peal, and elected a member previous to starting for peal.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.	
*ARTHUR DYE	Treble
*A. W. BALDWIN	2
*CHAS. S. TUTHILL	3
*CHARLES WYBROW	4
*CECIL EBBERSON	5
WILLIAM HOWSON	6
ROBERT W. COOKE	7
†FRED T. COOKE	Tenor

Conducted by FRED T. COOKE.

* First peal. † First peal for the Association, and first as conductor.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION,
AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PUTNEY, S.W.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 16½ cwt.	
GEORGE W. HONEYBALL	Treble	CHARLES F. W. HUNT	5
ALFRED JONES	2	ERNEST H. COOK	6
WILLIAM HONEYBALL	3	JOHN P. KENT	7
THOMAS BOLTON	4	HENRY WHANSLAW	Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED JONES.

First peal as conductor and first attempt.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.	
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY	Treble
JOHN HOUGH	2
WILLIAM J. SMITH	3
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON	4
HERBERT HURDMAN	5
JOHN AUSTIN	6
LEONARD BULLOCK	7
JOHN H. SWINFELD	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WAKLEY.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DEPTFORD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.		Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs., in F.	
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE	Treble	WILLIAM A. MARTIN	5
THOMAS G. DEAL	2	FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON	6
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES	3	JOSEPH LAW	7
THOMAS TAYLOR	4	JOHN CROWDER	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

Birthday peal for J. Law. The age of the ringers is 73, 65, 44, 76, 55, 34, 72 and 61 respectively, making 480 years in all.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

GREAT LIVERMERE, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Called in nine different ways.		Tenor 6 cwt.	
WILLIAM PALFREY	Treble	*ALBERT CRACK	3
ARTHUR CUTTER	2	*ALBERT FOSTER	4
		WALTER BARTLE	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PALFREY.

* First peal.

SEALE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 4, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 8 cwt.	
WILLIAM ELKINS	Treble
MISS DOROTHY STEEL	2
ALFRED J. CROUCHER	3
HUBERT CHAFFEY	4
CORPL. G. GILBERT	5
CHARLES EDWARDS	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal in seven methods upon the bells, also first peal in seven methods by the Winchester Guild in which a lady has taken part. Miss Steel, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Bedford, and was proposed a member previous to starting.

NEWTON-IN-THE-ISLE-OF-ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Good Friday, April 10, 1914, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes.

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK LIGHTING Treble	HARRY PIGGINS 3
ARTHUR WILLIAM WENLOCK 2	STANLEY E. ANDREWS ... 4

RALPH NARBOROUGH Tenor

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

Rung with the bell half-muffled.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Sunday, April 12, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

Rung before the 8.30 a.m. celebration.

BELTON, RUTLAND.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(St. Peter's, Belton, Guild.)

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob, and five of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt., in G.

*R. H. CRABBE Treble	*HENRY J. CHURCHILL ... 4
†JOHN GROGOK 2	†FRED BINDLEY 5
ALBAN JARMAN 3	THOMAS ATKIN Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS ATKIN.

* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. First peal as conductor. First peal of Minor in the county of Rutland by an entirely local band.

HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... Treble	*CHARLES J. FRICKER ... 4
*WILLIAM DANIELS 2	WALTER SOER 5
FREDERICK A. BARKER ... 3	JOHN ARMSTRONG Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

* First peal of Minor.

FOUR SURPRISE MAJOR PEALS IN A DAY.

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
GEORGE K. PYE 2	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES 3	ERNEST PYE 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 0 qr. 14 lbs.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 5
ERNEST PYE 2	REUBEN SANDERS ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
ALFRED W. GRIMES 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
REUBEN SANDERS 3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble	WILLIAM PYE 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... 7
REUBEN SANDERS 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The umpire in the hand-bell peal at Haggerston on April 2nd was F. J. Hardy.

YORK MINSTER BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In my account of the present peal of twelve bells at York Minster, which appeared in "The Ringing World" on June 21st, 1912, I find one or two inaccuracies. I had not examined the bells personally when I wrote, having obtained my information second-hand. Messrs. Warner, who have just rehung and tuned these bells, have kindly taken a correct copy of the inscriptions for me, which I now submit. In the first place the inscriptions are all in plain Roman capitals—not "black letter." Secondly, those on the first ten bells of the peal are not all exactly alike, although in substance they are the same. They are as follows:—

Treble.—"C. and G. Mears, Londini, fecerunt 1844."

Second, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth.—"C. and G. Mears, London, 1844."

Third, Seventh, Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh.—"Carolus et Georgius Mears, Londini, fecerunt 1844," the Eleventh having in addition "Soli Deo gloria—Anno Domini MDCCCXLIII—Regni Victoriae Britanniarum Reginae Septimo—Archiepiscopatus Edwardi Archiep: Ebor XXXVII—Stephanus Beckwith—Medicinae Doctor inter Eboracenses primarius—testamento legavit."

Eighth.—"Thomas Mears, Loudon."

Tenor.—"C. and G. Mears, founders, London 1849."

As Thomas Mears died in 1844, it appears from the inscription that the eighth bell was cast before his death, and the others afterwards by his sons, Charles and George Mears. With regard to the tenor, the original one after the fire in 1840 was cast by Thomas Mears in 1842, and was hung in the tower in the autumn of that year, two years before the others were cast. She was a little heavier than the present one, but as she did not harmonise with the other eleven bells, put up two years later, she was recast in 1849, as the inscription records.

J. R. JERRAM.

RESTORATION OF WYE BELLS.**PROVISION MADE FOR PEAL OF TEN.**

The fine tower of the Church of SS. Gregory and Martin, near Ashford, Kent, used to contain a ring of eight bells, cast by Pack and Chapman, of London, in 1774, and up to six months ago, were hanging in their original oak framework, the condition of which, however, obviously needed attention. Expert opinion was called in, and it was found that the old framework was unsafe, and must be removed, and the substitution of a steel frame of approved modern pattern was advised. The matter was keenly taken up by the parishioners, and tenders were invited from three selected firms, it being eventually decided to entrust the work of restoration to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, and to have the new steel frame constructed for ten bells, so that the two new trebles can be added at some future time, as circumstances permit.

The dedication of the restored bells took place, as briefly announced last week, on Palm Sunday, and thus brought the work to a successful conclusion. The contract included the retuning of the bells upon Canon Simpson's five-tone principle, the recasting of the 6th bell, the fitting of all the bells with the "Warner" self-aligning, self-lubricating, oil bath and oil ring design of bearing, and the erection of the new independent all-steel bell frame, which is fixed to the corners of the tower by diagonal steel setoffs, the main girders, as

Mr. E. G. Greenstreet (captain of the ringers), in returning thanks, expressed his hope that instruction might now be given to those who were anxious to learn change ringing.

THE BELLS.

Treble, 5 cwt. 3 qrs. 8 lbs.

I MEAN TO MAKE IT UNDERSTOOD,
THAT THO' I'M LITTLE YET I'M GOOD.
PACK AND CHAPMAN OF LONDON. FECIT. 1774.

2nd, 5 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs.

WHILST THUS WE JOIN IN CHEERFUL SOUND,
MAY LOVE AND LOYALTY ABOUND.
A. H. T. MASSEY, VICAR. H. HOLMES, R. AMOS,
CHURCHWARDENS.

3rd, 6 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

SUCH WONDROUS POWER TO MUSIC'S GIVEN
IT ELEVATES THE SOUL TO HEAVEN.
A. H. T. MASSEY, VICAR. H. HOLMES, R. AMOS,
CHURCHWARDENS.

4th, 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

MUSIC IS MEDICINE TO THE MIND.
PACK AND CHAPMAN OF LONDON. FECIT. 1774.



usually known in bell work, being entirely eliminated. At the dedication, Messrs. John Warner and Sons were represented by Mr. Robert Warner, and the two bell hangers, Messrs. G. Yarroll and Maurice Hibbert.

At the morning service, the sermon was preached by the Rev. T. L. T. Hill, M.A., Rector of Hastingleigh-with-Elmstead, who expressed in eloquent terms the uses of church bells, and reminded ringers that their duty was a sacred one. He trusted that the bells would be well and regularly rung to call succeeding generations to worship in the House of God.—In the afternoon another special service was held, at which the town band, having amongst its number several ringers, and comprising nearly 30 instrumentalists, took the place of the choir in the hymns. Special prayers were read, and a suitable sermon preached. The offertories at both services were devoted to the bell restoration fund.

On the previous evening a supper was given in honour of the bell-hangers, and a jovial company sat down to do full justice to the good things provided. In a happy speech, the Vicar and Rural Dean (the Rev. E. Lambert, M.A.) congratulated Messrs. John Warner and Sons on the splendid job they had made, and upon the very great improvement in the tone of the bells.

The Hon. Secretary of the Bell Restoration Fund (Mr. G. H. Garrod), in proposing the health of the bell ringers, bore testimony to the able way in which the work had been carried out, and impressed upon the ringers the importance of constant practice and keenness in order that they might do justice to the splendid peal of bells which they now possessed.

5th, 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 23 lbs.

YE PEOPLE ALL WHO HEAR ME RING,
BE FAITHFUL TO YOUR GOD AND KING.
PACK AND CHAPMAN OF LONDON. FECIT. 1774.

6th, 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 2 lbs.

WHILST THUS WE JOIN IN CHEERFUL SOUND,
MAY LOVE AND LOYALTY ABOUND.
RECAST BY JOHN WARNER AND SONS. LONDON 1914.
PACK AND CHAPMAN OF LONDON. FECIT. 1774.

7th, 15 cwt. 0 qrs. 6 lbs.

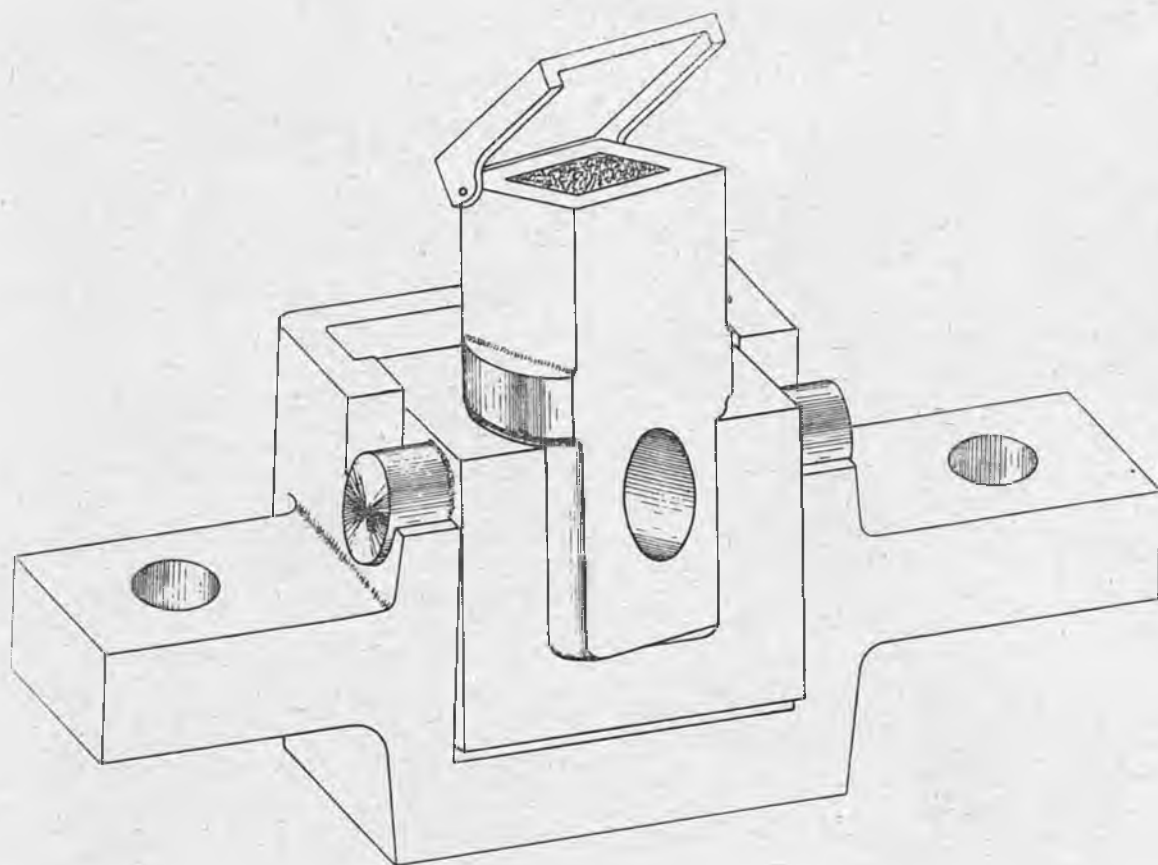
YE RINGERS ALL THAT PRIZE YOU HEALTH & HAPPINESS,
BE SOBER, MERRY, WISE AND YOU'LL THE SAME POSSESS.
PACK AND CHAPMAN OF LONDON. FECIT. 1774.

Tenor, 20 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs., in D.

N.B.—THIS NEW PEAL WAS CAST AT THE UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF THE PARISH. PHILIP PARSONS, CURATE OF WYE. JOHN AND RICHARD DANE, CHURCHWARDENS. 1774.

PACK AND CHAPMAN. FECIT.

CROYDON.—At St. Peter's Church, 593 Grandsire Caters: W. Gammon 1, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 2, W. Wise 3, F. Larbey 4, W. Rowe 5, H. L. Garforth 6, C. Dean 7, F. Hermon 8, C. Kitching 9, W. Calcutt 10. Rung for Confirmation service, at which the daughter of the ringer of the 4th was presented.



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NEWCASTLE'S PEAL OF TWELVE.

GENEROUS DONORS' GIFT OF TWO TREBLES.

The long desired wish of the ringers of the Durham and Newcastle Association to possess a peal of twelve bells in their own diocese has at length been consummated, and on Easter Day two trebles, added to the peal of ten at St. Nicholas' Cathedral, Newcastle, were dedicated by the Vicar (Canon Gough). The bells, which were cast and hung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., who were the founders of the original peal, were presented by Mr. and Mrs. W. Lister Newcombe, of Newcastle, and bear the following inscriptions:—

Treble bell (diameter, 2ft. 1½in.; note, A flat; weight, 5 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs.). "Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. The gift of Wm. Lister Newcombe, architect, of this city, and Isabelle, his wife. Easter, 1914."



NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL.

where the bells have been augmented to twelve.

Second bell (diameter, 2ft. 2½in.; note, G flat; weight, 6 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs.). "On Earth Peace, Goodwill toward Men. The gift of Wm. Lister Newcombe, architect of this city, and Isabelle, his wife. Easter, 1914."

A short special service had been drawn up for the occasion, and there was a large muster in the belfry when the ceremony took place, among those present being Mr. and Mrs. Newcombe and Miss Grace Newcombe. The two new bells were sounded by the donors, and were then raised. The Vicar next read the "Belfry Office," and the twelve bells were rung for the first time, the ceremony concluding by the singing of Psalm cl. The Cathedral Guild then rang a touch of Erin Cinques by: Messrs. C. L. Routledge (Master, and President of the Diocesan Association), E. E. Ferry, G. T. Potter, W. W. Sinclair, W. Holmes, A. Holmes, W. Storey, B. C. Dixon, A. F. Hillier, J. E. Keen, R. Richards and J. Foreman. Messrs. McKeay, Dalton and Youll, of the Cathedral Guild, and Billingham and Smith, of Loughborough, also took part in the ringing.

In connection with the addition of the two trebles, it is interesting to recall that the other ten bells were the joint gift of the Corporation of Newcastle, and Mr. John Hall, J.P., of the same city. The tenor is in D flat, and weighs 37 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs. In addition, there is an hour bell in A flat, weighing 5 tons 18 cwt., presented by Mr.

George Anderson in 1833, and originally cast at the foundry of Sir R. S. Hawks and Co., by James Harrison, of Barton-on-Humber. It was recast by Taylor in 1891, at the expense of Ald. T. G. Gibson, J.P., of Newcastle.

During Monday afternoon and evening the bells of the Cathedral were open for ringing, and a large number of ringers took advantage of having a pull on the new twelve, many ringing on this number for the first time.

The meeting went off exceedingly well. Several touches of Stedman Caters and Cinques, Treble Bob Royal and Forward Maximus being brought round.

Tea at the Collingwood Hotel was attended by about 70 ringers and friends.—The President of the Association (Mr. C. L. Routledge) was in the chair, supported on either side by Mr. and Mrs. Newcombe (the donors of the bells), and Miss Grace Newcombe, Mrs. C. L. Routledge, the Misses Sneath, Mr. G. T. Potter, Professor M. C. Potter, Mr. E. E. Ferry, Mr. W. Spong, Mr. Newton (Stockton), Mr. J. H. Blakeston (Middlesbrough), and others.

After welcoming the members of the Durham and Newcastle Association, on behalf of the Cathedral Guild, the President called on the secretary, Mr. E. E. Ferry, who read letters of apology for non-attendance from the Lord Mayor of Newcastle, the Town Clerk, the President of the Cleveland and North Yorks Association (the Rev. W. P. Wright), Mr. G. J. Clarkson, of Stockton; Mr. Chas. Todd, of Darlington; the Rev. A. W. Lister, of Tanfield; Mr. C. C. Ellis, Edinburgh; Mr. J. W. Taylor, Loughborough, and others.

The President, on rising to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Newcombe to their gathering, said the ringers were there to celebrate the unique occasion of being in possession of the first peal of twelve bells the Association had within its territory, and one of which they were proud, as the tone of the bells, which were beautiful castings, and the "go" of them and the circle of ropes was all that could be desired. For this addition to their fine peal of ten they had to thank Mr. and Mrs. Newcombe, and it seemed most appropriate that these bells should be placed under one of the finest pieces of architecture in England, when one remembered that Mr. Newcombe was a celebrated architect himself, and the designer of many beautiful buildings and towers in the district. In thanking the donors on behalf of the Durham and Newcastle Association, and more particularly the Cathedral Guild, he presented, on behalf of the Guild to mark their appreciation in a modest but practical way, an appropriate gift designed and carried out by Mr. J. Corber, of Woking.

The presentation consisted of a very handsome inkstand, the wells being formed of two silver bells bearing facsimile inscriptions to the new trebles, and mounted upon an ebony base, which was inscribed: "Presented to Mr. and Mrs. W. Lister Newcombe by the Newcastle Cathedral Guild of Change Ringers in grateful acknowledgment of their handsome gift of two treble bells to make a peal of twelve bells in the Cathedral tower. Easter, 1914."

In handing the gift to Mr. Newcombe, the President hoped that Mr. Newcombe's family would treasure it for many generations, not as a reminder only of the generosity of their forebears, but to remind them of the many grateful hearts which prompted the gift.

Mr. Newcombe, who was received with musical honours, briefly thanked the Guild on behalf of Mrs. Newcombe and himself for their present, which, he said, had come as quite a shock to him.

The celebrations finished with a course of Caters on handbells, and with more ringing at the Cathedral, St. John's, St. Stephen's, and at St. Mary's, Gateshead.

PRINTERS' PIE.

CORRECTED FIGURES OF A PEAL.

Owing to the accidental disturbance of the type of the figures of the peal of Superlative composed by Mr. J. Martin, of Liverpool, the composition given last week was obviously all at "sixes and sevens." Appended are the correct figures:—

5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

23456	B	M	W	H
45236	—	—	—	—
24536	—	—	—	—
52436	—	—	—	—
43526	—	—	—	—
65324	—	—	—	—
36524	—	—	—	—
53624	—	—	—	—
63425	—	—	—	—
54326	—	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—	—
35264	—	—	—	—
23564	—	—	—	—
56234	—	—	—	—
25634	—	—	—	—
62534	—	—	—	—
62345	—	—	—	—
36245	—	—	—	—
23645	—	—	—	—

The last six courses repeated.

HERE AND THERE.

FOUR SURPRISE PEALS IN A DAY.

When, some years ago, the St. Stephen's, Westminster, Society, rang three Surprise peals in a day, it was thought that the last word had been said in what could be done in regard to the number of 5000's that could be rung in one day. But that idea proved a fiction, and last Easter a Kentish band rang four 5000's of Minor in a day. It had been left, however, for a band of the Middlesex Association to score the first four peals in one day upon rings of eight, and they did it in as complete a manner possible by ringing them in four different methods.

NEARLY TWELVE HOURS' RINGING.

The time occupied in actual ringing was close upon twelve hours—a prodigious day's work for ordinary mortals. But then, as ringers, the men who took part are hardly ordinary mortals. All but one were in the 15,000 of Bristol at Hornchurch two years ago, and that one, with four of the others, were in the famous 18,027 at Loughborough in 1909. Nevertheless, four Surprise peals in four methods in one day is a performance of great merit, both as a feat of physical and mental endurance. It will be noticed that the ever-youthful I.G.S. was one of the number. The older he gets the more game he appears to be for tasks which many a young man would shrink from.

RINGERS WELCOME TERRITORIALS.

During a recruiting march through Cheshire, a large detachment of the Cheshire Regiment and the Territorial Force Battalion attended St. George's Church, Stockport, the Vicar of which (the Rev. J. H. Thorpe) is a Chaplain of the Force, ranking as Major. In honour of the event a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1296 changes) was rung before the service by: J. Booth 1, T. Jackson 2, W. Jackson 3, J. W. Bayley 4, G. Astbury 5, J. Mottershead 6, H. Meakin (conductor) 7, G. D. Warburton 8, H. Jackson 9, G. Marshall 10.

A MAGNIFICENT CHURCH.

It is seldom that such munificence is shown, as has been displayed in connection with St. George's Church. The magnificent pile is considered one of the finest built in England since pre-Reformation times. It was the gift of a parishioner, Mr. George Fearn, and the cruciform building is in the Transition style, decorated and perpendicular, with central tower and spire, rising to a height of 267 feet. In the tower is a fine peal of ten bells with a tenor of 30 cwt. In addition to the church, Mr. Fearn has presented a vicarage and two sets of schools to the parish, his total gifts amounting to £140,000.

HANDBELLS FOR NATIVES.

The Bishop of Accra (West Africa), who has recently been in England, is now on his way back to his diocese. He is taking back with him a peal of eight handbells (by Taylor) for the use of the native boys. Two boys who have been over with him have been taught to handle the bells, so it is hoped that they will be of some interest to the people of those parts.

SMART WORK.

The long peal at Ashton-under-Lyne was started about seven o'clock in the morning, and, occupying 9 hrs. 24 mins., came round about half-past four in the afternoon. Before 5.30 o'clock, the full particulars of the successful performance were in "The Ringing World" Office, the Editor having arranged to get early information of the event. We wonder how long it would have taken the news of the 12,000 at Shoreditch to reach Ashton 134 years ago, had the quickest means of conveying the intelligence been adopted?

FOUR SEVENS.

The performance in Lancashire rather dwarfs the accomplishment at Beddington, Surrey, where 7777 Stedman Caters was rung by the College Youths. Nevertheless, this was an exceedingly creditable achievement, and the more remarkable on account of the curiosity of length, and the fact that this number had not, so far as our information goes, been rung on church bells before. The composition was one by the late Henry Johnson, who composed it at the special request of Monday's conductor, who has had it in his possession with the desire to call it for nearly 30 years. After the peal the band were entertained by Mr. Dawe, who was warmly thanked for his hospitality. Having now rung the four fives, four sixes and four sevens, we suppose he will turn his attention to the four eights.

SIMPLEX SINGLE.

This single which we published a fortnight ago is not new. As a matter of fact we quite expected to hear this, for such a simple variation of a call in Plain Bob was almost sure to have been alighted upon by investigators. Mr. H. W. Fussell of Dursley, Glos., says he pricked the single out more than 20 years ago, and it was rung in Bob Doubles by the Stinchcombe ringers. At that time they could ring a plain course, but did not know how a bob was made—this single being the result of efforts to find out. When the way to make a proper bob was ascertained, the single was dropped, except when a variation was wanted.

NEW TREBLE TEN RECORD.

GREAT PERFORMANCE AT ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

Ringers throughout the country will join in congratulating the band who, at Ashton-under-Lyne, on Monday set up a new record for Treble Bob Royal, and thus, after a lapse of 134 years, eclipsed the great feat accomplished at Shoreditch, London, by the Cumberland Youths. The band, which was successful in Lancashire, was slightly different to that which was originally selected, Mr. J. W. Washbrook, senr., being unable to take part owing to having strained his back. Mr. Joseph Ridyard stepped into the breach, and a peal of 14,000 changes was rung in 9 hrs. 24 mins., thus exceeding the previous best by 2000 changes. The peal was started at 7 a.m., and thus was concluded just before half-past four in the afternoon.

In view of the success achieved it is interesting to recall previous big performances of Treble Ten. These principally centred in the rivalry of the College Youths and Cumberlands more than 130 years ago, and all took place at Shoreditch.

On Feb. 18th, 1777, the College Youths rang 10,000 of Oxford Treble Bob Royal, in 7 hrs. 28 mins., and the Cumberlands followed this on May 10th of the same year by ringing 10,200 in 7 hrs. 40 mins. The College Youths replied with 11,080 on May 19th—nine days after—but



Mr. SAM WOOD,
the composer and conductor of the peal.

on March 27th, 1784, the Cumberlands finally sent all records by the board by ringing the famous 12,000, which stood untouched until Monday last. A board in the belfry at Shoreditch records the achievement in the following words:—

Saturday, March 27th, 1784, the Society of Cumberland Youths rang in this steeple a complete peal consisting of 12,000 changes of Treble Bob Royal, with 60 courses, and was performed in 9 hrs. and 5 mins. The length of time and the masterly manner in which it was rung will remain a surviving honour to the performers. It is allowed by all competent judges, in the noble art, to be the greatest performance ever done on ten bells. The performers were: George Gross 1, James Barnard 2, Francis Hay 3, Thos. Reeves 4, Isaiah Bray 5, James Patrick 6, Wm. East 7, Abraham Smith 8, Malachi Cannon 9, Allen Grant 10. Composed and called by George Gross, senr.

Mr. Samuel Wood, the composer and conductor of the peal at Ashton-under-Lyne, is no stranger to long lengths, and if he is at home in one thing more than another it is Treble Bob. At Mottram-in-Longendale, as long ago as 1883, he conducted 16,608 of Treble Bob Major, rung in 9 hrs. 48 mins., while, as all the world knows, he composed and conducted the record peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus (12,240 changes in 8 hrs. 39 mins.), on Easter Monday, 1911. Mr. James Mellor is the only other member of Monday's band who was in all three of the peals.

ATTEMPT ON THE SURPRISE MINOR RECORD.

The peal of 10,800 Surprise Minor, at Killmarsh, was attempted on Tuesday, but after ringing three methods came to grief on account of the high winds blowing on the bells. The peal will be attempted again on April 25th.

YORK MINSTER BELLS.



THE BISHOP OF SHEFFIELD AND THE DEAN OF YORK
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HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT ST. ALBANS.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

There was an unusually large attendance at the annual festival of the Hertford County Association at St. Albans on Easter Monday, when members of ringing bands from all quarters of the county assembled, and visited the towers of the city, assembling in the afternoon in the choir of St. Albans Cathedral for special evensong. The Dean of St. Albans, the Rev. Canon Papillon, and the Revs. G. C. Rolfe and E. H. Evans officiated, the lessons being read by the Dean and Canon Papillon.

The retiring President of the Association, the Dean of St. Albans, preached the sermon, which was based upon the words, "The sound thereof shall be heard when he goeth in unto the holy place before the Lord and when he cometh out" (Exodus xxviii, 25).

The preacher said the only likeness between the little tinkling bells which were stitched into the robe of the high priest, and which he had to wear when he went in to offer sacrifice before God, and those great bells with which those present at that service were familiar was that they were both used for making a sound, and they were both connected with divine worship. But after all that likeness was a very important likeness. As the bells of Aaron's robe gave their sweet musical jangling when he went into the holy place they were a reminder to him of the sacredness of his office, and they were also a reminder to the people of what he was about to do. In the same way our church bells were a reminder first of all to the ringers of what was the main object of their ringing, and they were a summons to the people to come and worship God in church. Here really was the gist of the whole matter. Why were our great bells placed in our belfries? They were placed there for the purpose of divine services of every kind—chiefly, of course, for the divine service connected with the Sunday, but also for other occasions of both personal and national rejoicing. Sometimes they had, alas! been used for terrible purposes as on that famous occasion when the bells of St. Germain L'Auxerrois at Paris rang out on the 24th August, 1572, as a signal for the massacre of the Huguenots. But even then there was a connection, though a very sinister one, with religious purposes, because that terrible massacre was the last instigated under the authority of the Roman Church of that day.

INTERESTING STORY OF ST. ALBANS' BELLS.

Addressing specially the ringers present, the Dean said they were skilled people, who had given up no little time and trouble to perfect themselves in a noble and difficult art. But what he wanted them to recollect was just this: While it was of the utmost importance that bell ringing should be conducted scientifically, that there should be no want of harmony, no jangling in the bells on the part of the ringers, yet the whole purpose of bell ringing, all that systematic care that they took to make their ringing a success, was to be subordinate to the main object of bells being in the church tower at all, namely, to summon people to come to divine worship. To learn bell ringing thereby as an art without reference to this great main purpose was to lose sight of the whole object for which bells were in their towers. He could not help thinking, standing as he did under that great tower erected by Paul of Caen, shortly after the Norman Conquest, of the beautiful story of a nobleman of that day named Lyle, who had flocks and herds, and who sold a great many sheep and goats in order that he might buy a bell and present it to the Abbey, and when he heard the sound of the bells as he stood on the opposite hill, known as Verulam Hills, he said, "Hear how sweetly my goats and my lambs do bleat." His wife, inspired by his example, gave her share and presented another bell to the Abbey, so that the two bells came from that one family, and she said in most beautiful words, that he would translate: "I am sure that this conjunction (the two bells) does not lack the Divine favour which united me and my husband in holy wedlock and in the true bond of mutual love." And so that worthy couple spent their money in this way in giving to that Abbey Church those two bells, the metal from which, for all he knew, might still be in the bells that some of those present had been ringing that day. What he desired to imprint upon their minds with regard to their bell ringing was, by all means keep up their skill and practice, by all means be glad when they were successful in ringing a peal, but remember that the quarter-peal that they rang on Sunday morning or evening was the true end and object of their skill: remember that to go into the belfry merely for the sake of being proficient in bell ringing was a lower idea of bell ringing than any true Christian Mission should have. He did not think the members of that Association had that idea. He thought they had the true idea before them of the main object of being proficient in that Art—to summon the people in the most decorous and beautiful way possible to come and worship God in His sanctuary, and when they had done their ringing, to go and take part in the service themselves, and not be seen walking away from the church as if their office had been fulfilled when they had rung the bells. Surely bell ringers had souls that were precious in the sight of God?

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

After tea at the Abbey Institute, the annual meeting of the Association took place under the presidency of the Dean, who, when opening the proceedings, welcomed the visitors as the retiring president, and assured them of his continued sympathy with and deep interest in the work of bell ringing, although not an expert in the art himself. He was glad to think that the St. Albans Cathedral Society of Change Ringers had reached its thirtieth anniversary, having been founded at his house in 1884, and had been "going strong" ever since. He hoped all the local Associations were going equally well to their own satisfaction, and to the benefit of the church to which they belonged. He perceived that the art of bell ringing might be carried too far. He was told by a person who was an expert in calculation that if they had twelve bells in a tower and rang all the possible changes, it would take 91 years at two strokes a second (laughter). He knew that ringers were vigorous and long lived people, but he doubted whether any ringer would be vigorous enough to ring for 91 years without stopping (laughter). That would be an excess of a good thing. But the members of that Association were content with moderation, and he was glad to think that the work of the whole Association of the county was prospering so well (applause).

On the motion of Mr. H. J. Tomlinson, seconded by Mr. H. Lewis, Viscount Howick was elected an honorary member of the Association.

The following were nominated for election as ringing members: Messrs. L. L. Barrance and Valentine A. Hull (St. Albans Cathedral Society), R. V. Smith (St. Michael's, St. Albans), G. Smith, R. Shipp, H. Druge, A. Barley, W. Clement, A. Shipp and A. Clark, A. Parker, W. Parker and A. Phillips (Braughing), C. Sturt, A. Pickett and A. Morris, probationers (Cheshunt), W. Mayne (Beaconsfield), A. Groom, A. Massey, C. Nash, G. Spencer, F. Bennett, J. Day, C. Dell and R. Perry (North Mymms).

The Hon. Sec. (Mr. G. W. Cartmel) intimated that North Mymms and Braughing were two new towers to become attached to the Association.

The hon. treasurer's report showed that the year commenced with a balance of £3 13s. 6d., that subscriptions from ringing members amounted to £16 13s., and from honorary members £4, which, together with 4s. 6d. for certificates, brought the total income to £24 11s. After meeting the year's expenses there remained an increased balance of £4 8s. 7d., and there was a reserve fund of £20 16s. 5d.

THE YEAR'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

The Hon. Secretary read his annual report in which he said:—

After touching upon the general progress of the art and the part which had been played in connection therewith by members of the Herts Association, the report went on to say that Mr. H. Eden, the Association's peal scribe, had notified his intention of relinquishing the task of peal entering, which he had undertaken for many years. His work had been much appreciated, and he was thanked most heartily in the name of the Association for his great work. The committee had discussed the question of his successor, and with no volunteer helper at hand it was agreed to suggest to the members that sixpence a peal be levied upon all peals rung, the conductor being responsible for the money. To make this effective, notice would have to be given previous to the next annual meeting to consider, by vote, the advisability of incorporating the same into the rules of the Association. Personally, added the Secretary, he was not in favour of levying the sixpence, as he thought the finances should be adjusted to meet the expenditure of this extra call. It was of the utmost importance that the records should be entered, and he had not the slightest doubt that they would. Going on to discuss the question of printing compositions in the annual report and the cost thereof, the Secretary pointed out that, although no claim at present had been made upon the funds, they must not forget that they had already committed themselves to the payment of travelling fees to a competent instructor when his services were sought from any new tower willing to join the Association. An expression of opinion from the members generally upon the foregoing questions would be profitable. The question of inter-affiliation with other Associations, which had been discussed in the ringing papers of late, was placed upon the committee's agenda, and only the lateness of the hour prevented discussion. It appeared to him that the subject was not of vital moment, and at present was only in an embryo state. It was really a question of finance, which, if adopted, the individual would gain at the expense of the Association. He was inclined to think that the nominal fees which were now charged for annual and life membership for non-residential ringers by the various Associations, was no barrier, and really met the case for the majority of ringers. The best inter-affiliation was that of true comradeship, which, he was glad to say, was unique amongst the ringers of the dear homeland and in their possessions beyond the seas. During the period under review, 45 peals had been rung, 41 upon tower bells and four on handbells, a decrease of 20 upon last year. There had been 23 conductors, and the peals had been rung in 24 towers, 122 members having rung peals during the year. The time occupied was 131 hrs. 18 mins., giving an average time per peal of 2 hrs. 55 mins. 4 secs. The list of peals is as follows:—Upon tower bells: 1 New Cambridge, 2 Bristol Surprise, 1

Superlative Surprise, 4 Double Norwich, 6 Kent Treble Bob Major, 1 Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2 Bob Major, 5 Stedman Triples, 8 Grand-sire Triples, 7 Minor Peals, 4 Grandsire Doubles. Upon handbells: 1 Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1 Kent Treble Bob Major, 1 Little Bob Major (first by the Association), 1 Stedman Triples.

ADDITIONS TO LIBRARY.

The District Secretaries, the report continued, had continued to do good work, and were able to speak of successful branch meetings. Mr. N. N. Hills, a member of the Association, had kindly placed at the disposal of the secretary several books on change ringing and a parcel of music arranged for tune ringing. The whole had been placed in the Library, under the care of Mr. R. Kirby, who continued to meet all demands made upon his services as librarian. The kindness of Mr. Hills was greatly appreciated.

The Hon. Secretary personally thanked the hon. district secretaries for the great assistance they had accorded him during the year, their work being invaluable to the well-being of the Association. He trusted the members would back them up in their efforts by endeavouring to attend the quarterly meetings, and paying their subscriptions promptly at the first time of asking. Mr. Prewett continued to carry out his duties as auditor very efficiently, and regularly attended the Central Council meetings, irrespective of distance and cost, at his own charges, and he deserved the warm thanks of the Association. On Saturday, July 12th, Mr. Prewett having grown tired of singles, took to himself a wife (a lady ringer), and to mark the occasion the members of the Association presented him with a handsome black marble timepiece and ornaments. In these somewhat quixotic times, concluded the report, it behoved them to be doubly loyal to their church, loyal to their clergy, and above all, loyal to Him whose Resurrection they commemorate at this time. Let their ideals in bell ringing be the very highest, nothing less than a thanksgiving to Him of time and talent, "workers together with Him" in the truest sense.

Canon Papillon, in proposing the adoption of the report, said it showed continued progress of efforts in the right direction and a growing prosperity on the part of the Association. He also expressed thanks to the hon. secretary for his valuable services all through the year, and for the care he had taken in compiling the report.—The report was adopted.

CANON PAPILLON ELECTED PRESIDENT.

Mr. E. P. Debonham proposed the election of Canon Papillon as president for 1914. He said Canon Papillon was Master of the Essex Association for many years, and did not, therefore, come to them as a "young hand" at bell ringing, or in the fulfilment of those duties which devolved upon the President of an Association like that.—Mr. W. H. Lawrence seconded the motion, and the election was unanimously agreed to.

Canon Papillon replying, said although he had been obliged to give up active ringing he had not lost his interest in it, and he hoped he would be able to take a good deal of interest in the Hertfordshire Association.

Mr. E. P. Debonham was re-elected hon. treasurer, and Mr. G. W. Cartmel was re-elected to the office of hon. secretary, a post which he said he had held for ten years, and each year made the work more interesting to him.—Mr. B. Prewett was re-elected hon. auditor, and Messrs. F. R. Bacon, W. H. Lawrence and H. Eden were re-elected hon. district secretaries.

Canon Papillon, when proposing a vote of thanks to the Dean for his address, and to the Dean and the Vicars of St. Peter's, St. Michael's and St. Stephen's for the use of their bells, said, in reference to the allusion of the Dean to the Church of St. Germain L'Auxerrois, that one of his ancestors was killed in that massacre. His name was French, and he was a descendant of the Huguenots.

The Dean acknowledged the votes of thanks, and the proceedings of the annual meeting closed.

A COMBINED MEMORIAL.

IRISH CORRESPONDENT'S SUGGESTION TO SURREY ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of Feb. 6th, which has just come into my hands, I see it is proposed to establish a memorial to the late Dr. Arthur B. Carpenter. I would like to ask the members of the committee formed for that purpose if they could see their way to couple the name of the late Edgar Bennett with that of the doctor, who, I am sure (could he voice from afar) would be the first to say "yes." Great as was the doctor's influence in the Association, Edgar was one of the hard, silent workers, and the many hours that the two spent together was only known to themselves. Edgar Bennett was one of the original few who met in the parlour of the King's Arms, Carshalton, 34 years ago, and decided to call the meeting (which was held in the School at Beddington, with the late Rev. Canon Bridges in the chair), which started the Surrey Association on what has been a fairly successful course. The others at that parlour meeting were: Sam Greenwood, "Daddy" Springhall, George Pell, Joe Fayers, Charlie Gordon, and, I think, Barney Bance. Where are they all now? Will some one answer?

A VOICE FROM IRELAND.

NOTICES.

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HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting for practice will be held at Brighthouse Church, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers will be welcome.—F. Salmons, Secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, established 1824).—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's Parish Church, Willesden, on Saturday, April 18th, 1914. Bells available from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., and business meeting to follow at 8.30 p.m. All ringers and friends will be welcome.—Lawrence B. Porter, Honorary Secretary, 1, Canonbury Mansions, Canonbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The first meeting will be held at Northallerton, on Saturday, April 18th. The ring of eight at the Parish Church will be available. Tea at Tweddle's Commercial Hotel, Market Place, 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards in the Parish Room for the election of district officers, vice-president, ringing master, secretary, and committee. All ringers welcome.—Clement Glenn, Honorary General Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, April 18th, 1914, to celebrate the centenary of the bells. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Service at 4. Preacher: Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The 16th annual general meeting will be held at All Saints', Fulham, by kind permission of the Rev. W. C. Muriel, on Saturday, April 18th. A service will be held at 5.30, with an address by the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, President of Trinity College, Cambridge. A meat tea will be served at 6.15. At the meeting following important financial business will be discussed, and it is hoped that members will make every effort to attend. The following towers will be open for ringing: All Saints', Fulham, from 2.30 to 5.30, and St. Mary's, Putney, from 3 to 5.15, and both after the meeting.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow, H. C. Chandler, Church Road, Heston, Honorary Secretaries.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—(Southern District).—The next meeting will be held at Horley on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 5.15. Tea at the Six Bells Inn 5.45 p.m.; business meeting after.—Henry F. Ewins, Hon. District Secretary, Duncton, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, April 18th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral and St. John's, Hackney, on April 21st, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 23rd, St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m. A district meeting will be held at Hornchurch, Essex, on May 2nd. Tower open for ringing from 4.30 to 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

NOTICES—continued.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Maidstone District will be held on Saturday, April 25th, at West Malling. Tower open at 2.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea provided 5.30 p.m.—Kenneth Mumford, 22, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Southgate, on Saturday, April 25th. Tea at the Cherry Tree. Tower open 4 p.m. — H. J. Bradley, Honorary Secretary, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Farnworth, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available at 6.30 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccleston on April 25th. Bells ready at 3, meeting at 5.30. Tea will be provided for all who let me know by April 21st of their intention to be present.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hayes, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those who intend to be at tea please let me know by Tuesday, April 21st, the latest.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Christchurch, Wanstead, on Saturday, April 25th, 1914. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 5; Preacher: Rev. Canon Papillon. Tea at the National Schools, at 5.30, followed by the business meeting. Members are requested to notify me of their intention to be present not later than Wednesday, April 22nd.—H. Rumens, Hon. District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Boldmere on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Members requiring tea please let me know by the 19th.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Secretary, Shottery.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM—(Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at King's Norton on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—A. Paddon Smith, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, Hon. Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wednesbury on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available at 3. Service in church, with address by the vicar (Rev. L. A. Pritchard) at 5.30. Tea, 9d., in the Girls' Schoolroom at 6. Please notify intention of being present not later than Tuesday, 21st.—H. Knight, Hon. Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Birch on Saturday, April 25th. Bells ready at 4.30, meeting at 7. The special practices for higher methods will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, the first Saturday in each month at 4 p.m., until further notice.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke Branch.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, April 25th, at Sherfield. Bells (6) from 4 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting—by kind invitation of Mrs. Eustace Palmer—at Drayton House Room, at 6.—F. G. Hume, Hon. District Secretary.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Daresbury, on Saturday, April 25th, commencing with service at 3.30. Tea 9d. each.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Secretary.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Denton, on Saturday, April 25th.—A. T. Beeston, Hon. Branch Secretary, New Mills.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pontypridd, on Saturday, April 25th, at 4.30.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., John W. Jones, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secretaries.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Winscombe, on Saturday, April 25th. Service in church at 5 o'clock. Tea at Bird's Restaurant at 6 p.m., meeting to follow. Bells available from 2 p.m.—J. Harris, Branch Secretary, Burnham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Lincoln, on Saturday, April 25th. Tea at Co-operative Society Hall, Silver Street, at 5.45 p.m., free to those members whose subscriptions are paid for the current year. Service in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. Members and friends intending to be present please notify M. G. Chester, Ony Cottage, Carline Road, Lincoln, on or before the 21st inst.—J. W. Seamer, Hon. Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Frome, on Saturday, April 25th. Service in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Union Jack Restaurant, Cork Street, at 4.15 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Secretary, Taunton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The first meeting will be held at Goole, on Saturday, May 2nd. The eight bells of the Parish Church will be available all day. Tea in the National Schools (near church), at 5 p.m., at 1s. per head, will be provided for those who notify Mr. C. W. King, 31, Newport Street, Goole, not later than Tuesday, April 28th. Business meeting afterwards for the election of district officers—vice-president, ringing master, secretary and committee. All ringers welcome.—Clement Glenn, Hon. General Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — The annual meeting of this society will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, at Chesterfield. Church of St. Mary and All Saints, ten bells, tenor 25 cwt., available 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m., except during the business meeting, which will be held about 6 p.m. The business will include election of officers for the ensuing year, presentation of balance sheet, secre-

tary's report, etc., and a good attendance is hoped for.—J. E. L. Cockey, Hon. Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

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LEIGH, SURREY.—On Sunday, March 29th, at the Parish Church, two 240's Oxford Treble Bob, two 240's Plain Bob, 720 Woodbine, 720 Kent, by: G. Ellis, A. Knapp, W. Pettifer, A. Ellis, O. Skypetts, B. King and G. Wickens, junr. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles with a local man taking part. The conducting was shared by O. Sippetts and A. Ellis.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On March 29th, at Christ Church for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: F. G. Oakshot 1, E. Fisher 2, T. Goff 3, T. Miles 4, J. Crawford 5, T. Tuttle 6, R. Kendall (conductor) 7, A. Gower 8.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.—On Feb. 9th, 720 Oxford Delight: B. Patmore (conductor) 1, W. H. Lawrence 2, E. Overall 3, — Wallace 4, N. Patmore 5, Bombr. S. H. Carter, R.G.A., 6. 360 and 240 College Single, conducted by E. Overall, and 720 Cambridge Surprise: Bombr. G. H. Carter, R.G.A., 1, N. Patmore 2, E. Saggars 3, W. H. Lawrence 4, E. Overall 5, B. Patmore (conductor) 6.—On Feb. 15th, 720 Duke of York: B. Patmore 1, Rev. A. G. Langdon 2, E. Saggars 3, N. Wallace 4, N. Patmore 5, H. Wallace (conductor) 6.—On Feb. 16th, 720 Kent: T. Pratt 1, B. Patmore 2, E. Saggars 3, N. Wallace 4, N. Patmore 5, H. Wallace (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, Feb. 22nd, 720 Oxford: T. Pratt 1, Rev. A. G. Langdon 2, E. Saggars 3, H. Wallace 4, N. Patmore 5, B. Patmore (conductor) 6.

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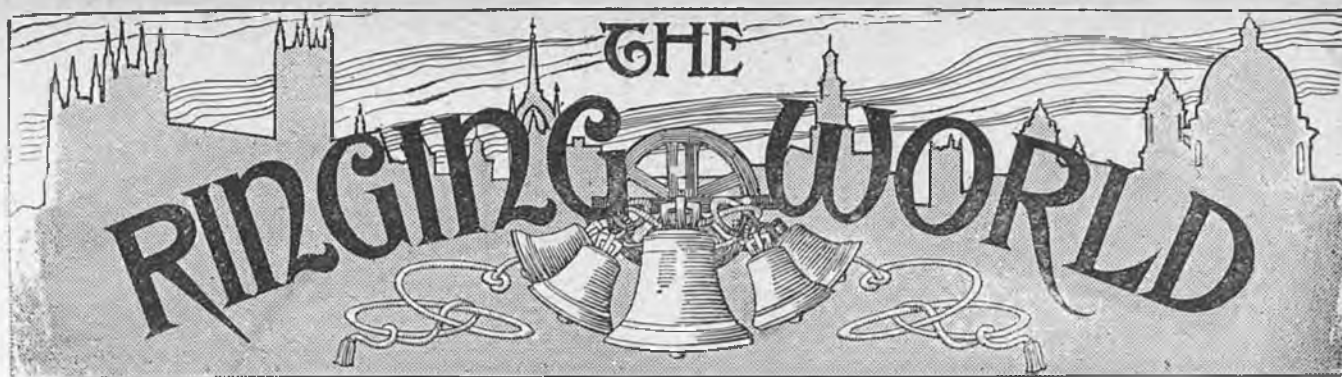


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INTER-AFFILIATION SCHEME MOVING.

The numerous association meetings which have been held during Easter have been, so far as one can judge, extremely successful, and it is a gratifying sign to find so much general interest among members in the doings of their respective societies. It is a sign of health and vitality and augurs well for the future. As a rule there is little for the associations to do at their annual meetings, except the transaction of the business of their internal affairs, but this year there have been brought to the notice of most of them, questions which go outside these purely domestic matters.

Inter-affiliation has been one of the questions, and it is certainly a long time since there has been a subject which has aroused so much general discussion. The reason is, perhaps, that an organised effort has been made to bring the matter to a head, and it would be well if other subjects closely affecting the interests of ringers could, when they arise, be similarly brought directly to the official notice of the various associations, so that something like a comprehensive and representative expression of opinion could be obtained.

The views that have been ascertained on the question of affiliation are diversified—as was only to be expected—and while we see some associations giving the proposal their unqualified support, others are inclined to look with a chary eye upon adopting a scheme in some respects revolutionary. As we have argued from the outset, there is a serious financial question involved in some of the societies, and where this is so it is only natural that the members should desire to walk warily. Then again, the proposal is one which, in the nature of things, could not, it seems to us, commend itself to such societies as the College Youths, or Royal Cumberlands, who have, as it were, no defined territory. For these reasons it would appear that the best method to adopt would be to let the experiment be carried out first by all the organisations who would voluntarily come into the scheme. This, in effect, was suggested by Mr. A. T. King at the meeting of the Middlesex Association on Saturday, and seems a wise course to follow, because, if the proposal develops successfully others could come into union without risking the chance of wrecking the scheme at the outset by standing aloof. It is, at any rate, a step which has tactical advantages and might well be considered by those who are bringing forward and backing the project at the meeting of the Central Council. There ought to be no difficulty in so drafting the resolution that those who wish to come in can do so, and those who prefer to wait can stand aside so as not to interfere with the inauguration of the scheme.

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(St. Peter's Society, CAVERSHAM.)

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOSEPH HANDS Treble	ERNEST W. MENDAY ... 6
EDWIN J. MENDAY 2	HARRY W. SMITH ... 7
ALBERT D. COLLUM 3	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 8
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE ... 4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 9
GEORGE ESSEX 5	HENRY SIMMONDS Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. HALBY, and
Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH (CITY).

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST E. DAVIS Treble	FREDERICK W. WADE ... 6
CHARLES H. AUSTIN 2	WILLIAM ABRAHAMS ... 7
FRED G. MAY 3	ALBERT STOWELL ... 8
RICHARD CLARK 4	ISAAC LONG 9
ALFRED E. REEVES 5	WILLIAM BEVAN Tenor

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On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. J. HOLIFIELD Treble	EDGAR HUMFREY 6
JAMES W. WILKINS 2	JOHN MONK 7
FREDERICK WEBB 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Senr. 8
HARRY HOLIFIELD 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
GILBERT BLAY 5	CHARLES W. WARWICK ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, Senr.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung on the occasion of the christening of the daughter of the ringer of the 6th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Good Friday, April 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Taylor's Bob and Single.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... Treble	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... 5
WILLIAM FAYERS 2	*FRANK CLAYDON 6
*FREDK. G. SYMONDS ... 3	*WILLIAM KEEBLE 7
*ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 4	ARTHUR SYMONDS Tenor

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells muffled.

KEIGHLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, April 11, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

R. W. JENNISON Treble	*ARTHUR HUDSON 5
HERBERT GREEN 2	JOHN F. CLAYTON 6
EDWARD GREEN 3	EDWARD CROWTHER 7
THOMAS BANCROFT 4	SMITH MURGATROYD Tenor

Composed by Wm. SOTTANSTALL, and

Conducted by JOHN F. CLAYTON.

* First peal of Major.

ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Easter Sunday, April 12, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lbs.

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ROCHDALE ASSOCIATION AND OLDHAM SOCIETY.

On Easter Sunday, April 12, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, GLODWICK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6120 CHANCES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JAMES KNIGHT Treble	SAMUEL STOTT 5
ELIJAH GEARY 2	*JOHN CLEGG 6
FRED CROSSLAND 3	JAMES W. TAYLOR 7
JAMES LEES 4	ALBERT CLEGG Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM J. SEVIER, and
Conducted by JAMES W. TAYLOR.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. The ringer of the fifth is a member of Oldham church. Rung as a birthday compliment to the clerk of the church.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*FREDK. J. COPE Treble	*THOMAS BLOORE 5
EDGAR T. SMITH 2	BERT HORTON 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	JAMES TYLER 7
EDGAR MARLOW 4	EDWIN J. TYLER Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by E. J. TYLER.

* First peal of Major in the method. First peal of Major on the bells and in the City of Lichfield.

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THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
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A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*JOSEPH C. DEAN Treble	†JOHN W. METHERELL ... 5
JAMES HOUGHTON 2	JOSEPH S. WHITE 6
FRED HOPPER 3	JOHN T. HENSMAN 7
JAMES GARRATT 4	WILLIAM J. ALLEN Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by WILLIAM J. ALLEN.

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

DITCHLING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 7½ cwt.

MAURICE KILLICK Treble	FREDERICK PROTHEROUGH 5
JOHN FEIST 2	HENRY J. GRAVETT 6
ERNEST E. BISH 3	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 7
THOMAS STRINGER 4	JAMES PARSONS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR W. GRAVETT.

First peal on the bells since the augmentation from six to eight. The ringers were kindly provided with a tea by the Vicar after the peal.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 22 cwt.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN Treble	HORACE COPERWHEAT ... 5
HARRY W. GAYTON 2	*ARTHUR W. FAIRY 6
WILLIAM J. GILBERT 3	WALTER GILBERT 7
*GEORGE LINES 4	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

* First peal in the method and first attempt.

MARKET HARBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

*WALTER WALLINGTON ... Treble	FRED STANFORTH 5
JOHN T. TAYLOR 2	*ERNEST LEACH 6
*WILLIAM HECTOR 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
ALFRED BALLARD 4	*F. G. GARLICK Tenor

Conducted by FRED STANFORTH.

* First peal, and belongs to the local band. The ringers of the 2nd and 5th hail from Kibworth, 4th and 7th from St. Margaret's, Leicester.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE GATLAND Treble	ALBERT HARMAN 5
FRANK I. HAIRS 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	ALBERT D. STONE 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

FRANK W. PERRENS Treble	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY ... 5
JOHN PERRY 2	†BENJAMIN CLARK 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 7
*HERBERT JONES 4	*EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman with a working bell.

THORVERTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

J. A. SNOW Treble	J. R. HAYMAN 5
*H. POOK 2	J. RIDLER 6
F. J. MILFORD 3	W. A. HAYMAN 7
F. DIMOND 4	R. B. FORD Tenor

Conducted by J. R. HAYMAN.

* First peal.

NEW SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

LIONEL SEARS Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS 5
ALBERT D. STONE 2	ALFRED W. GROVES 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	KEITH HART 7
ALBERT HARMAN 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED NAYLOR Treble	FRANCIS BARKER 5
PATRICK LARVAN 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON 6
ARTHUR WALKER 3	ARTHUR GILL 7
WILLIAM B. SMITH 4	JOHN W. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt., in E flat.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	HERBERT HURDMAN 5
GEOFFREY J. STONELEY 2	JOHN AUSTIN 6
JOHN HOUGH 3	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE 7
E. HARRY STONELEY 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

WILLIAM PALMER Treble	JOHN WITHERS 5
FRANK WITHERS 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
WILLIAM SHORT 3	GEORGE PIGOTT 7
ARTHUR CHAMBERS 4	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDMUND LEECH Treble	W. NEAL ADKINSON 5
JOHN WATERFIELD 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
FRED STANFORTH 3	DICK ILIFFE 7
JAMES BOLTON 4	*WILLIAM A. BOLTON Tenor

Composed by the Rev. E. BANKES JAMES, and
Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. All belong to the local band, except the conductor who hails from St. Margaret's, Leicester. Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Gladys W. A. Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Roberts, of Ellerslie, Kibworth Beauchamp, to Mr. C. S. Armstrong, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Armstrong, director of Messrs. Thos. Collier & Co., of Manchester.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Tuesday, April 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt., in E flat.

FRANK W. PERRENS Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
*JOSEPH F. SIMPSON 2	JOHN BRADNEY 6
ERNEST W. HYDE 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 7
BERT HORTON 4	JOHN EVANS Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

* First peal away from treble. E. W. Hyde belongs to the local band and was proposed a member of the above Society previous to starting.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt., in E flat.

MISS EVELYN STEEL Treble	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN 5
ALFRED H. MARTIN 2	DAVID J. NICHOLLS 6
JAMES HOUGHTON 3	WALTER PERKINS 7
JOHN J. MAWBAY 4	ARTHUR CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

This was the conductor's 200th peal.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, April 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS Treble	WILLIAM J. THYNG 5
*FREDERICK E. SMITH 2	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6
*FRED DAVIES 3	*GEORGE A. THOMPSON 7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 4	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE HOLLIS.

* First peal in the method. Rung, after meeting short for Royal, to commemorate the birthday of the ringers of the 4th.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 15, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*ERNEST E. GRIMES Treble	*EDWIN F. PIKE 5
*CHARLES T. COLES 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES 3	FRANK I. HAIRS 7
*REUBEN SANDERS 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First peal in the method. This was C. T. Coles' 250th peal.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE LECKHAMPTON SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, April 15, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE H. WALTERS Treble	†W. B. HARLEY 5
*A. PRATT 2	W. TOWNSEND 6
*T. HUNT 3	A. CAUDLE 7
*A. F. HUNT 4	*W. HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by W. TOWNSEND.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal with a bob bell. This is the first peal of Stedman Triples ever rung on the bells by an entirely local band, the company being the same that rang the first local peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells four years ago next month.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 15, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWIN WHITING Treble	ALFRED SMITH 5
CHARLES BAKER 2	HARRY ADCOCK 6
HERBERT PIERCY 3	FREDK. ROOPE 7
ERNEST WHITING 4	TOWNSON ADCOCK Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by EDWIN WHITING.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(EASTERN DIVISION.)

On Thursday, April 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

BERNARD MOODY Treble	WILLIAM PEARSON, JUNR. 5
WILLIAM BROOK 2	ARTHUR WALKER 6
FREDERICK MOODY 3	WILLIAM PEARSON 7
HARRY WALTERS 4	JOHN FRYER Tenor

Conducted by WM. BROOK.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Thomas M. Barker, Secretary to the All Saints' Company, who was married to Miss Clara Stones, on Easter Monday, at the above church.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 16, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 0 qr. 14 lbs.

*WILLIAM JONES Treble	FRED DERBYSHIRE 5
JAMES HENRY RIDYARD 2	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE 6
GEORGE WAY 3	*WILLIAM GRUNWELL 7
†JOSEPH HY. RIDYARD, JUNR. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORP, and
Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method. † First peal with a bob bell.
Fred Derbyshire's 100th peal. The band are all members of the C.E.M.S., and it is the first peal in Lancashire by members of the Society.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 12 cwt.

*HERBERT PIERCY Treble	*ERNEST F. POPPY 5
FREDK. SEAGER 2	ERNEST WHITING 6
FREDK. MANSER 3	EDWIN WHITING 7
GEORGE SNELLING 4	FREDK. R. BORRETT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by EDWIN WHITING.

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

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SENR. Treble	CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER 5
MISS KATHLEEN HOLIFIELD 2	JOHN MONK 6
ALBERT E. LOCK 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUNR. 7
FREDK. WEBB 4	GEORGE A. KING Tenor

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUNR.

DEANE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE POWNALL Treble	*FRED ABBOTT 5
THOMAS WORSLEY 2	THOMAS WALLWORK 6
ROBERT WALLWORK 3	BEN GILL 7
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Alderman John Miles, who has been organist and choirmaster at the above church for fifty years.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, April 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDGAR MARLOW Treble	EDGAR T. SMITH 5
EDWIN J. TYLER 2	FRANK W. PERRINS 6
THOMAS HILL 3	*JAMES TYLER 7
THOMAS BLOORE 4	THOMAS JUSTICE Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by JAMES TYLER.

* First peal as conductor.

QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 18, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 0 qr. 14 lbs.

WILLIAM DUNCAN Treble	OLIVER BULLMAN 5
ALFRED NEWSON 2	JAMES FULCHER 6
HUBERT J. DAY 3	WILLIAM MEARS 7
SIDNEY GASKIN 4	FREDERICK C. BURROWS ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS, and
Conducted by FREDERICK C. BURROWS.

This peal contains the 6th 22 times each way in 5-6.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS 5
JOHN T. RICKMAN 2	WILLIAM C. HART 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	ALBERT D. STONE 7
ALBERT HARMAN 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK W. HILL Treble	ALEX. HUTCHISON 5
HERBERT DAY 2	*FRED WATKINSON 6
JOHN C. DICKEN 3	ALFRED C. WRIGHT 7
JAMES L. WRIGHT 4	PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.
F. Price's 50th peal.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 21½ cwt.

JOHN K. MAIN Treble	*JAMES HOUGHTON 5
ARTHUR SNEATHERS 2	ALFRED H. MARTIN 6
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON 3	P.C. ALBERT W. COLES ... 7
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN 4	WALTER PERKINS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* 60th peal of Double Norwich. Arranged for W. W. Worthington, of Netherseale.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES ;

Tenor 9 cwt. o qr. 26 lbs.

ERNEST DUMPER Treble	*HENRY JENNINGS 5
OWEN H. GILES 2	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6
HENRY W. WILKES 3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 7
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Major. This was the 50th peal on the bells since their augmentation from six to eight in 1909. The conductor's 900th peal, also the 100th peal by H. W. Wilkes.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 19, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt., in G.

EDWIN G. BUESDEN Treble	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 5
CHARLES W. BRETT 2	WILLIAM SPICE 6
FREDERICK S. MACEY 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7
FREDERICK G. BRETT 4	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

Rung as a birthday peal to F. S. Macey.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 8, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

In seven different methods: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent, Oxford Treble Bcb, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt., in A.

GEORGE FLEMING Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 4
ALBERT FLEMING 2	EDWARD JENKINS 5
GEORGE PRYKE 3	GEORGE FARNISH Tenor

Conducted by G. FARNISH.

CLAVERLEY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Sunday, April 12, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Ten different callings. Tenor 17 cwt.

*JOSEPH MARSH Treble	DENIS J. BOUCHER 4
GEORGE THOMAS 2	†ERNEST DREW 5
CYRIL BOUCHER 3	WILLIAM OWEN Tenor

Conducted by E. DREW.

* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Owen and as a farewell to J. Marsh and D. J. Boucher. All the band are local men.

HOLMER, HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Sunday, April 12, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 42 Six-Scores. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES H. SPARKES ... Treble	HENRY SYMONDS 3
ALBERT E. HURCOMB ... 2	JAMES P. HYETT 4
HENRY J. TAYLOR Tenor	

Conducted by H. J. TAYLOR.

First peal on the bells.

BRETFTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Easter Sunday, April 12, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 42 Six-Scores, called in ten different ways.

†ALBERT COLLEY Treble	THOMAS HANDS 4
ARTHUR KYTE 2	†JOHN C. PERKINS 5
LEWIS SPARROW 3	*JAMES PERKINS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS HANDS.

* First peal. † First peal away from the tenor. ‡ First peal on an inside bell. First peal as conductor.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Called in ten different ways. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM PALFREY Treble	FRANK SMITH 4
ARTHUR CUTTER 2	WALTER BARTLE 5
GEORGE SPARROW 3	ALBERT FOOTER Tenor

Conducted by FRANK SMITH.

PETERBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being two 720's Oxford Bob and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

FRANCIS DAVIS Treble	FRED GILBERT 4
EDWIN TILLEY 2	JOHN W. JARVIS 5
JOHN J. JUTSON 3	JOHN B. HALLIFAX Tenor

Conducted by J. B. HALLIFAX.

PETTISTREE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 720 of Kent, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

ERNEST H. DUNNETT ... Treble	ERNEST W. HALL 4
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... 2	CHARLES E. FISHER 5
GEORGE ABLITT 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

KIRBY MUXLOE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Called in ten different ways. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs., in A flat.

ALBERT DAVEY Treble	T. NEVILLE C. LAMBERT 3
HORACE OWER 2	FREDERICK J. BOWLEY ... 4
HENRY HOLLIS Tenor	

Conducted by H. HOLLIS.

First peal by all, who are the local ringers, and rung at the second attempt.

SLINFOLD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Violet, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob,
Court Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*PERCY DOICK Treble	JAMES BORDFIELD 4
WILLIAM SHORT 2	WILLIAM DENYER 5
RAYMOND WOOD 3	WILLIAM STANFORD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STANFORD.

* First peal of Minor. This is the first peal in seven methods on the bells.

SHORNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob,
three of Oxford and one of Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt., in G.

JOHN AVIS Treble	GEORGE MORRAD 4
CHARLES WATERMAN 2	FREDERICK HAYES 5
GEORGE A. JONES 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

First peal on the bells since rehanging by Mr. A. Bowell, Ipswich.

WELLINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores, ten different callings. Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS ... Treble	HENRY SYMONDS 3
ALBERT E. HURCOMB 2	CHARLES H. SPARKES ... 4
HENRY J. TAYLOR Tenor	

Conducted by W. H. WILLIAMS.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. C. Middleton (foreman of the local band), who was married on the above date.

BLAISDON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(NORTH FOREST BRANCH.)

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE AND ST. DUNSTON'S DOUBLES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

*ROBERT PRESTON Treble	WALTER GLEED 4
*WILLIAM ARCHER 2	THOMAS HART 5
†FREDRICK PRESTON 3	†WILLIAM TYLER Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS HART.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

HAYFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH).

On Wednesday, April 15, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

SIDNEY KIRK Treble	*HAROLD HIBBERT 4
WILLIAM WALKER 2	REV. A. T. BEESTON 5
*WILLIAM BUTLER 3	HENRY KIRK Tenor

Conducted by Rev. A. T. BEESTON.

* First peal of Minor. First Guild peal on the bells. Rung with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the late Thomas Whitehead, for 35 years a ringer at this Church, who was interred on Easter Eve.

HANDBELL PEALS.

VENTNOR, ISLE OF WIGHT.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,
At "SOUTHCLIFF,"

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 1-2	E. MADRICE ATKINS ... 5-6
J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... 3-4	*H. BARTON 7-8

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Witness: Miss N. WILLIAMSON.

* First peal of Major on handbells. This is the first handbell peal on eight bells rung in the Isle of Wight and the second handbell peal, the first being Bob Minor. It is also believed to be the first peal of Bob Major in the island since 1801.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 15, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
At King Edward VI Grammar School,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5043 CHANCES;

Size 18, in G.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... 1-2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 7-8

*J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON 9-10

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: Mrs. PULLING and ARCHIBALD WHITE.

* First peal of Stedman on handbells.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
At the Residence of F. DAVISON, 11, Moorland Road,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART.

JOHN R. BARTON 1-2	*ALFRED RAYNOR 4
†JOHN R. FRYIRS 3	HARRY GIBSON 5-6
†FRANK DAVISON 7-8	

Conducted by J. R. BARTON.

Witnesses: Mrs. DAVISON and Miss E. LONGDEN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal with a bob bell in the method. First peal on handbells in the method by the Association, and first in the method on the bells, which belong to H. Gibson. Rung after arranging for a tower-bell peal, which had to be postponed.

NEWLANDS CORNER, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,
On the Downs,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Size 14, in D.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... 1-2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	*J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: Mrs. PULLING and ARCHIBALD WHITE.

* First peal of Stedman Triples on handbells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,
At King Edward VI. Grammar School,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Size 17, in A.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Witness: ARCHIBALD WHITE.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT WORCESTER.

PRESENTATION TO THE HON. SECRETARY.

The annual meeting, held at Worcester on Easter Monday proved to be the most successful in the annals of the Association, and one that will be long remembered by all who had the pleasure of attending it. The weather being so perfect for holiday enjoyment might, one would have thought, have somewhat diminished the attendance, whereas it was the largest on record, about 150 members and friends being present. The proceedings as usual commenced with ringing, although the facilities in this respect were not so good as might have been, as one tower, All Saints', is under repair, and a case of illness caused the bells at St. Helen's to be available for only a short time. Those at the Cathedral were available from one o'clock to 2 p.m., and full advantage was taken of the privilege. The members then assembled in the Cathedral Chapter House for the business meeting, the chair being taken by the Sub-Dean (the Rev. Canon Knox-Little) until the arrival of the Dean, who then presided.

The report and balance sheet, which had been passed by the Central Committee, and published in the annual report, which was ready for distribution, was presented. The balance sheet showed a continued increase, the amount of the funds being now £49 3s. 11½d., including the Belfry Repairs Fund, inaugurated last year, and which showed a balance of £13 3s. 5d. At the present time, however, this has been increased to £15 12s. 2d., for, although the fund has been in existence for twelve months, no application for a grant has yet been received.

The report called attention to the great progress made in the last eight years, and especially since the formation of branches, which has proved to be of great assistance in increasing the usefulness of the Association, as shown by the fact that 1913 was a record in every way. Since 1905 the funds have increased from £5 14s. 10d. to £49 3s. 11½d., and the number of members from 303 to 426. The number of peals rung during last year was 70, the previous largest total being 65. The 1,000th peal was rung at Oldswinford on December 6th, and the following first peals in the method were rung during the year: Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, which was also the 600th peal by Mr. W. Short; and Double Yorkshire Court Bob Major at Selby Oak. The report also called attention to the wonderful performances of the children of Mr. Johnson, of Hinton, near Evesham, whose ages are 11, 13 and 14 respectively, and who during the year rang three peals of Doubles on handbells, double-handed, one peal being in no less than eight methods.

INTER-AFFILIATION RECEIVES SUPPORT.

After it had been decided to attempt the annual peal at the Cathedral, with Mr. W. Short as conductor, and to hold the next annual meeting again at Worcester, the Master (Mr. A. E. Parsons) brought forward the question of inter-affiliation. He remarked that inter-affiliation should be a means of bringing ringers throughout the country into one common brotherhood, enabling them to be of assistance as churchworkers in the coming struggles which were appearing on the horizon. After favourable discussion, one of the speakers, being the Secretary of the Llandaff Association (Mr. J. W. Jones), the Central Council representatives were instructed to support any scheme brought before the Council on Whitsun Tuesday.

On the recommendation of the committee, it was decided to issue the new certificate, which was from a design by Mr. J. Pigott, of Smethwick, at a charge of threepence per copy; also that the Master and secretary of each branch be given powers to appoint instructors, £5 being set aside annually for instruction.—To commemorate the 1,000th peal it was decided to have it illuminated in the peal book, instead of it being entered in the ordinary way.

The Secretary (Mr. J. R. Newman) then brought forward the question of the representation of the Ladies' Guild on the Central Council. It was soon evident that the meeting was strongly in favour of this proposal.—The advisability of omitting the word "adjoining" from the title of the Association was decided upon.—The whole of the officers having been re-elected, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the President, the Dean and Chapter, the incumbents who had allowed the use of their bells, and the Rev. Whatley and Mr. Johnson for making all the arrangements for such an enjoyable meeting.

The President, having remarked earlier in the meeting that, if there was time, he would show members over the Cathedral, at the conclusion of his reply to the vote of thanks, commenced by explaining the architecture of the Chapter house, which is one of the most interesting in England, and pointing out that although seated as they were in the centre, the acoustic properties of the building were bad, as, if they had been seated round the wall, as was originally the case, the slightest whisper could have been heard. He then conducted them over the Cathedral, explaining the beauties of the various styles of architecture in which the building is exceptionally rich. The ladies who were present were allowed to see the crypt—a privilege which is not, at present, usually allowed. Subsequently those present, including the Dean and several clergy, were grouped against the north wall

of the Cathedral, in order that a photo might be taken for reproduction in "The Ringing World," and for the benefit of those desiring copies it may be mentioned that they can be obtained through the secretary.

For the first time the service was arranged to be held in the Cathedral, the Dean (the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D.) giving the address. In opening, he mentioned that he understood that the history of bells, etc., was so often given on those occasions that his remarks would be more appreciated if he did not attempt to do so. Instead, therefore, he gave a very interesting Easter address.

WONDERFUL JUVENILE RINGERS.

After the service tea was partaken of in the fine old College Hall on the south side of the Cloisters. Among the guests were the Dean and Mrs. Moore Ede, the Revs. Sydney Phillips (Hon. Canon), J. F. Hastings (Martley) and F. L. Whatley (Minor Canon and Warden of the Cathedral ringers). Immediately following tea intense interest was centred in the wonderful handbell ringing by the children of Mr. F. J. Johnson—Miss E. M. Johnson aged 14, J. D. Johnson aged 13, and Miss R. Johnson aged 11 years. Miss Johnson conducted 120 of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, with the coolness of 30 years' experience; while Master J. D. won the admiration of the company, being a picture of intelligence, brimful of lovable tenderness toward his younger sister, whose nerves were apparently unstrung by the outbursts of applause, and by his quiet gestures of help, when conducting touches of Plain Bob and Canterbury Minor, equalling Messrs. Washbrook, Pyc, or Pulling, for courage and confidence. The company showed their appreciation by shoals of congratulations and hearty hand-shakes which must have been a happy sight for the father.

Then followed not the least interesting event of the day in the form of a presentation of a timepiece to the worthy hon. secretary (Mr. J. R. Newman)—a valuable clock, in a plain oak case, striking the Westminster and Cambridge quarter chimes on four gongs and eight bells, and having the following inscription on a brass plate at the base: "Worcestershire and Districts Change Ringing Association. Presented to James R. Newman, on the occasion of his marriage, by members of the above Association, as a mark of esteem and appreciation of his valuable services as honorary secretary, Nov. 6th, 1913." The Dean and Rev. J. F. Hastings paid high tributes to the sterling character and worth of Mr. Newman, and Mr. Pigott clinched their praise with an appropriate speech, saying that day's annual report, compared with those of nine or ten years ago, was the best testimony of Mr. Newman's services.—The Master, on behalf of the 277 subscribers, then made the presentation, hoping that, as the clock went on marking time, it would also mark the increased happiness of Mr. and Mrs. Newman.—Mr. Newman thanked the members most sincerely for their very handsome present, but remarked that it was impossible for him to find words sufficiently adequate to express his feelings.

Thus ended a most enjoyable day, during which those present had, in a sense, followed in the footsteps of the old-time monks, for as they were accustomed to use the Chapter House for business, the Cathedral for services, and what now is the College Hall, for eating, so had each building been used in turn that day by the Association.

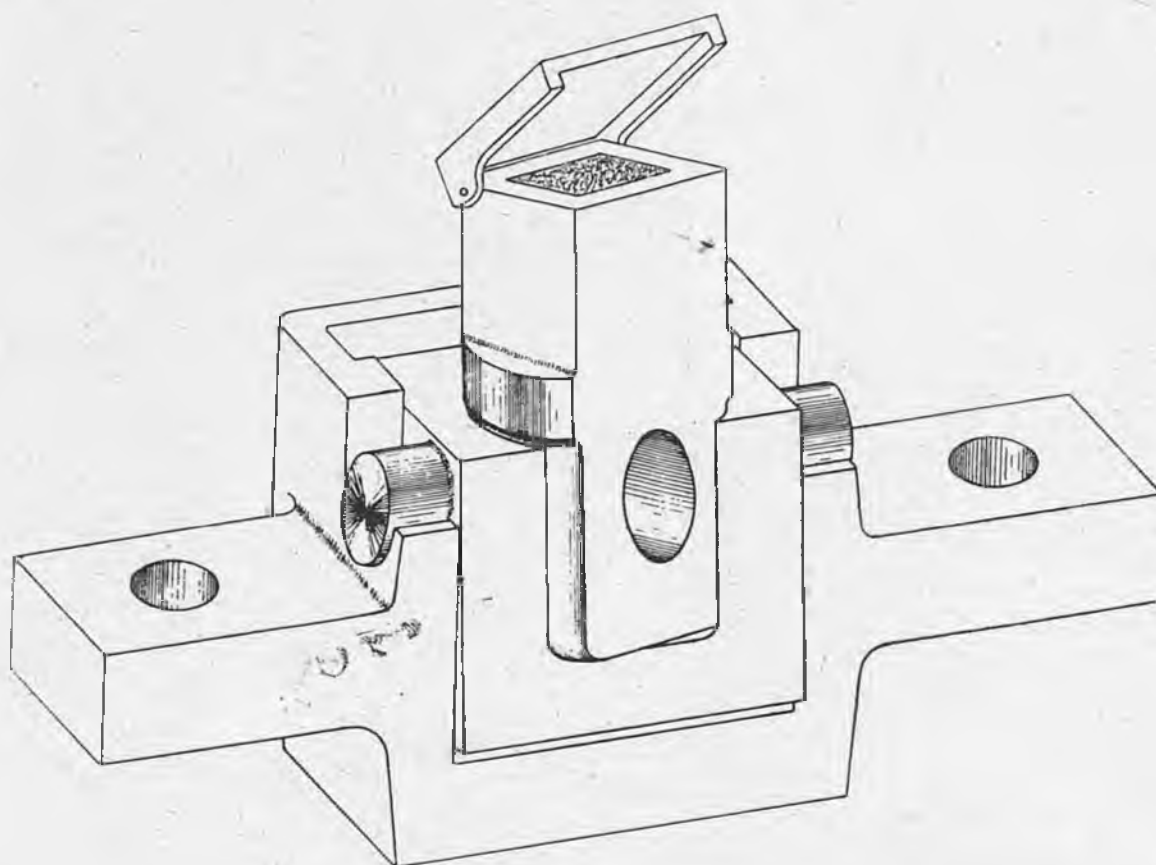
WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BENEVOLENT FUND AND INTER-AFFILIATION DISCUSSED.

The quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth district was held on Easter Monday at Curdridge. Ringers attended from Fareham, Tilefield, Wickham, Shedfield, Swanmore, Portsmouth, Portsea, Gosport, North Stoneham, and the local tower. Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob were rung, and tea was served in the Institute, when upwards of 40 members and friends sat down.—The Rev. O. E. Matthews (Master of the Guild) presided at the business meeting, supported by Mr. J. Whiting (district secretary) and Mr. J. Harding (representative).

After election of members, Mr. IL Ingram, of St. Thomas's, Portsmouth, raised the question of a ringers' benevolent scheme, and after much discussion, in which the Master, Mr. Whiting, Mr. Ford, and others took part, the meeting expressed the opinion that the average ringer already had quite sufficient to contribute to voluntarily, and, since the advent of the Insurance Act, otherwise, that this district would go no further with the matter. With this course, Mr. Ingram entirely agreed.

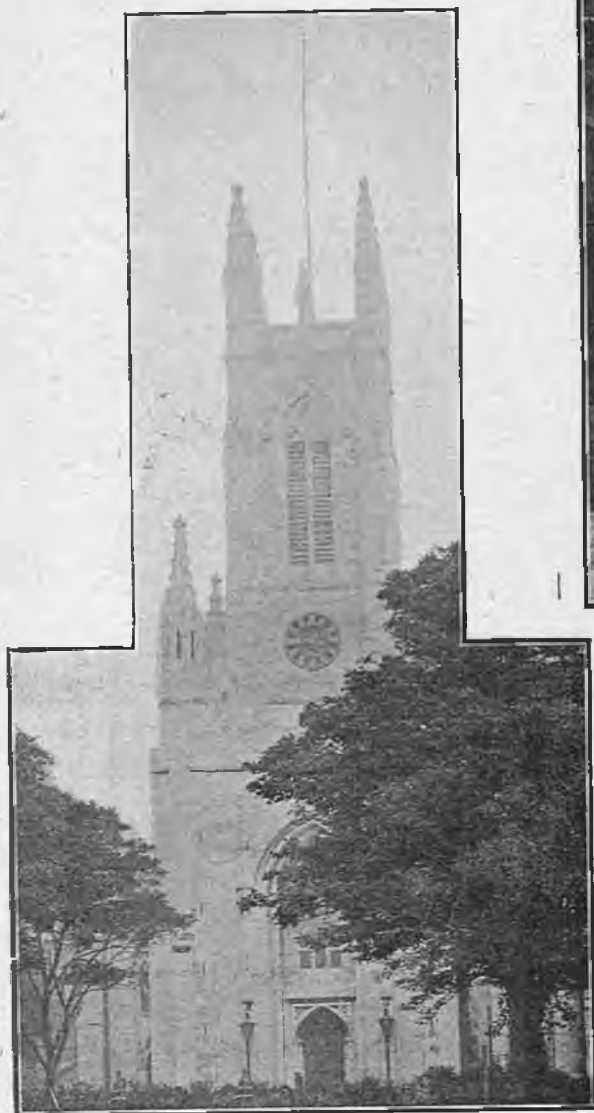
A resolution was then submitted that the representatives attending the Central Council meeting at Winchester be instructed to support any scheme that would remove the present difficulty of the Winchester Guild, members being unfairly taxed when wishing to ring peals for other Guilds. In the discussion it was pointed out that for one single payment of 2s. 6d. a performing member of any Association might become a life member for peal ringing in the Winchester Guild, so long as he resided outside the Diocese.—The resolution was carried unanimously, and the Master promised that it should have his support at the proper time and place.—Votes of thanks were accorded the chairman for presiding, the Rev. G. Hills for use of bells and Institute, and to Mrs. Cousins for catering. The company then adjourned to the tower, where further touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major were rung.



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**MEMBERS OF THE WORCESTER ASSOCIATION.****OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.**

Our photograph of the Worcestershire Association gathering was taken outside the Cathedral on the occasion of the annual meeting on Easter Monday. The principal officers are seated, viz.: W. Pugh (Western Br. Master), R. G. Knowles (Western Br. Sec.), J. Pigott (Northern Br. Rep.), E. J. Dowler (Northern Br. Sec.), J. R. Newman (Hon. General Sec.), Rev. J. F. Hastings (Clerical Sec.), Rev. Sydney Phillips (Vice-President), Rev. F. L. Whatley (Warden of the Cathedral Ringers), the Dean of Worcester (President), Canon Wilson (Vice-President), A. E. Parsons (Master), W. H. Johnson (Treasurer), J. Hemming (Southern Br. Sec.), H. Middleton (Southern Br. Master), B. S. Hill, and W. Rock Small.

The photograph of the Middlesex Association officers, taken at Fulham, on Saturday, includes the following:—

Standing: H. G. Chandler (Joint Hon. Sec.), S. Carter (Hon. Treasurer S. and W. District), J. H. B. Hesce (Vice-President and Central Council Rep.), G. Spencer (Committee), C. S. Bird (Assistant Hon. Sec. S.W. District), J. R. Sharrman (Central Council Rep.), S. Wade, W. Lawrence and A. Harding (Committee), C. T. Coles (Joint Hon. Sec.).

Seated: J. Waghorn, senr. (Committee), J. Armstrong (N. and E. District Master), W. Pye (Master), A. T. King, I.S.O. (President), T. Beale (S. and W. District Master), F. A. Milne (Vice-President and Hon. Treasurer) and G. B. Lucas (Committee).

THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION AT EYE.

CHESHIRE ASSOCIATION OUTSIDE THE CATHEDRAL.**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION OFFICIALS.**

[Photo]

[Stilliard, Fulham.]

RESTORATION OF WEST HADDON BELLS.

The five bells in the parish church of West Haddon, Northants, have been thoroughly restored by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich. The bells (the tenor of which is 11½ cwt.) were taken down and sent to Ipswich, where they were tuned and the treble recast. All the old oak frames have been removed, and the whole peal rehung in a massive wrought steel frame to carry six bells, standing upon heavy rolled steel girders. The fittings are all of the most modern type, consisting of steel head-

stocks and improved bearings. Now floors have been put in the tower, and a chiming apparatus has also been installed. The local ringers met on completion of the work and rang several 120's of Grandsire Doubles, and expressed their entire satisfaction with the tone and "go" of the bells, and it is to be hoped that the sixth bell will be added in the near future.

The same firm has also secured the contract to rehang in a new steel frame the four bells at Cold Ashby, Northants. The frame is to be made to carry five bells.

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On account of the great pressure on our space this week we have been compelled to hold over several reports and peals, despite the fact that we have enlarged the size of our issue.

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BELLS TRIUMPHAL ENTRY.

Arrangements are being made for a triumphal entry into Southampton on May-day of the new peal of eight bells for St. Mary's, the mother church of the borough. The bells have been given by Miss Wingrove, and at half-past five in the morning of May-day will be taken from the Dock Station and placed on eight cars, for a triumphal march through the town. At the boundary of the parish they will be met by the clergy and choir, who, with special hymns of thanksgiving, will lead them to the church. Each car will carry, in addition to the bell, four parishioners, to represent the "seven ages of man." The bells have been cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co. at the Loughborough Foundry.

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YOUTHFUL RINGER'S RAPID STRIDES.

A peal in seven Minor methods was rung at Tunstall on Saturday, and one of the band was Edward H. Spice, a boy of 14, who scored his first peal, and achieved the honour of being the youngest ringer in the Kent Association to ring a peal of Minor in seven methods with a bob bell. He comes of a family of ringers, and we can quite believe that a gift for ringing can be "bred in the bone." But even so, Master Spice's performance is an extremely noteworthy one when it is known that he only commenced change ringing last Christmas.

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ACTIVE VETERANS.

And this recalls the performance which we recorded last week and which, without any disrespect, we may call the "old men's peal." This was at Deptford, and was also under the auspices of the Kent Association. The average age of the eight ringers was 60 years, and in the band were three veterans who were well past the allotted span of three score years and ten. More power to their elbow! By-the-way, we made inquiries some time ago as to the youngest band to ring a peal. Now, we wonder, who can claim to be the oldest company to ring a 5,000?

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LADIES ATTEMPT A PEAL.

At Twyford, Berks, on Easter Monday, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted by members of the Ladies' Guild, but it came to an untimely end after a fourth start. Those taking part were: Mrs. Whittington 1, Miss K. Hollifield 2, Miss B. Stilwell 3, Miss E. Belcher 4, Miss E. Goodship 5, Miss M. E. Chillingworth 6, Miss E. K. Parker (conductor) 7, Miss E. Jones 8. Afterwards, a 504 Stedman Triples was rung by: Miss Belcher 1, Miss Hollifield 2, Miss Stilwell 3, Miss Goodship 4, Mr. F. Dentry 5, Miss Chillingworth 6, Miss Parker (conductor) 7, Mr. W. Lawrence 8. The ringers were very kindly entertained to lunch and tea by the Rev. and Mrs. Acworth, to whom the thanks of the band are due.

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GENEROUS GIFTS.

Mr. J. T. Rickman, whose generosity has placed St. Peter's Church, Brighton, in possession of the finest peal of bells in the county of Sussex, is an enthusiastic ringer, who has been a follower of the Art for a quarter of a century or more. Among other associations, he is a member of the Cambridge University Guild, and on more than one occasion has taken part in their ringing tours. His gift to St. Peter's is not the first instance of his munificence where bells are concerned. Some few years ago, he and his revered mother gave two trebles to Southover Church, Lewes (where Mr. Rickman rang his first peal), and defrayed the bulk of the cost of rehanging the old eight in a new frame.

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A WEDDING GIFT.

A presentation has been made at All Saints', Benilton, to Mr. John Webb, on the occasion of his approaching marriage. The gifts, which consisted of a brass curb from the ringers, and brass fire irons, dogs and stop from the Vicar and churchwardens, were presented in the tower by the Vicar (the Rev. C. Carey Taylor), who expressed, on behalf of all concerned, their appreciation of the services of Mr. Webb as captain of the ringers and steeplekeeper of the tower for the past 11 years, and who wished him and his bride long life and happiness.

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LONG PEAL ATTEMPTS.

Two long peal attempts are to be made to-morrow at Painswick, a band of the Painswick Youths and the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association will attempt a peal of 12,475 Grandsire Cinques, starting at 10 a.m. At Killamarsh a second attempt is to be made for the Surprise Minor record, viz., 10,800 changes, the peal having been lost on Bank Holiday.

A ROUND OF YORKSHIRE TOWERS.

With the object of attending the annual meeting of the Leeds and District Society on Easter Monday, the St. James' ringers, Bolton, Bradford, organised a trip, which took them all the way to Leeds by tram, and enabled them to visit several towers en route. They left home at 9 a.m., and made their first call at Earlsheaton Church, where they were met by the steeplekeeper, and rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Some of the local ringers were afterwards met, and a pleasant time spent, in the course of which Grandsire Caters were tapped off on handbells. Next, Horbury Church was visited, and after some Grandsire Triples, 504 Stedman was rung with three of the local men, this being the latter's longest length in the method. The next place of call was Wakefield, where permission had been obtained to ring on the Cathedral bells, and from here the visitors went on to Leeds, which was reached at 6.50 p.m. The band wish to thank the Vicars and churchwardens of the several churches visited for the use of the bells, and the local companies for kindly making arrangements for the ringing.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Bridgwater branch was held at Enmore on Saturday last, and attended by members from Bridgwater, Huntspill, Chelzoy, Enmore, Wembdon. At the service, the Rev. Fitz Henry Waller Bridge officiated, and gave an excellent address. After service, tea was partaken of by the kind invitation of the Rev. F. W. Bridge, and was followed by the usual business meeting presided by over by the Rector, in the absence of the branch chairman (the Rev. E. de St. Croix), who, through his sad and sudden bereavement, was unable to attend. Much sympathy is felt by the Association for him. —Middlezoy was chosen for the next place of meeting, and votes of thanks were accorded the chairman for presiding and for providing such an excellent tea; and to the organist and choir for their attendance. —The Rector, in responding, said he would always extend a hearty welcome to the Association whenever they cared to arrange a meeting there. An adjournment was then made to the tower, where several touches were brought round during the evening.

DEATH OF A BISHOP'S STORTFORD RINGER.

The death has taken place at Bishop's Stortford, at the age of 58, of Mr. Thomas Newman, who had been a ringer at St. Michael's Church for over 37 years. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Essex Association, and the Bishop's Stortford St. Michael's Society. Although not a large peal ringer he was always ready to lend a hand when meeting one short rather than that the band should be disappointed. In all he had taken part in 27 peals, viz.: Grandsire Triples 10, Oxford Bob Triples 5, Darleston Bob Triples 2, Stedman Triples 3, Bob Major 1, Grandsire Major 1, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 1, Grandsire Caters 4.

The funeral took place on Tuesday of last week at the Bishop's Stortford Cemetery, where deceased had been engaged for the last 25 years. The coffin was borne to the grave by four members of the St. Michael's Society, and in the evening a half-muffled touch of 575 Grandsire Caters was rung at St. Michael's Church. The deceased leaves a widow and grown-up family, but the former, unhappily, is quite unprovided for.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the North Wales Association was held at Gresford on Easter Monday, when members attended from Gresford, Wrexham, Llangollen, Ruthen, Hawarden, Buckley, Rhyl and Bangor. The Rev. T. Lewis Jones (president and Vicar of St. David's, Bangor) occupied the chair, and a vote of condolence was passed on the death of Mr. W. H. Evans, one of the ringers of Portmadoc. He was highly esteemed among all ringers of the Association and by Churchmen generally.

The statement of accounts showed that the Association was making steady progress. The number of peals rung during 1913 was only two, a decrease of five on the previous year.

The half-yearly meeting, it was decided, should be held at Ruthin in September, and the next annual meeting at Barmouth. —New members were elected from Ruthin and Bangor, and all the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, including Mr. A. E. Pegler (Master), who that day was taking part in the record peal of Treble Bob Royal at Ashton-under-Lyne.

After the meeting a service was held in the church, and an admirable address was given by the Rev. Barker Owen, curate of Gresford. Mr. Cunliff, F.R.C.O., gave an organ recital after the service, which was thoroughly enjoyed. Lunch and tea were provided by the Vicar, wardens and ringers of Gresford, who were thanked for their kindness, on the proposition of Mr. A. Hughes (Bangor), seconded by Mr. Jones (Hawarden).

Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, etc., were rung during the day on the bells of Gresford which, by the way, are known as one of the seven Wonders of Wales.

A RINGER'S MAGNIFICENT GIFT.

PEAL OF TEN FOR BRIGHTON.

THE BELLS DEDICATED.

The handsome tower which dominates the Parish Church of St. Peter, Brighton, now contains a peal of ten bells, admitted by all who have heard them to be the finest, as they are the heaviest, in the county of Sussex. These bells are the munificent gift of a ringer, Mr. John Thornton Rickman, of The Spences, Lewes, who, for many years, has been an enthusiastic member of the Exercise, and actively identified with the Sussex Association during the periods that he resides in England. Mr. Rickman has done a good deal of his ringing at St. Peter's Church, where hitherto there has been a peal of eight, with tenor about 10½ cwt., which certainly were not worthy of so important a church. Mr. Rickman's generosity, however, has now endowed the church of a ring of bells of which the county may be proud, for the new ten have a tenor of 25½ cwt., in D flat. They are hung in an iron frame mounted on steel girders, and bear the following inscriptions:

Treble.—5 cwt. 2 qrs. 6 lbs.

"Gloria in excelsis Deo."

(Glory to God in the Highest).

2nd.—5 cwt. 2 qrs. 26 lbs.

"In terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis."

(On earth peace to men of goodwill).

3rd.—6 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lbs.

"Laudamus Te."

(We praise Thee).

4th.—6 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lbs.

"Benedicimus Te."

(We bless Thee).

5th.—7 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs.

"Adoramus Te."

(We worship Thee).

6th.—9 cwt. 0 qrs. 3 lbs.

"Glorificamus Te."

(We glorify Thee).

7th.—11 cwt. 2 qrs. 9 lbs.

"Gratias Agimus Tibi."

(We give thanks to Thee).

8th.—13 cwt. 1 qr. 0 lbs.

"Domine Deus, Rex Coelisticus."

(O Lord God, Heavenly King).

9th.—17 cwt. 0 qrs. 25 lbs.

"Sancte Petre Ora Pro Nobis."

(Holy Peter pray for us).

Tenor.—25 cwt. 2 qrs., in D flat.

This Peal of Ten Bells was presented
To the Parish Church of St. Peter, Brighton,
A.D. 1914 by

John Thornton Rickman
To Replace a Lighter Peal of Eight Bells
Given by various Donors, A.D. 1882.

Benedict G. Hoskyns, Vicar.

B. J. Saunders,

E. G. Hales,

J. R. Gwatkin.

Churchwardens.

Te Deum Laudamus.

The work was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the celebrated Whitechapel firm are to be heartily congratulated both upon the magnificence of tone in the new bells and upon the splendid workmanship shown in the hanging, for the new peal go like the proverbial "tops." The circle of ropes, falling in the spacious and well-appointed ringing chamber, is also excellent. The bells have been hung twenty feet lower in the steeple than the old ring, and the noise in the street below has been reduced to a minimum, while this alteration has also added to the stability of the tower.

REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDANCE AT DEDICATION.

The dedication took place on Thursday of last week, the ceremony, performed by the Bishop of Chichester, being attended by the Mayor and Corporation in State, and a crowded congregation. Indeed, despite the large seating accommodation of the church, hundreds were unable to obtain admission. The Mayor and Corporation robed in the Parish Room and marched in procession with the clergy and choir to the west door immediately beneath the tower. Here the Bishop formally dedicated the bells, and committed them as a sacred trust to the minister of the parish. For one full minute only, the bells then pealed out, and afterwards a special form of service was rendered, and the Bishop delivered a brief address from Numbers x, 1-2, "And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them; that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly and for the journeying of the camps." Having traced the history and uses of bells, the Bishop concluded by saying that the gift of those bells to the parish church was from one who had indeed given his best for God. With joy and gladness in God's house, and to God's glory, they dedicated those bells, which formed one more adornment to the parish church of Brighton, which was gradually being made complete in its beauty.

The St. Peter's ringers were, of course, present in full strength, and about a hundred other ringers attended from various towers in the county and places beyond, including Mr. George Williams (of Southampton), secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and Mr. Frank Bennett (of Lancing, late secretary of the Royal Cumberland Youths), both of whom did much during their former association with the tower to make St. Peter's famous in ringing circles, the Master of the Sussex Association (Mr. F. B. Tompkins) and the hon. secretary (Mr. Geo. Watson). The Sussex towers represented were: Christ Church, Eastbourne; Christ Church, St. Leonards; St. Clement's, Hastings; Crawley, Henfield, Burgess Hill, Hoene, Lindfield, Hurstpierpoint, Steyning, Rotherfield, Chichester, Aldington, Scaford, etc. Quite a number of visitors travelled from London, among those present during the day being: Messrs. C. T. Coles (hon. sec. of the Middlesex Association), W. W. Worthington (Neatherseale), Bertram Prewett (Walford), A. W. Grimes, A. B. Peck, J. E. Davis, G. Paice, W. J. Hazell, W. Hewett, E. F. Pike, H. Alford, F. W. Richardson, J. Waghorn (London), J. H. Shepherd (Swindon), J. D. Harris (Portsea), E. Dewey (Redhill), W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley). The founders were represented by Mr. Arthur Hughes and Mr. Bert Hughes, and Messrs. John Thomas and R. Foster, who hung the bells.

The ringers were entertained to tea, and afterwards the bells were open for ringing, the methods including Cambridge Surprise Royal, Treble Ten, Stedman Cutters, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major. To Messrs. Mears and Stainbank the Vicar of Brighton, the churchwardens and other responsible officials expressed their thanks and great appreciation of the work in every particular, and the ringers were loud in their praises of the way in which the contract has been carried out, in spite of many difficulties that have had to be overcome.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

On Easter Monday the 32nd annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held at Burton-on-Trent, excellent arrangements having been made by the local honorary secretary and the Burton members. In addition to the two peals of eight in the town, the six at Horninglow and Winhill were also at the disposal of the ringers from about 10 a.m. The new peal at St. Paul's, which were heard by many of the visitors for the first time, gave great satisfaction, and expressions of praise and delight were heard on all sides. During the morning a conducted tour was made through one of Messrs. Bass and Co.'s world-famed breweries, and the various processes in the manufacture of their beer fully explained, the magnitude of the place and the statistics furnished by the guide being simply astounding.

In the afternoon a short service, which was very well attended by the ringers, was held in St. Paul's Church, the Rev. J. Percy Hales, of Colgrove, preaching a most appropriate and helpful sermon from Nehemiah ii, 18, "Let us rise up and build, so they strengthened their hands for this good work."

Tea, which was served as usual in St. Paul's Institute, was followed by the annual general meeting, about 80 members and friends being present.—On the proposition of the Vicar of St. Paul's (Rev. J. J. G. Stockley), Mr. W. W. Worthington took the chair, and amongst those supporting him were the Rev. H. E. Worthington, of Neatherseale, Rev. C. O'Grady (curate of St. Paul's), Mr. E. D. Taylor, Mr. W. C. Wakley (hon. treasurer) and Mr. W. E. White (honorary secretary), while representatives were also present from six out of the seven Association districts. Letters of apology for absence were received from the president (Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart.), and the vice-president (Mr. John W. Taylor).

The treasurer's report and balance sheet (which for the first time in the history of the Association showed an adverse balance) was adopted on the proposition of Mr. C. Draper, seconded by Mr. E. D. Taylor (auditors), and the auditors were thanked for their services.

The retiring general officers were all thanked for their services during the past year, and, on the proposition of Mr. E. D. Taylor, seconded by Mr. W. Fox, were unanimously re-elected.—On the proposition of Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by Mr. W. W. Worthington, the present Rule xiii was struck out and the following substituted:—"Delegates to the Central Council to be nominated by two members of the Association and nominations to be sent to the honorary secretary one month before the meeting at which they are to be proposed." The words "After a month's notice in writing has been given by the honorary secretary" were struck out of Rule 4a, on the proposition of Mr. W. E. White, seconded by Mr. C. Draper, and this alteration should be particularly noted by members in arrears.

Colston-Bassett, Chesterfield and Loughborough were unanimously chosen as the places for the next three quarterly meetings, Derby following by rotation for the annual meeting.—Seven honorary members and thirteen ringing members were admitted.

Hearty votes of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, to the Rev. J. P. Hales for his sermon in the church, to Messrs. Bass and Co. for their permission to view the brewery, to the chairman and to the Burton members for the arrangements for the day terminated the meeting.

YORK MINSTER BELLS.



THE BISHOP OF SHEFFIELD AND THE DEAN OF YORK
AND YORK MINSTER BELLS, 1914.

MESSRS. JOHN WARNER & SONS, LTD.,
THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY,
LONDON, E.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT FULHAM.

That thriving society, the Middlesex Association and London Diocesan Guild, young as compared with some of the Metropolitan organisations, but as full of vitality as any in the land, held its annual meeting at Fulham on Saturday. There was a large attendance of members from towers scattered all over the area, and the members enjoyed some good ringing on the delightful peal of ten at All Saints' Church, and the very serviceable eight on the other side of the river, St. Mary's, Putney. For more than a couple of hours the bells in both towers were kept going in a variety of methods ranging from Grandsire to Surprise, and then the members assembled in church, where a choral service was held. The address was given by the Rev. A. H. F. Boughy, President of the Cambridge University Guild, who based an eloquent discourse on the text, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth" (Colossians iii, 1). He said he ventured to think there was a very deep and real connection between Eastertide and church bells. At no other time in the year did their glad music come to his mind more appropriately, because there was no joy in all the Christian year, greater than the joy of Easter. The church bells with their sweet music were to them a symbol of joy, and he thought they might take them also as a symbol of life. When they were hanging unmoved they were just dead things. If they were muffled as they were sometimes rung, they were to his mind, the most pathetic sound that he could think of connected with death. But at Eastertide the bells were not silent nor muffled; they were sending forth their message not only of joy, but of life. Another thing about the bells they so much loved was what he ventured to call their uplifting influence. High in the steeple, they were hung above the things of earth, and they called them to seek the things that were above, things which were lofty and high. That message was not only the message of the bells, but it was also the very essence of their beautiful English art of ringing bells in changes. The change ringer was always seeking something higher in his art, whether he was an expert, or whether he was only a beginner. He was bold to say that even in such an Association as the Middlesex Association, which, without any flattery, they knew contained some, at any rate, of the very best ringers that that ever been, the very best were always thinking of something higher still. The mere beginner, too, if he was anything at all, was always thinking how he could attain to something better. If he was only desiring to strike more accurately he had got an ideal before him. Thus in their beautiful English art they had a pattern of the spiritual life—always striving for something which was above them. To be devoted to the highest objects was the lesson that their art might well teach them—to apply to other and even greater things. Let them in all things, and especially in greatest things, seek what was above; set their affection on what was above, and let that be an abiding part of their Eastertide meeting. They must give their love to the things which were above—it must be a joy to them to come to His House, to meet Him in His Church, and not to turn away after having rung the bells, but to come and seek Him in His own House. They should seek Him also in all their lives; in their work as in their pleasure they should seek the things which were above, setting their affection and love on the things which were highest and best.

After the service tea was served in the parish room, and was followed by the business meeting, at which the chair was taken by Mr. A. T. King, I.S.O. (president).

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The report, which had been printed, was presented, and the Hon. Secretary read the balance sheet of the central fund, which showed receipts amounting to £18 12s. 2d., making, with £20 3s. 10d. brought forward, a total of £38 16s. The expenditure amounted to £19 15s. 11d., leaving a balance carried forward of £18 0s. 1d. The report, in reviewing the doings of the year, stated: Another year has gone; and so regular and even has been the work of the Association, that to the casual observer it may seem to have been well nigh automatic, so smoothly have the wheels run. The numbers were increased; the subscriptions had been paid with increasing regularity; the peals rung, though fewer in number, had been important and excellent in quality; there had been more attention paid to the education of young ringers, with results, greater or less, according to their varying moods; and to round up the estimate of the progress made they had only to put this question, "Have we ourselves become better men as well as better ringers?" Whilst the great increase in peal ringing as shown by the records of 1912 had not been maintained, the number of peals rung during 1913 reached the very satisfactory total of 134, against 153 in the previous year. In point of all-round merit, however, the following statement could hardly be improved upon: Kent Treble Bob Major, 5; Royal, 2; Maximus, 2; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1; Grandsire Doubles, 3; Triples, 13; Caters, 3; Oxford Bob Triples, 1; Minor (1 method), 1; (3 methods), 3; (4 methods), 1; Bob Major, 3; Royal, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 12; Superlative Surprise Major, 5;

Cambridge Surprise Major, 7; Royal, 5; Maximus, 2; New Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; London Surprise Major, 10; Bristol Surprise Major, 13; Duffield Major, 1; Stedman Triples, 15; Caters, 12; Cinques, 12; total, 134. Of these 22 were rung on handbells, viz.: Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Grandsire Doubles, 1; Triples, 2; Bob Major, 2; Royal, 1; Stedman Triples, 1; Caters, 6; Cinques, 8; total, 22.

Included in the above were four first peals accomplished by the Association, viz., the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus on handbells by the society, the first peal of Duffield Major, the first peal of Bob Royal by the Association, and a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, the Association being the fourth to secure the distinction of ringing a peal in this intricate method on twelve bells. Quite a novelty in the way of peal ringing, performed by four members of the society on handbells was an "all conducted" peal of Bob Major. The Association earned the distinction of ringing the first peal of Bristol Surprise in the City of London, at St. Dunstan-in-the-East, and also of ringing the greatest number of changes of Stedman Cinques yet rung upon handbells, viz.: 6,063. Congratulations were extended to the ringers at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on ringing their first peal of Grandsire Triples by an entirely local band, conducted by Mr. W. J. Kemp. The bands at Clerkenwell, Hadley, Stamford Hill, Acton, West Ealing, and Holloway, had joined the ranks of peal ringers. A "William" peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Sunbury, conducted by Mr. W. Shepherd. Miss Elsie L. Bennett added to her many laurels gained in handbell ringing by being the first lady to take part in a peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells. On New Year's Eve a peal of London Surprise Major was rung by members of the Association at Romford, one of the band being Master Leonard A. Pye, aged 14 years and 10 months, who added lustre to the family name by being the youngest ringer to place to his credit a peal in this most intricate method.

During the year there were elected three honorary members and 98 ringing members, and after allowing for deaths, resignations, etc., they closed the year with a total membership of 722, reaching the seventh hundred for the first time in the history of the Association. It was with much regret that the Association placed on record the loss by death of Frederick A. Nunn, of the Stamford Hill band; of Newland Alderman, of Gospel Oak, one of the earliest members of the Association; of George W. Coombes, of Hammersmith; and of J. E. Comb, of Bethnal Green, who was a frequent attendant at their meetings, and always welcome for his gentle and affectionate disposition. In this connection the death was mentioned with deep regret of the Rev. Canon Bell, of St. Michael's, Cornhill, and of the Rev. Prebendary Barff, of St. Giles', Cripplegate, the death of the last-named having taken place on Christmas Day from the effects of a train accident. Both these gentlemen had shown great kindness to the Association and a personal courtesy to its officers which would not readily be forgotten. The record of bell restoration was not a very extensive one. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank had rehung the four larger bells at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, with new gudgeons and bearings, and were rehanging the three bells at Ashford in new fittings, and recasting the tenor. The same firm were also rehanging the whole of eight at All Saints', Edmonton, with new gudgeons and bearings, and were strengthening the frame. Messrs. J. Warner and Sons had completed the restoration of the peal of twelve at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston had provided a chime of six bells, tenor 6½ cwt., at Brentford. This was recorded sorrowfully, yet not without hope that the precedent of a like case at St. Stephen's, Ealing, might ultimately prevail, where the bells, formerly rigid, were now hung for ringing. As the ringing clergy become more numerous, it was hoped that such retrograde restoration might in time become unknown. The best thanks of the Association was offered to the joint honorary secretaries for the excellent work they had done for the Association during the past year. It was they who had to bear the burden of hard work—and it was to them that the credit of so much successful work belonged.

The President said the report showed that the Society during the past year had done itself great credit. The peals rung had been of very great importance, there had been more attention given to beginners in the way of instruction, with the result that they found a good many of them beginning to appear as peal ringers.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. O. T. Coles) remarked that there was a net increase in the membership of 27 on the year. While the peals showed a decrease in number of 19 over the previous year, the merit of the peals was quite up to the standard, if not better than usual. No fewer than 227 members had taken part in the 134 peals rung, against 226 last year. Sixteen had rung their first peals as against 14, and 99 their first peal in a new method. With regard to conductors they were in a better position than they had ever been.—The report and balance sheet were adopted, and Mr. Coles was congratulated on the very admirable way in which it was drawn up.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

Three new members having been elected, Mr. A. T. King was re-elected President with great enthusiasm. Mr. King acknowledged the compliment paid to him, and again nominated as his vice-presidents for the ensuing year, Mr. F. A. Milne for the North and East District, and Mr. J. H. B. Hesse for the South and West District. The Rev.

A. H. F. Boughey was also added to the list of vice-presidents. The following other officers were then re-elected: Master, Mr. W. 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.

On the recommendation of the Central Committee, it was resolved to reduce the subscription of honorary life members from two guineas to one guinea.

The question of the printing of the Association's annual report was discussed, and the tender of "The Ringing World" was accepted, both the President and Hon. Secretary speaking in terms of praise of the way in which this office had turned out the work for the past three years.

The President introduced the subject of the representation of the Ladies' Guild on the Central Council, explaining that a resolution had been passed on the subject by the North and East District in the following terms: "That it be a recommendation to the society in general meeting that a resolution be passed approving of the admission of the Guild of Lady Ringers to representation on the Central Council, but without prejudice to the right of the Council, should they think fit, to refuse representation to any local guild or society of lady ringers which may hereafter be formed."—It was intimated that the South and West District had passed a resolution in similar terms, and the President having spoken in favour of the proposed admission of ladies, the motion was adopted *nom. con.*

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) referred to the subject of a Sunday ringing scheme, which had been before the Association for the past two years. A scheme was brought before the committee at their last meeting, which seemed likely to commend itself to the members, and was passed on to a sub-committee to put it into the best shape and submit to the towers. This they proposed to do by having it printed and circulated for consideration, in order that the views of the members might be ascertained, so that the scheme, if decided upon, might have the sanction of everybody.—This course was agreed to.

It was resolved to allow the peal books of the Association to remain at St. Andrew's Church, Hillingdon.

INTER-AFFILIATION.

The President referred to the proposed Inter-affiliation scheme. He said he could not help thinking this was a tall order. It emanated from gallant little Wales, and it seemed to him that they had heard something in Wales about getting ninepence for fourpence (laughter), and that someone was going one better and trying to find out how they could get that ninepence for fourpence. He took it that it was an axiom of every association that they must not give outsiders benefits at a lower price than they gave them to their own members. To do so was not honest or straightforward, but when it came to the ringing of peals they were on delicate ground. All railways came to London, and they might be flooded with applications to ring peals. Where would their own members come in when people, for the payment of 6d., could obtain what their own members had difficulty in obtaining. By all means let the scheme be tried between those associations who thought they could do it to their mutual advantage. If it answered, then others might consider if they could be brought into it. They must be just before they were generous, and ringers, wherever they came from, were welcome to the meetings of that Association, and to ring at any of their towers. But if they wanted to come and ring peals with them they must become members of the Association (applause).

The place of the next annual meeting was left to the hon. secretaries to arrange, the view being that it should be in central London if possible, but if not, that the invitation to Heston, extended by Mr. Carter, should be accepted.

The business closed with a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rev. W. C. Muriel (Fulham) and Prebendary Rivington (Putney) for the use of the bells at their respective churches, to Mr. J. W. Driver and Mr. Honeyball for the arrangements made, to the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey for his eloquent sermon, to the organist and choir for their services, and to Mrs. Dudley for her catering for the tea.

In the evening ringing was resumed at both churches, and brought a most successful gathering to a conclusion.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting of the Western Division was held at Steyning, on a recent Saturday, members being present from St. Peter's, Brighton, Crawley, Heene, Henfield, Pulborough, Shoreham and West Tarring, and the local band. Touches of Superlative, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman, and Grandsire were brought round, and tea took place at the White Horse Hotel, 32 sitting down.—The Vicar (the Rev. A. Pridgeon) presided, and was supported by his son, Mr. C. R. Pridgeon (who is also a ringer), and the divisional secretary (Mr. H. Evans).—A vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, and granting the use of the bells was unanimously passed, and, in replying, the Vicar spoke upon the duties of ringers as churchwardens. Subsequently the tower was again visited.

NOTICES.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Maidstone District will be held on Saturday, April 25th, at West Malling. Tower open at 2.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea provided 5.30 p.m.—Kenneth Mumford, 22, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Southgate, on Saturday, April 25th. Tea at the Cherry Tree. Tower open 4 p.m. — H. J. Bradley, Honorary Secretary, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Farnworth, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available at 6.30 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccleston on April 25th. Bells ready at 3, meeting at 5.30.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hayes, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Christchurch, Wanstead, on Saturday, April 25th, 1914. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 5; Preacher: Rev. Canon Papillon. Tea at the National Schools, at 5.30, followed by the business meeting. — H. Rumens, Hon. District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Boldmere on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shotton.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—(Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at King's Norton on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—A. Paddon Smith, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, Hon. Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wednesbury on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available at 3. Service in church, with address by the vicar (Rev. L. A. Pritchard) at 5.30. Tea, 9d., in the Girls' Schoolroom at 6.—H. Knight, Hon. Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Birch on Saturday, April 25th. Bells ready at 4.30, meeting at 7. The special practices for higher methods will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, the first Saturday in each month at 4 p.m., until further notice.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

NOTICES—continued.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Winscombe, on Saturday, April 25th. Service in church at 5 o'clock. Tea at Bird's Restaurant at 6 p.m., meeting to follow. Bells available from 2 p.m.—J. Harris, Branch Secretary, Burnham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Lincoln, on Saturday, April 25th. Tea at Co-operative Society Hall, Silver Street, at 5.45 p.m., free to those members whose subscriptions are paid for the current year. Service in the Cathedral at 4 p.m.—J. W. Seamer, Hon. Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Frome, on Saturday, April 25th. Service in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Union Jack Restaurant, Cork Street, at 4.15 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Secretary, Taunton.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—There will be a meeting of the association at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Monday, 27th April, at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. There will be a business meeting afterwards in the Parish Room.—Alec. S. Miller, Hon. Secretary, 26, Loughborough Park, S.W.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 28th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays, at 8 p.m. A district meeting will be held at Hornchurch, Essex, on May 2nd. Tower open for ringing from 4.30 to 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wyke Regis on Thursday, April 30th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.45 (address by Rev. Canon S. E. Davies), followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers heartily welcome.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Secretary, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The first meeting will be held at Goole, on Saturday, May 2nd. The eight bells of the Parish Church will be available all day. Tea in the National Schools (near church), at 5 p.m., at 1s. per head, will be provided for those who notify Mr. C. W. King, 31, Newport Street, Goole, not later than Tuesday, April 28th. Business meeting afterwards for the election of district officers—vice-president, ringing master, secretary and committee. All ringers welcome.—Clement Glenn, Hon. General Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Rickmansworth, on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells available at 4 p.m. Tea 6d. per head at Mrs. Barrett's, Church Street, at 5.30. The bells have been recently renovated and it is hoped that ringers will turn up in force.—H. Eden, Hon. Secretary, Western Division.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBY-SHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of this society will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, at Chesterfield. Church of St. Mary and All Saints, ten bells, tenor 25 cwt., available 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m., except during the business meeting, which will be held about 6 p.m. The business will include election of officers for the ensuing year, presentation of balance sheet, secretary's report, etc., and a good attendance is hoped for.—J. E. L. Cockey, Hon. Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mark's Church, Glodwick, on Saturday, May 9th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Earl's Colne, on Saturday, May 9th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short service with address at 5 p.m. Tea at the Lion Hotel at 5.45 p.m., 8d. each to all giving notice of their intention to be present not later than Wednesday, May 6th.—B. Redgwell, Hon. District Secretary, The Street, Rayne.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the North and East District will be held at Hadley (by kind permission of the Rev. R. H. O. Stubbs) on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, 6d. each. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Berkeley, on Saturday, May 9th, 1914. Will branch secretaries please inform me of the probable number of their members attending? Details will be published next week.—W. A. Cave, Hon. Secretary, 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Deanery Branch.—The next meeting of the above named branch will be held at Bruton, on Saturday, May 9th, 1914. Service in the Parish Church 4.15 p.m. Tea in the schoolroom 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers and friends cordially invited.—T. G. Vincent, Wraxall, Shepton Mallet.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Clitheroe, on Saturday, May 16th, 1914. Bells of St. Mary Magdalen's Church available from 2.30 p.m. Meeting in the class room 5.30 p.m.—W. H. Shaker and J. H. Banks, Hon. Secretaries.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Mr. J. Hunt (Clapton), has removed to 98, Clyde Road, Tottenham.—Mr. John Armstrong (Southgate), has removed to 35, Lower Park Road, New Southgate, N.

PEAL BOOKS.—Price 3s., post free 3/6. Peals written in at 3d. per page. Prices for entering peals in Association official peal books upon application.—J. Beams, West Ewell, Epsom.

HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.

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LATE NOTICE.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Brighton, on Saturday, May 9th. Luncheon at the Unicorn Hotel, North Street, at 1.30 p.m. Members' tickets 1s. 3d. each. Meeting at 2.15 to be presided over by the Lord Bishop of Lewes, who will also preach the sermon at the service to be held in St. Peter's Church, at 4 o'clock. Bells of St. Nicholas and St. Peter's open for ringing from 12 to 1, 5 to 6 and 7 to 9. Half fares (with a maximum of 2s.) allowed to members attending the meeting. Those intending to be present should notify me not later than Tuesday, May 5th.—G. Watson, Hon. General Secretary, Vale Road, St. Leonard's.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Horley on Saturday, about 28 members being present from Betchworth, Burstow, Charlwood, Nutfield, Redhill, Reigate, and the local band. A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar of Horley (the Rev. H. T. Lewis), who gave a very inspiring address. Tea was provided by the Vicar, and the business meeting followed, at which the Rev. H. T. Lewis was voted to the chair, supported by the Rev. E. J. Teesdale (Rector of Burstow). Six peals were reported as having been rung, and it was resolved that they be recorded in the Association's peal book.—Messrs. J. Kenward and F. Voice, of Horley, were elected members to the district. Charlwood was decided upon for the next quarterly meeting, and Bletchingley, Burstow and Newdigate were selected for the monthly combined practices if arrangements could be made.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his kindness in providing tea, for the use of the bells, for his kindness, and for presiding at the meeting.—The Rev. H. T. Lewis, in reply, said it was a pleasure to meet the members of the Southern District, and he hoped he would again have the pleasure of seeing them at Horley. The following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

The wet weather experienced in March caused a postponement of the above Society's visit to New Romney, but the meeting was held on Saturday last. It was a perfect day, but unfortunately the sunshine failed to bring together a large company. Representatives came from Appledore, Hawkhurst, Rye, Stone-in-Oxney, and several of the local band were also present. The ringing consisted of Grandsire Triples, nicely struck, all the touches being brought round, Messrs. C. W. Player, G. Billenness and H. S. Humphrey acting as conductors.

At the business meeting it was decided to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples at Appledore on Saturday, May 2nd, and to hold the next meeting at Stone-in-Oxney on Saturday, May 9th. The proceedings concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. South and the churchwardens for the use of the bells.

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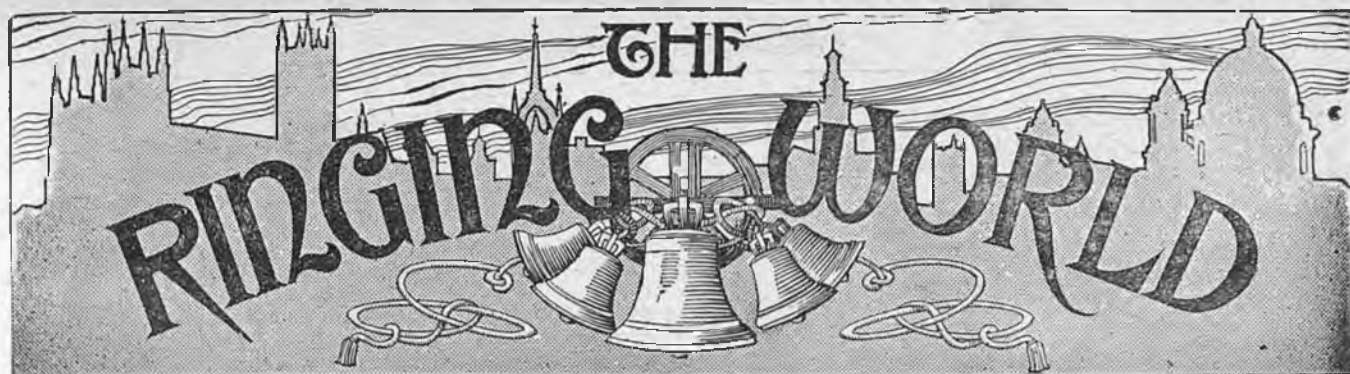


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I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

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

MODERN WORK.

DIVISION OF AREAS.

In more than one Association there is at present an unsettled feeling arising out of the recent diocesan divisions, and the reorganisation schemes of various societies. The difficulties which might arise in connection with the altered circumstances brought about by ecclesiastical changes in regard to several dioceses were touched upon in this column some time ago, and it looks as if the troubles may possibly materialise, although we sincerely hope that nothing will arise to disturb the friendly relations which exist between ringing organisations throughout the country.

The division of the dioceses of Ely and Norwich, with the consequent constitution of the new diocese of St. Edmundsbury, is one in which the societies, which cover the area concerned, have been brought "face to face with a difficult situation," to put it in the words of the Ely Association report. The strongest and most active part of the Ely Association is the Sudbury Archdeaconry, which contains more than half of the affiliated towers, and quite half the members, to say nothing of the fact that in this branch, which includes Bury St. Edmunds itself, more than half of last year's peals were rung. It is easy to understand, therefore, the feeling with which the Ely Association would view the lopping off of this, their strongest limb, if any change takes place. The Norwich Association's meeting at Ely was strongly in favour of retaining the Association in its present form, that is, to avoid any division of the area which has hitherto been covered. If this feeling is representative of the Association—and, coming from the district chiefly concerned, there is no reason to doubt that it is—it means that the larger portion of the diocese of St. Edmundsbury will remain with Norwich.

Under such an arrangement, unless the actual geographical area is prescribed, the possibility of overlapping and friction between the two organisations has got to be faced. If amicable relations are to be maintained—and in the interests of the Art and its objects it is devoutly to be wished that they may—the matter will need very careful handling on both sides. It is a subject which, we believe, will be better met and dealt with rather than that the Associations should allow it merely to drift in the hope that it may settle itself. That is a policy which, sooner or later, is bound to be disastrous, whereas if it is handled at once, and with tact, anything in the shape of unfriendly rivalry may be avoided.

We had hoped that this might have been the case in Yorkshire, where the county Association's reorganisation scheme is being put into operation. From the trend of opinion at the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association's meeting, however, it does not appear that the relationship of the two societies in the North Riding is altogether amicable.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Sepulchre, Holborn,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 6
BERTRAM PREWITT 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 7
CHARLES T. COLES 3	HARRY FLANDERS 8
GEORGE R. PYE 4	ERNEST PYE 9
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.

On Saturday, April 25, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5193 CHANCES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

GEORGE CLEAL Treble	JOSIAH MORRIS 6
ERNEST BARTRAM 2	CHARLES H. FOWLER 7
FREDERICK H. DEXTER 3	RICHARD H. BARTRAM 8
GEORGE PILMORE 4	ALFRED MARTIN 9
ERNEST MORRIS 5	THOMAS TAYLOR Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

This composition contains the 24 4-6-8's of the Tittums, also the extent of the inverted home position, and is now rung for the first time.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 25, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5079 CHANCES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

TITUS BARLOW Treble	JAMES H. BANKS 6
*FRED ABBOTT 2	JOHN POTTER 7
WILLIAM E. WALSON 3	*WILLIAM ROBINSON 8
GEORGE PINCOTT 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD 9
*JOSEPH HENRY RIDYARD 5	JOHN WATSON Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method. The ringers of the Treble and 2nd hail from Deane, 3rd and Tenor from Blackburn, 4th from Bolton, 5th and 9th from Worsley, 6th from Helmshore, 7th from Walkden and 8th from Ambleside.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*GEORGE POUND Treble	FRANK SHARP 5
JIM BEACH 2	EDWIN LAMBERT 6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT 3	*THOMAS E. SONE 7
FREDERICK BUTCHERS 4	CHARLES H. SONE Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

* First peal of Major. For calling see K.C.A. report, 1912, page 75.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF GRAMPSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 23 cwt., in E flat.

*HENRY G. MASON Treble	MAURICE SMITHER 5
WILLIAM LOADER 2	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 6
JOHN J. JONES 3	FRANK BLONDELL 7
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SECT. 4	EDWARD RADDOCK Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

* First peal. Arranged as a farewell to Mr. Charles Willshire.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, April 16, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHWARK, S.E.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM T. POWELL ... Treble	RICHARD N. RUNHAM ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 6
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES ... 3	C. W. ROBERT GRIMWOOD ... 7
WALTER S. WISE ... 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

VICAR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES JONES ... Treble	THOMAS VERRY... 5
*EDWIN J. WOOD ... 2	WILLIAM G. ELLIS ... 6
WILLIAM H. JONES ... 3	WILLIAM DAVIES ... 7
CHARLES STARKEY ... 4	STEPHEN DANBY ... Tenor

Conducted by W. G. ELLIS.

* First peal with a bob bell. Rung to celebrate the coming-of-age of Mr. Edwin Wood, the wedding of Mr. Edward Starkey and Miss Gertrude Turner, and the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Faux, Mr. Faux being a highly respected ringer at this church.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

R. W. JENNISON ... Treble	ALBERT JAGGER ... 5
JOHN EDMONDSON ... 2	JOHN HALL... 6
EDWARD GREEN ... 3	JOHN LAWSON ... 7
THOMAS BANCROFT ... 4	SMITH MURGATROYD... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOHN LAWSON.

The ringers of the 5th and 7th hail from Lightcliffe, the rest from Keighley. The bells were recently placed in the tower by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, and the tone and easy going were greatly admired.

SCUNTHORPE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 18, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS H. PARKIN ... Treble	T. PERCY HOCKNELL ... 5
RICHARD OLIVER ... 2	J. WILLIAM SEAMER ... 6
CHARLES JACKSON ... 3	GEORGE VAMPLEW ... 7
WILLIAM MILLAR ... 4	*JOHN CUTHBERT ... Tenor

Composed by W. H. THOMPSON, and
Conducted by C. JACKSON.

* First peal. Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Connie Strickland (daughter of the vice-captain), who was buried recently.

GLASBURY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 19, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWARD PUGH ... Treble	WILLIAM FLETCHER... 5
ROBERT E. SPARKES ... 2	THOMAS DIXON... 6
CHARLES POWELL ... 3	JAMES P. HYETT ... 7
EDGAR R. JONES ... 4	THOMAS VAUGHAN ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Arranged and rung in honour of the wedding of the treble ringer; also as a birthday compliment to Thomas Turner, who was unavoidably prevented from taking part in the peal. Both are members of the local band. Rung with 4, 6 and 8 covering.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM C. PILCHER ... Treble	G. ARTHUR BOWMER ... 5
FRED. W. HILL ... 2	*FRANK F. HILL ... 6
HERBERT DAY ... 3	ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... 7
JAMES L. WRIGHT ... 4	ALEX. HUTCHISON ... Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by FRED. W. HILL.

* First peal in the method.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 22, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

*H. HAMMOND ... Treble	F. HAMMOND ... 5
O. HOLMWOOD ... 2	C. BRASIER... 6
*H. M. SMITH ... 3	KEITH HART ... 7
H. R. BUTCHER ... 4	E. BISHOP ... Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung on the sixth anniversary of the dedication of the bells. All belong to the local band except the conductor.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, April 22, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

REV. E. V. COX... Treble	REV. C. CAREW COX ... 5
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE... 2	REV. H. A. COCKEY ... 6
REV. W. S. WILLETT ... 3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN ... 7
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES ... 4	REV. C. A. CLEMENTS ... Tenor

Conducted by REV. CYRIL JENKYN.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 23, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES

Tenor 25½ cwt., in D.

GEORGE HOWCHIN ... Treble	GEORGE SNELLING ... 6
GEORGE H. CROSS ... 2	ALBERT G. WARNES ... 7
FREDERICK SEAGER ... 3	JOHN SNELLING ... Tenor
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 4	WILLIAM STEELE ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS, and
Conducted by WM. STEELE.

Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, April 23, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ROWLAND O. POLLARD ... Treble	*WALTER MALINS ... 5
*HARRY ARGYLE... 2	ALFRED J. HESSIAN ... 6
*THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 3	E. HARRY STONELEY ... 7
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... 4	JAMES GEORGE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by WALTER MALINS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thursday, April 23, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, CAMBERWELL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.	
GEORGE POVEY Treble	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	GEORGE DENT 6
GEORGE F. MARGETSON ... 3	GEORGE CHARGE 7
GEORGE BUGGS 4	GEORGE SPENCER Tenor

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Rung in honour of St. George's day.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH).

On Saturday, April 25, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt. approx.	
ALBERT HARMAN Treble	GEORGE F. HOAD 5
HENRY F. EWINS 2	OSCAR GILBEY 6
FREDERICK BASHFORD ... 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
GEORGE ELLIS 4	ALBERT ELLIS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, April 25, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

EDGAR VALLANCE Treble	*FREDK. KILBORN 5
MISS LILIAN WILLSON ... 2	EDWARD NORMAN 6
*MISS HILDA WILLSON ... 3	T. HENRY HARDY 7
THOMAS VALLANCE 4	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

* First attempt at the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Willson; also as a silver wedding tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Hardy, parents of the ringer of the 7th.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 25, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 11½ cwt., in G.	
HARRY ALLRED Treble	RICHARD P. HEALD 5
BENJAMIN ALLRED 2	JAMES ALLRED 6
HERBERT ALLRED 3	ROBERT ALLRED 7
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 4	HUGH REYNOLDS Tenor

Composed by PETER BIRCKELL, and
Conducted by HUGH REYNOLDS.

This peal was arranged for Hugh Reynolds, of Bredbury, Cheshire. The ringer of the 4th belongs to Newchurch and the 5th to Deane, the rest to the local company.

OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND THE OLDHAM SOCIETY.

On Saturday, April 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.	
JAMES KNIGHT Treble	JOSEPH OGDEN 5
FRED CROSSLAND 2	ALBERT CLEGG 6
JAMES LEES 3	JAMES W. TAYLOR 7
SAMUEL STOTT 4	LUKE HAMPSON Tenor

Conducted by F. CROSSLAND.

Rung in commemoration of St. Mark's Day. S. Stott belongs to Oldham Church and J. Ogden and Luke Hampson to Moorside.

BENNINGTON, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.	
SAMUEL PAGE Treble	NATHAN PATMORE 5
P.C. ALBERT LAWRENCE ... 2	JACK WARNER 6
ERNEST A. OVERALL 3	BARNARD PATMORE 7
HENRY WALLACE 4	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE Tenor

Composed by J. LOCKWOOD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

This is believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH, SUNDERLAND.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.	
ROBERT RICHARDS Treble	ROBERT C. HUDSON 5
FRED P. HOWCROFT 2	ALFRED F. HILLIER 6
BENJAMIN C. DIXON 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER 7
WILLIAM HOLMES 4	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

First peal in the method and quickest peal of Major on the bells

SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.	
ALBERT E. HARRIS Treble	EDWARD READER 5
JOHN OLDHAM 2	WILLIAM THORLEY 6
HARRY WHITTLE 3	WILLIAM TRIGG 7
WILLIAM SMITH 4	JOSEPH POWELL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

The ringers of the 2nd, 4th, 5th and Tenor belong to the tower of All Saints', Loughborough, the remainder hailing from Stanford-on-Soar, Notts.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.	
WALTER S. BURBIDGE ... Treble	ARTHUR J. WEST 5
ARTHUR W. ANGEL 2	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 6
GEORGE H. ARCHARD 3	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 7
ARTHUR K. HARRISON ... 4	CHARLES RAISON Tenor

Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, April 25, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.	
*ALBERT NOAKES Treble	HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHERY 5
CHARLES W. PLAYER 2	PERCY PAGE 6
ERNEST E. HUTCHINSON ... 3	CHARLES TRIBE 7
ARCHIBALD C. KAY 4	GEORGE JOHNSON Tenor

Conducted by HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHERY.

* First peal away from tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to P. Page, A. Noakes and H. S. Humphery; also on the anniversary of Mr. A. C. and Mrs. Kay's wedding day.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(DARLEY DALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt., in F.

JOHN SIDDALL, JUNR. Treble	JAMES L. WRIGHT 5
ARTHUR E. HOLMES 2	EDWIN BLACKWALL 6
ALFRED C. WRIGHT 3	JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE 7
THOMAS WHITE 4	WILLIAM TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE, and
Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 25, 1914, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILLIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM RANFORD Treble	ROBERT G. KNOWLES 5
WILLIAM C. JONES 2	ABRAHAM WINTERTON 6
ERNEST GIBBS 3	GORDON CHECKETTS 7
GEORGE HINTON, JUNR. 4	WILLIAM PAGE Tenor

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

First peal in the method by all except G. Checketts, and first peal of Oxford Treble Bob on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Ernest Gibbs and Mrs. W. Page. R. G. Knowles' 50th peal for the Association.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 26, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOSEPH COLLETT Treble	FRANK BIRD 5
HENRY GILLET 2	WILLIAM STRATFORD 6
FRANK E. DAVIS 3	WALTER LARGE 7
EDWARD PARDON 4	*THOMAS BANNING Tenor

Conducted by W. LARGE.

* First peal of Triples. First peal on the bells which have been rebung and two new trebles added by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, the "go" of them being excellent.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

ST. WEONARD'S, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 15, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores with ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

SAMUEL F. WILLIAMS Treble	*THOMAS W. ROWLEY 4
*WILLIAM POSTON 2	REV. V. A. CRESWELL 5
*ALFRED BREWER 3	FRANCIS A. OAKLEY Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal.

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

On Thursday, April 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JOSEPH SLATER Treble	*WALTER J. BRETHERTON 4
*CHARLES E. PERKINS 2	*ROBERT MATTHEWS 5
*JOHN BASS 3	† HENRY COOPER Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Doubles, and first on the bells. † First peal. It was also J. Bass' 200th peal.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, called in six different ways. Tenor 9 cwt.

E. WARNES Treble	A. WEBB 4
R. HAINES 2	C. CHAMBERLIN 5
C. NEWLANDS 3	S. NUNN Tenor

Conducted by C. CHAMBERLIN.

First peal as conductor.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Friday, April 17, 1914, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY HASTINGS Treble	*CHARLES AYLETT 4
*JOHN TAYLOR 2	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 3	GEORGE H. KETTLE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. KETTLE.

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

OVERBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 18, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES WHITTLE Treble	JAMES HENNING 4
*WILLIAM PAYNE 2	LEONARD NICHOLS 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON Tenor

Conducted by F. J. JOHNSON.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal of Minor as conductor. The band wish to thank the Vicar of Overbury (the Rev. W. Lee) for the use of the bells and for so kindly entertaining them after the peal.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK BROWN Treble	THOMAS JULL 4
*EDWARD H. SPICE 2	WILLIAM NYE 5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 3	WILLIAM SPICE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SPICE.

* First peal. E. H. Spice, who was elected a member of the Association previous to starting, is 14 years of age, and is the youngest ringer in the Kent County Association to ring a peal of Minor in seven methods with a bob bell.

WHISSENDINE, RUTLAND.
THE SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS.

On Saturday, April 18, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Stedman Slow Course, Reading, St. Simon's, Old Doubles, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire.

*EDWIN HUDDLESTON Treble	JOHN W. WRIGHT 4
THOS. H. RATE 2	WILLIAM H. DYKE 5
JOSEPH MURREY 3	JOHN T. POLLARD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. DYKE.

* First peal in seven methods. This is the first peal on the bells, which were augmented to six in 1906, and hang in reverse order. All the above ringers are members of the Wymondham band.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

*ARTHUR FAIRY Treble	WILLIAM J. GILBERT ... 4
JOHN BULL 2	JAMES HUDSON 5
*HORACE COPPERWHEAT ... 3	WALTER GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by WALTER GILBERT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal away from the treble.

LARFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 18, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 19 cwt., in E flat.

*WILLIAM HOLLINGSWORTH Treble	*THOMAS HEMBLING 4
*ALFRED CANN 2	†WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 5
*FREDERIC COLMAN 3	*FREDERIC WARREN Tenor

Conducted by W. HOLLINGSWORTH.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung at the first attempt. Believed to be the first peal ever accomplished on these bells. All ringers are resident in Larfield.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

HENRY BRIGGS Treble	CHARLES H. BRIGGS 4
JOHN ERIC ELLIS 2	JOHN GARRATT 5
GEORGE WOOD 3	W. HYDE INGLESANT Tenor

Conducted by W. HYDE INGLESANT.

First peal by J. E. Ellis, who is only 16 years of age, and to whom much credit is due for his good striking throughout peal. First peal on the bells, which were recently increased from four to six by the addition of two trebles, generously given by Mr. J. Buxton, a resident in the parish. Messrs. Briggs belong to Stony Stanton, Ellis and Garratt to Sapcote, Wood to Sharnford, and the conductor to Broughton Astley.

STANTON-UPON-HINEHEATH, SALOP.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.
On Sunday, April 19, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of six Six-scores of Plain Bob and 36 of Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt., in A.

†ERNEST V. RODENHURST Treble	WILLIAM WEATHERLEY ... 4
THOMAS TUDOR 2	ALFRED E. FULICK 5
CHARLES R. LILLEY 3	*JAMES MOODY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal. † First peal away from tenor. First peal on the bells.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, April 22, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of Woodbine, two 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 720 each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lbs., in E flat.

FRANK NEAL Treble	HENRY A. BLACKMAN ... 4
SAMUEL PETTER 2	CORPL. G. GILBERT, R.E. ... 5
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 3	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal. † First peal in five methods. Rung on the eve and in honour of St. George's Day.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. E. BONIFACE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;

Size 16, in B flat.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 7-8
HENRY L. GARFATH ... 9-10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpires: Rev. E. B. JAMES and J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON.

Witnesses: Mr. and Mrs. BONIFACE, Mrs. PULLING, A. WHITE, C. HAZELDEN and A. H. WINCH.

The ringers take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Boniface for kindly placing a room at their disposal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 19, 1914, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Size 18, in G.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER ... 5-6
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 3-4	HENRY L. GARFATH ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: Mrs. PULLING, MISS ENDALL and MISS HOLDER.

This peal was rung on the lawn and was specially arranged as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Pulling.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, April 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

*ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 1-2	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 5-6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 3-4	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 7-8

*FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 9-10

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: GEORGE WILSON.

* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal in hand by all. First peal of Royal as conductor. It was also the first peal of Royal to be rung by five brothers. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. W. Bailey.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Monday, April 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Size 17, in A.

HENRY L. GARFATH ... 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: MISS HOOD.

This peal was arranged and rung by past and present members of the Holy Trinity Society as a farewell to Mr. C. Willshire, who sailed for Canada on April 23rd. Owing to an unforeseen circumstance the tower bells were not available.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 22, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

WILLIAM R. HOYLE ... 1-2	WILLIAM BENNETT ... 3-4
HENRY MOORE ... 5-6	

Conducted by H. MOORE. Umpire: Mr. H. THORNE.

First peal on handbells by all.

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Whitley Bay, Northumberland, on Jan. 24th last, should have been credited to the Durham and Newcastle Association.

The ringer of the 10th in the peal of Maximus rung at Great Yarmouth on Easter Monday, was James G. Rumsey and not William G. as reported.

The peal of Bob Major at Oldham on April 12th should have been credited to the Lancashire Association, and not to the Rochdale Association as sent in.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**THE DIVISION OF THE DIOCESE.**

The Ely Diocesan Association, in view of the division of the diocese, is faced with an important crisis, and the question came up on the annual report, presented at the meeting on Easter Monday at Cambridge. There was a large attendance of members and ringing friends from London, Coggeshall, Braintree, Stansted, Earl's Colne, Fulbourn, Chatteris, Ickleton, Melbourn, Ramsey, Longstanton, Ely, Wilburton, Newmarket, Sawston, and Cambridge. The towers of St. Mary's the Great, St. Andrew's the Great, St. Benedict's, the Church of Our Lady (R.C.), and St. Andrew's, Old Chesterton, were placed at the disposal of the members, and some good ringing resulted, many getting their first touches in the higher methods.

Service was held in St. Mary's Church, and was well attended. The Ven. Archdeacon Cunningham (Vice-President of the Association) conducted the service, and gave an address full of interest, mentioning the various uses of bells in connection with the work of the Church, the sorrows and joys of the nation, and University life, concluding by reminding ringers to always remember they were Church workers.

The annual lunch and business meeting afterwards took place at the Lion Hotel, where the company, numbering 72, sat down to an excellent repast. The chair was taken by the Ven. Archdeacon Cunningham, those present including the Rev. H. B. Woolley (Long Stanton), Rev. J. Morgan (St. Andrew's the Great), Rev. N. Shelton (St. Andrew's, Old Chesterton), Mr. Ambrose Shelton, Messrs. T. R. Dennis (general secretary), F. C. Turner (treasurer), P. Webb and F. Rowlinson (district secretaries), and Messrs. J. Taylor and E. Webb (of the committee), and others.

THE REPORT.

The venue for the next annual meeting was discussed, and it was decided to hold it at Huntingdon on Easter Monday, 1915.—The annual report and balance sheet were then read and adopted.

In the report, which stated that the balance in hand had been increased from £16 9s. 6d. to £18 2s. 4½d., reference was made to the division of the Diocese, which had brought the Association face to face with a difficult situation, and would require careful consideration. It was particularly unfortunate that this should have occurred at a time when the Association had attained such efficiency and seemed well on the way to achieve a very high position among kindred associations. They especially appealed to the members of the Sudbury Archdeaconry who were affected by the division, not to sever their connection with the Ely Association unless and until one was formed for the new Diocese. The combination of East and West Suffolk to form a new Diocesan Association should produce a powerful organisation, and if promoted would meet with the Ely Association's cordial support, but they strongly deprecated a withdrawal in favour of any Association which lay outside the new Diocese. The loss of territory, whenever it took place, would be most keenly felt by the Ely Association, and would place them in a very weakened condition.

A short discussion on the division of the Diocese followed, the feeling of the meeting being in favour of continuing as at present. The need of a larger membership in Cambridgeshire was emphasised by the Archdeacon, who remarked how pleased he was to hear that the Wisbech ringers had joined, and hoped more would be forthcoming in North Cambs.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

A vote of thanks to the General Secretary for the excellent report which had been presented was carried, after which the following were re-elected to serve for 1914: T. R. Dennis (general secretary), F. C. Turner (treasurer), District secretaries: Rev. R. L. Gardner (Sudbury), P. Webb (Archdeaconry of Ely), Rev. H. B. Woolley (Hunts Archdeaconry), and F. Rowlinson (Isle of Ely). Mr. O. G. Howe (Ramsey) was elected auditor for 1914. New members were elected as follows: The Rev. A. D. Taylor (Woodditton), hon. member; Messrs. F. P. Cheetham (Cambridge University Guild), J. W. Taylor and E. D. Taylor (Loughborough), hon. life ringing members; and Messrs. S. Andrews, T. Banham, H. Cheesewright, H. Piggins, R. Narborough, F. Piggins, A. Wenlock, R. Watts, E. Doncaster (Wisbech), H. Easingwood, D. Easingwood, T. Easingwood (Ely), E. Court (Newmarket), A. Waller (Wilburton), and W. Day (Melbourn), ringing members.

Votes of thanks to the incumbents for the use of the bells, to the district secretaries, and to last year's auditor, Mr. W. B. Kempton, were passed, the Revs. J. Morgan and W. Shelton responding.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Archdeacon for so kindly taking the service, and the chair at the meeting, was carried with acclamation.

The meeting then terminated, and ringing was indulged in up to about 8 p.m. Among the touches that were rung during the day were: Kent Treble Bob Maximus and Royal, Stedman Triples and Caters, at Great St. Mary's; Double Norwich, London and Cambridge Surprise Major, and Kent Major at St. Andrew's; and courses of Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major and Stedman Triples at the Church of Our Lady; Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor at St. Benedict's; 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor and 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor at St. Andrew's, Old Chesterton.

LATE NOTICES.

HERTS ASSOCIATION (Eastern District).—An informal meeting will be held at Braughing on May 9th, being the Braughing Youths' Anniversary. The bells will be open all day. Any band desiring to attempt a peal during the morning can do so. Tea will be provided for visitors at a small charge. The Vicar welcomes all who may like to come.—W. H. Lawrence, Secretary, Eastern District.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held in Trowbridge, on Tuesday, May 12th, 1914. Service at the Parish Church, 12.30. Preacher—The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Guild. Luncheon at the George Hotel, 1.30. Ringers' tickets 1/-. Towers open: Trowbridge (8), Bradford-on-Avon (8), Hilperton (6), Holt (6).—F. L. Edwards, Honorary Secretary.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Walmer on Saturday, May 16th. The bells of Walmer (8), Upper Deal (6) and Mongeham (6) will be available from 3 p.m. Divine Service at 5 p.m. in Walmer Parish Church. Tea provided at 5.30 p.m. at the Hare and Hounds, Upper Walmer. Will all those who intend being present kindly let me know by Tuesday, May 12th. Business meeting after tea. All subscriptions should be paid before this meeting.—E. Trendell, Hon. District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 16th, at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting and social to follow. All members and friends invited.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Clitheroe, on Saturday, May 16th, 1914. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The May general meeting and the first meeting of the Southern District, will be held jointly at Rotherham and Eastwood, on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available for ringing—Parish Church (10) from 2 to 5; St. Stephen's (8) from 2 to 9, except during the tea and meeting. Subscriptions, etc., will be attended to, tea tickets issued and the order of ringing arranged, in St. Stephen's vestry. Tea at 5 p.m. in St. George's Hall, Effingham Street, will be provided at 10d. per head for those who notify Mr. A. Hague, 20, Gerard Road, Rotherham, not later than Tuesday, May 12th. Business meeting afterwards for the election of district officers, vice-president, ringing master, secretary and committee. As regards the general meeting, will members please accept this notice instead of a circular.—Clement Glenn, Hon. General Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

DUKE AS BELL RINGER.

The Duke of Portland has given two bells to make a peal of six at St. Mary's Church, Norton Cuckney, in commemoration of his own silver wedding and the coming of age of his eldest son. The bells were dedicated on Sunday morning, and when they were being rung after service, the Duke went to the belfry and expressed his desire to ring the largest bell. He had a few pulls on the tenor, to the great delight of a large number of ringers and other interested lookers-on. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue, together with a photograph.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RELATIONS WITH YORKS ASSOCIATION.

The Easter meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorks Association was held at Malton, and it was endowed with all the essentials that go to make a bell ringers' meeting a happy function. Indeed, the arrangements for the comfort of the members left nothing to be desired, and it is quite safe to say that the 35 members who were present had a thoroughly enjoyable day. Ringers were present from Ormesby, Middlesbrough, Whitby, Darlington, Hemingborough, Stockton-on-Tees, Marske, Robin Hood's Bay, Middleham, Pateley Bridge, etc. The bells of the Parish Church (St. Leonard's) were available for ringing all day, and many good touches were rung.

Dinner was provided at the Green Man Hotel, the Association having the pleasure of the company of the Vicar of Malton (the Rev. H. L. Ogle). Mr. Ogle was compelled to leave before dinner was quite over, saying he had to assist at another little "ringing" ceremony at his church. However, he hoped the ringers would accept his invitation to tea.

Mr. Wright, addressing the meeting, said he had two things which he wished to refer to the members. The first was with regard to the Cleveland Association's relations with the Yorkshire Association. He reminded the members of the resolution passed at their last meeting, requesting the Yorkshire Association that in their new scheme they would not encroach upon the district which the Cleveland Association regarded as their own. He explained that the resolution was sent by him to the Yorkshire authorities, but neither he nor Mr. Metcalfe, the secretary, had had any official reply, although he was in a position to say that the Yorkshire people had decided not to accede to their request. He went on to say that he attended the Yorkshire Association's annual meeting, and did all he could, but, of course, he was out-voted. Apparently there would now be two Associations in existence in the North Riding. The hope had been expressed that the two Associations would work side by side, but he hardly expected they would work together on friendly terms. It resolved itself into a question as to whether there would be two Associations, or whether one would go under. If so, which would it be? If the Cleveland Association was to continue its existence he urged the members to stick together and help one another as much as possible.

The applause with which these remarks were greeted augurs well for the continued prosperity of the Cleveland Association.

Leaving this subject, Mr. Wright said he did not want to feel that their Association was going to be put to the wall, and expressed the hope that the members would continue to pull together, and show that they were worthy of the support which they always received from the various places they visited (hear, hear).

His second point had reference to the resignations of Dr. Pauli, of Middleham, and the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, late of Saltburn, as vice-presidents, intimating that their places would need to be filled at the annual meeting at Northallerton on Whit-Monday.

The following new members were elected: S. Tunnell (Middlesbrough), G. W. Peverell (Bishop Auckland), L. Pannaby and C. J. Rickinson (Robin Hood's Bay), A. Elders (Ormesby), H. Clayton (Tadcaster), R. Ager (Marske), and the Rev. E. Hope (Vicar of Marske) as an hon. member.

After tea, Mr. Wright proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Ogle for his kindness in entertaining the Association, and also to Mr. Knagg who had made arrangements in the tower for the meeting.—Replying Mr. Ogle said he hoped the Cleveland Association would not find it inconvenient to come again on some future occasion. He was very pleased indeed to have had a visit from the Association, and could assure them that if they could do anything to create more enthusiasm amongst their own ringers they would most certainly do so.—Mr. Wardell, the Vicar's warden, also spoke words of welcome.

A committee meeting was held to consider various items of the Association work during the year, and the President, the Rev. W. P. Wright, was heartily thanked for the interest that he had taken in trying to convince the officials of the Yorkshire Association to leave out the Northern part of Yorkshire in their own scheme for the present.

PRESENTATIONS.

In recognition of his services as instructor to the newly-formed band at Oatlands, Surrey, Mr. F. Shepherd, senr., of Hersham, has been presented with a case of pipes and a tobacco jar. Under his able tuition excellent progress has been made since when, a few months ago, Mr. Shepherd taught them to handle a bell.

On leaving Lavenham to take up duties at Hadleigh, Suffolk, the Rev. R. L. Gardner was presented with an enlarged photograph of the company, with whom he rang regularly.

After serving St. John's Church, Bristol, as sexton since March 5th, 1856, Mr. George Staddon, "father" of the Bristol ringers, has retired, and the congregation have presented him with an illuminated address and purse of gold.

BEDS ASSOCIATION.

THE QUESTION OF THE FUTURE.

The annual meeting of the Beds Association was held on Easter Monday, when the Rev. W. W. Baker (Dunstable) president, was in the chair, supported by Mr. Edwin Ransom, the Misses E. and D. Steele, the Rev. and Mrs. A. Rust (Ridgmount), the Rev. Tyrwhitt Drake, and between 30 and 40 ringers.

The President said they met on a very interesting occasion because on that day they passed out of the diocese of Ely, into the diocese of St. Albans. They always considered themselves banded together, not only to promote that most excellent exercise, change ringing, but as a body of church workers. They would have to consider, if not to-day, sometime later, what was to be their relationship to organised ringers in the other archdeaconries. Herts and Beds now comprised the Diocese of St. Albans, and from their point of view, it was exceedingly fortunate that Herts had a society covering the county. Hitherto they had held an autonomous position in the diocese of Ely. He did not wish to recall the memory of troubles, but he thought that any trouble which did take place was not their fault, and he was always sorry that the scheme of affiliation to the Ely Diocesan Association, which was drawn up with great care, and carried through the committee, was thrown out at the annual meeting of the Association. But it was no use crying over spilt milk, the fact remained that they never occupied the position of attachment to the diocesan Association, which some of them would wish. Now they came into a diocese, part of which was organised on county lines, and he was quite sure all wished that there should be some close bond between the two Associations (hear, hear). What shape it would take was, of course, a matter for consideration. Most of them had personal friends among the ringers in Herts. He hoped the new Bishop would accept the position as patron of the Association. As one of the Rural Deans of the new diocese he was bidden to St. Albans in a short time, and this matter he had in his mind to speak to the Bishop about. Mr. Baker said he hoped before they separated they would express some opinion on the question of inter-affiliation, in order that he might be guided as their representative on the Central Council.

EXCELLENT PROGRESS.

The Hon. Secretary, the Rev. A. Rust, read the annual report, which stated that the work of the Association during the year had been extremely satisfactory. The policy of dividing the Association into three districts had continued to prove a very marked success. Great progress had been made in change ringing and 24 peals had been rung.

Mr. J. Barker, in moving this report, said that as far as ringing was concerned they had had one of the most satisfactory years they had had for some time. One tower in the Association had rung 84 720's, and nearly 70 of them in Surprise Minor methods. They had also rung three Surprise Minor peals.

The financial report stated that there were 123 performing members paid up, and the balance in hand at the end of the year was £20 7s. 7d. It was decided to ask the Bishop of St. Albans to become patron, and the Rev. W. W. Baker was re-elected president.

In the election of the vice-presidents, the President said they had lost, by death, one of their most honoured vice-presidents, Canon Haddock, who was interested in every matter referring to the church in the county and the diocese. They in common with all other church bodies in the county, felt the loss, and regretted the vacancy that occurred in their list.—Mr. Chas. Herbert and Mr. Edwin Ransom were re-elected vice-presidents, and the name of Miss Evelyn Steel was then added to fill the vacancy. The members of the committee nominated by the three districts, Bedford, Luton and Biggleswade, were elected. The Rev. A. Rust (Vicar of Ridgmount) was re-elected secretary and treasurer, and Mr. F. T. Tanqueray (Woburn) auditor.

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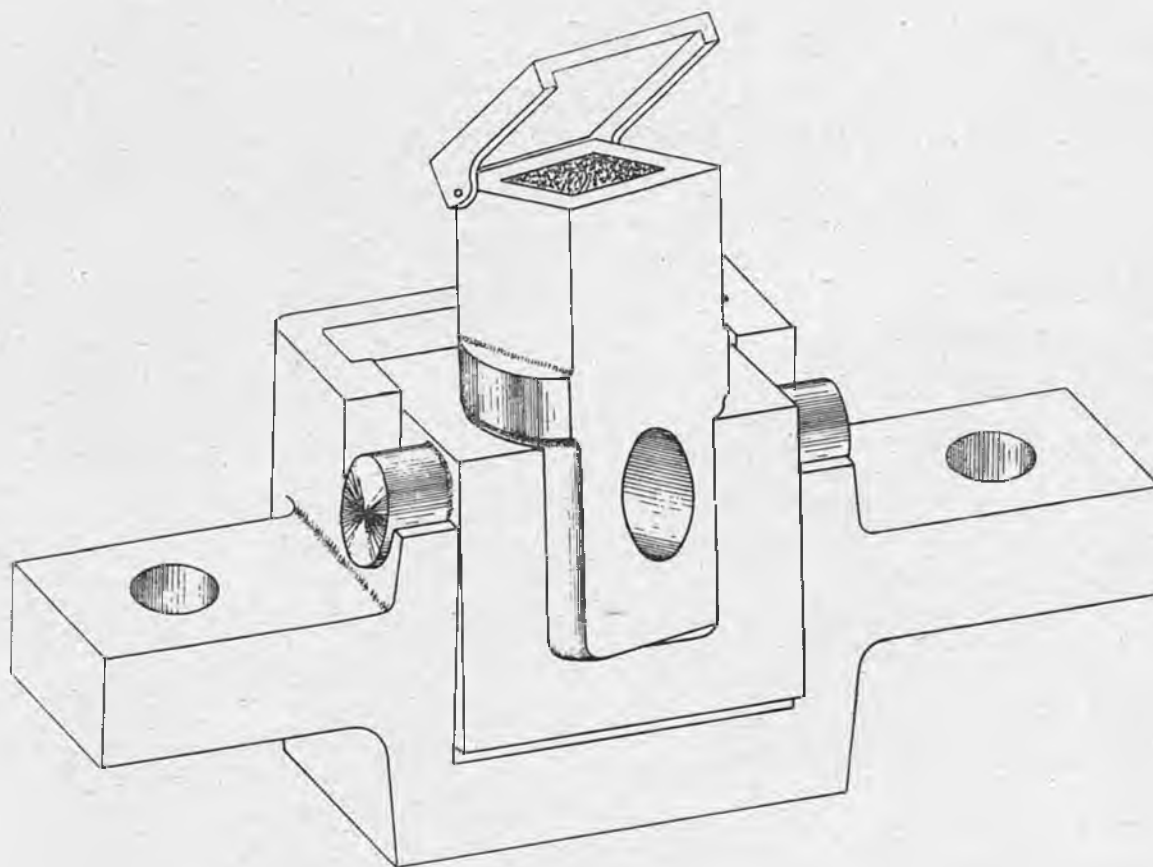
The President presented a certificate to the ringers of Luton St. Mary's for regularity and punctuality, and proficiency, awarded under the Rev. Tyrwhitt Drake's scheme.

The scheme was discussed at length, and Mr. Drake said that one of his objects was to promote good striking on Sunday. He, therefore, made provision in the scheme for all failures to count against the band. The point as to whether some of the more elaborate methods might not be practised on a Sunday, before the time of ringing for service, was discussed, and Mr. Drake said that a breakdown on Sunday was as bad at 4.30 as at 5.30. A nasty noise was a nasty noise. Eventually it was decided to proceed with the scheme for another year, and the Rev. Tyrwhitt Drake, Messrs. Barker and Staddon were appointed as committee to go into its revision.

The meeting expressed an opinion in favour of some scheme of inter-affiliation.

Touches were rung in various methods during the day.

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PORTISHEAD'S LADY RINGERS.

Few, if any, ringing companies have so many capable lady ringers in their ranks as Portishead. There are eight of them—all change ringers, and five out of the eight have taken part in a peal, viz., Misses Jukes, Hole, Mitchell, Coles and Gillingham, who were in the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Portishead on February 24th last, Miss Mitchell ringing treble and the other four inside bells. On the Sunday previous to that date, six rang in a quarter-peal of the same method, Miss Tippett taking treble, and Miss Mitchell the second, which was the latter's longest touch on a dodging bell. The other two, Misses Stokes and Pearce, can both ring the treble to Grandsire Triples.

Portishead bells are rung twice every Sunday, and the majority of the band are very regular in attendance, in fact Miss Hole has not missed once, or been late, for 15 months. The names of Miss Jukes and Miss Gillingham are, of course, well known, for they have been ringing for some years, and took part in the ladies' peal at Cubitt Town. Miss Stokes, who started only a few months ago, is making splendid progress. The remainder have been ringing a little more than twelve months.

It was the founding of "The Ladies' Guild" that led to the effort being made to induce these young ladies to take up the art, and they have largely to thank Mr. Goldstone and Mr. Gillingham for the progress they have made. The success of the lady ringers at Portishead should be an inducement to other bands to enlist the services of the ladies.



Standing BLANCHE L. MITCHELL, WALTER WATTS, REV. H. S. BRIGGS (Secretary), ALBERT COLBOURN (Steeple-keeper), EDITH M. HOLE. Seated: ERNEST GOLDSTONE (Vice-Captain and Treasurer), ELIZABETH A. TIPPETT, MARY E. N. JUKES, REV. H. W. JUKES, Rector (President), WILLIAM GILLINGHAM (Captain), NELLIE GILLINGHAM, ADELAIDE STOKES. Front Row: DORIS COLES (aged 14), ALBERT DERRICK, ALICE PEARCE (aged 13).

HERE AND THERE.

BY GEORGE!

The patron saint of England, whose festival falls on April 23rd, has many namesakes among the ringing fraternity, and on more than one occasion Georges have celebrated the day by ringing a peal. On Thursday of last week eight of them once again marked the festival by scoring a 5088 Kent Treble Bob. Not only was the peal rung, composed and conducted by Georges, but to make the record complete it was rung at the Church of St. George, Camberwell.

ACCIDENT TO WELL-KNOWN RINGER.

His many friends throughout the country will learn with much regret of an accident which has befallen Mr. Isaac G. Shade, of Greenwich. While at work on Easter Tuesday he slipped down stairs, and sustained fractured ribs. He was taken to his home at 72, Blissett Street, and was able to keep about for some days, but on Friday was ordered to bed by his doctor. It will be remembered that, despite his advancing years—he reached his sixty-fourth birthday on Monday last—Mr. Shade took part in the four Surprise peals in the day on Easter Monday. He will have the best wishes of the Exercise for his speedy recovery.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday week, eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths met at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, to attempt a peal of Treble Bob Major to celebrate the marriage of Mr. James Scholes, junr., to Miss Lillian Lane, and also the coming of age of both the bride and Miss Annie Scholes. The name of Scholes has been associated with the ringing at the above church for a number of years, as Mr. James Scholes, senr., followed his father in the position of steeple keeper, so that the permission to ring on this occasion was greatly appreciated by the band. The peal attempt was not successful owing to the breaking of the treble rope, and although this occurred early, it was not considered advisable to make a second attempt, as a late finish would probably have brought complaints. A good touch of 1696 was, however, rung instead, by: W. Truss 1, E. Gibbs 2, A. B. Peck 3, H. Langdon (conductor) 4, R. W. Green 5, J. Scholes 6, E. Hall 7, T. Langdon 8. The ringers requested Mr. Scholes to convey their hearty congratulations to the happy couple, and to Miss Annie Scholes.

SAFFRON WALDEN'S PEAL OF TWELVE.

The addition of the four new bells to make a peal of twelve at Saffron Walden, which has been entrusted to Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, is proceeding, and the dedication will be performed by the Bishop of Chelmsford on Saturday, June 27th, which is the annual ringing festival at Saffron Walden.

LONG PEAL OF CINQUES ATTEMPT.

The attempt for the long peal of Grandsire Cinques (12,473 changes), at Painswick, on Saturday, failed after about three hours' excellent ringing. Another attempt will be made, we are informed, as soon as convenient, as the band are keen on scoring the peal.

EARLY BIRDS.

The band who rang the four Surprise Major peals on Easter Monday had to make an early start. They were all tucked up into bed by ten o'clock on Sunday night, but were called again by 4 a.m.—early hours, at any rate for mine host of a certain well-known Haggerston house, who prefers not to wake till the milkman has called. At five minutes past five the bells of Egham were started into Bristol Surprise, and the peal was completed in 2 hrs. 57 mins. This had put an edge on appetites, and breakfast was welcome.

THE MYSTERIES OF BELL FOUNDING.

A party of 150 members and friends of the Leicester Municipal Officers' Association had an instructive outing to Loughborough the other day, when they visited the famous foundry of Messrs. Taylor and Sons, and learnt something of the mysteries of bell founding. They were received by the heads of the firm (Messrs. J. W. and E. D. Taylor), and saw the casting of several bells, destined for Australia, the process being explained in detail by Mr. E. D. Taylor. A large number of bells in various stages of completion, including the new peal for St. Mary's, Southampton, five bells for Denmark, and the peal of twelve from St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, which are at the foundry, the last-named being struck round for the edification of the visitors. Next they were entertained with a carillon performance, Mr. Harry Withers, of Bourneville, having been brought over for the purpose. He delighted the listeners with a programme which included "Cavalleria Rusticana," "Sweet Chiming Bells," "Beware," "Thora," "The Lost Chord," "The Ash Grove," "Land of my Fathers," "Men of Harlech," and "Auld Lang Syne." Afterwards Messrs. Taylor were heartily thanked for their kindness.

A NORTHANTS RESTORATION.

Thanks largely to the generosity of Mr. Pickering Phipps, the patron of the living, the four old bells of Rothorpe, Northants, have been recast, and a fifth has been given by the Vicar (the Rev. H. R. C. Vernon) and his family. The four old bells were dated 1630, 1638, 1638 and 1719. The work was carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, in a highly creditable manner, which has given the utmost satisfaction.

The Rural Dean (the Rev. A. C. Neely) re-dedicated the bells at a short service outside the church. The other robed clergy present were the Rev. H. R. C. Vernon (Vicar), the Rev. J. C. King, D.D. (Gayton), and the Rev. Isham Longden (Heyford). After the dedicatory prayers and the pealing of the bells, evensong was sung in the church, and a short address was given by the Rev. A. C. Neely. Mrs. Warwick was at the organ. At the close of the service a band of Northants ringers, comprising Messrs. J. Clarke, C. Clarke, F. Hopper, T. Law, W. Sharp, W. Allen, and W. Pacey, rang three 120's of Grandsire Doubles, after which five others, including Messrs. L. Taylor and David Wright, of the Croydon Bell Foundry, rang 120 of Stedman Doubles and 120 of Grandsire Doubles.

All then adjourned to the School Room, where a splendid meat tea had been provided by the kindness of the Vicar, and to which about 25 ringers did complete justice. During the tea the Vicar called in and thanked all for their very excellent ringing. He also expressed his satisfaction with the tone of the new bells and the way in which the work had been executed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. He hoped that the six or seven men who had promised to learn to ring the bells would stick to it under the tuition of such an able coach as Mr. J. Clarke, who had undertaken to initiate them into the art of change ringing.

The bells were again brought into use until 9 p.m., whilst on Easter Day they were also rung at each service, the quality of tone and perfect "go" being much appreciated.

The rehanging of the bells is a portion of a big scheme for the restoration of the church. Part has already been completed, and it is hoped that the Bishop will be present at the dedication service when the whole is completed.

CHESTER GUILD.

The Grappenhall branch held a meeting at Daresbury, on Saturday, when the following towers were represented: Grappenhall, Lymm, Frodsham, Runcorn, Stretton, Warrington (St. Paul's). A service was held, at which the ringers' special form of service was used. Tea, kindly provided by the Vicar of Daresbury, was followed by the meeting, at which a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for his kindness. An adjournment was then made to the tower to try the new peal of eight, which were recently hung by Messrs. Warner and Sons, the "go" and tone being all that can be desired, and upon which Daresbury is to be congratulated. The raising of the ringing level by the provision of a second floor about two feet above the former one has effected quite a marked improvement.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**MEETING IN FAVOUR OF COOVERING TWO DIOCESES.**

The Easter quarterly meeting was held at Eye on Easter Monday, and as it was fourteen years since the Association last met in the ancient borough, considerable interest was evinced in the visit. Upwards of 80 representatives were present, and the ring of eight in the Parish Church were largely used by them. Luncheon was served at the White Lion Hotel, the President (Mr. J. Laneroff Holmes, J.P.) being in the chair.

After the loyal toast had been honoured and the Vicar of Eye thanked for the use of the bells, the President proposed "Success to the Association." He referred to the very satisfactory character of the recently issued report for the year 1913, and stated the work of the Association had been very efficiently carried on by their hon. secretary and treasurer (the Rev. C. L. Kennaway) and their secretary. Regarding Mr. Kennaway, who was leaving the county, it was difficult for him (the President) to say all he would like to say, for Mr. Kennaway and himself were at school together, and had been friends for fifty years. He had, however, decided to remove to Dorsetshire, and although he did not think he would want anything to remind him of them, he (the President) had ventured to have made a model of an old church bell in Hampshire. In presenting this gift to Mr. Kennaway, the President said he hoped he would place it on his table and use it as occasion required (applause). It would remind him of the many happy hours he had spent with the ringers of the diocese, and how they valued and esteemed the service he had rendered. He wished him long life and happiness.—On rising to respond, the Rev. C. L. Kennaway was very cordially greeted. He thanked the President for the beautiful gift which he would always treasure. Bell ringing and all connected with it had greatly improved since he first joined the Association in 1877, and for this improvement such Associations as theirs were largely responsible. Although he was leaving the East for the West, he hoped to see them all again.

Before the meeting concluded some little discussion took place with regard to the effect on the Association of the division of the East Anglian dioceses.—The Secretary explained that the committee was going very thoroughly into the matter, and their decisions and recommendations would be laid before the members at the annual meeting in October next. The subject was first mentioned at their last annual meeting, held at Ipswich, and the general feeling was that there should be no division. Whatever was decided upon, some little re-organisation would be necessary, for it seemed imperative to him (the secretary) that more frequent meetings of the Association should take place. Their area was a large one, and the present number of meetings per year did not cover the ground sufficiently well.

On the President asking the company to give an expression of opinion on the subject, there was a unanimous "aye" in favour of the Association covering the two dioceses of Norwich, and St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

The election of a number of new members concluded the meeting.

YORKSHIRE'S NEW NORTHERN DISTRICT.

The very large area covered by the Northern district of the Yorkshire Association being admittedly the most difficult to work, the committee decided that it should have first attention. With the object, therefore, of giving the new district a good "send-off," the first meeting was held at Northallerton on Saturday week, when upwards of 30 members and friends were present. The eight bells at the Parish Church were made good use of, in spite of two ropes having to be spliced between touches.

After all had enjoyed a substantial meat tea, the business meeting was held in the Parish Room, with the President (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) as chairman, other officials present being the hon. general secretary (Mr. C. Glenn), and Messrs. Fearnley, Williams and Blakiston (committee-men). The position of vice-president was filled by the unanimous election of Dr. Pauli, of Middleham, who, in returning thanks, promised to give the district his hearty support.—Mr. J. H. Blakiston, of Middlesbro', was enthusiastically voted to the post of ringing master, after the proposer and seconder (Mr. Rudd and the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver respectively) had voiced the members' appreciation of the great amount of spade work he had done for ringing in the North.—Mr. W. Rudd, of Thornaby, was elected to the district secretaryship, being in every way fitted for the position.—The members elected to the district committee were Messrs. F. Barker and E. Milburn, Saltburn; J. H. Pinkney and G. Cattle, Thornaby; C. Pollard and F. Laverick, Middlesbro'; F. A. Mellanby, Carlton-in-Cleveland; W. Lefty, Marske; and A. Burrows, Richmond. Of these, Messrs. Barker and Laverick were elected to serve on the Central Committee with the three principal officers.—Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of Northallerton for the use of the bells and the Parish Room, and to the local branch for their arrangements, and with thanks to the chairman, a pleasant meeting terminated.

Will members of the Northern District please note that new and renewal subscriptions, applications for reports, etc., should be sent to the district secretary, Mr. W. Rudd, 12, Oxford Road, Thornaby-on-Tees.

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NOTICES.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The first meeting will be held at Goole, on Saturday, May 2nd. The eight bells of the Parish Church will be available all day. Tea in the National Schools (near church), at 5 p.m., at 1s. per head. Business meeting afterwards for the election of district officers—vice-president, ringing master, secretary and committee. All ringers welcome.—Clement Glenn, Hon. General Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of this society will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, at Chesterfield. Church of St. Mary and All Saints, ten bells, tenor 25 cwt., available 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m., except during the business meeting, which will be held about 6 p.m. The business will include election of officers for the ensuing year, presentation of balance sheet, secretary's report, etc., and a good attendance is hoped for.—J. E. L. Cockey, Hon. Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guildford district will be held at Shere, tomorrow, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) available 3.30. Service, with address by the Rector, 5.15. Tea at "The White Horse," 6 p.m. Tickets 6d. to members, 1s. to visitors.—John J. Jones, Hon. Secretary, North Street, Guildford.

OLDHAM AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting of the above society will be held at Moorside, on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells ready at 3.30. Business meeting at 6 o'clock sharp.—C. Platt, Secretary.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY will hold their annual meeting on Saturday next, May 2nd, at their headquarters, Saint Michael's Parish Church. Bells available at 4 p.m. All ringers invited. Business meeting at 7 p.m.—Charles Bower.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on May 5th and 19th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 7th and 21st; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 12th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 19th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 26th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus, 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mark's Church, Glodwick, on Saturday, May 9th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Earl's Colne, on Saturday, May 9th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short service with address at 5 p.m. Tea at the Lion Hotel at 5.45 p.m., 8d. each to all giving notice of their intention to be present not later than Wednesday, May 6th.—B. Redgwell, Hon. District Secretary, The Street, Rayne.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the North and East District will be held at Hadley (by kind permission of the Rev. R. H. O. Stubbs) on Saturday, May 9th.

Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, 6d. each. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Berkeley, on Saturday, May 9th, 1914. Service at the Parish Church, 4.30 p.m. Tea at the White Hart Hotel, 5.15. Business meeting after. Business: Election of Officers, Ladies' Guild and Central Council representation, Inter-affiliation, etc. Will branch secretaries please inform me of the probable number of their members attending? Details will be published next week.—W. A. Cave, Hon. Secretary, 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Deanery Branch.—The next meeting of the above named branch will be held at Bruton, on Saturday, May 9th, 1914. Service in the Parish Church 4.15 p.m. Tea in the schoolroom 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers and friends cordially invited.—T. G. Vincent, Wraxall, Shepton Mallet.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Brighton, on Saturday, May 9th. Luncheon at the Unicorn Hotel, North Street, at 1.30 p.m. Members' tickets 1s. 3d. each. Meeting at 2.15 to be presided over by the Lord Bishop of Lewes, who will also preach the sermon at the service to be held in St. Peter's Church, at 4 o'clock. Bells of St. Nicholas and St. Peter's open for ringing from 12 to 1, 5 to 6 and 7 to 9. Half fares (with a maximum of 2s.) allowed to members attending the meeting. Those intending to be present should notify me not later than Tuesday, May 5th.—G. Watson, Hon. General Secretary, Vale Road, St. Leonard's.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Saltwood (near Hythe) on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Special service at 5 p.m. An allowance of one penny per mile, single journey (maximum two shillings) will be paid to all members attending. Tea will be arranged at 1s. each for all those who let me know they require the same not later than Tuesday, May 5th.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton, on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available 3.30. Service in the church 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Widnes, on Saturday, May 9th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Guiseley, on Saturday, May 9th. There will be a peal attempt at 3 p.m. The business meeting will be held at the Red Lion Inn at 7 p.m.—F. Hopwood, 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke, Hon. Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A meeting will be held at Stockbridge, on Saturday, May 9th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5.15.—James W. Elkins, District Secretary.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—A special meeting will be held at Aldwinckle, on Saturday, May 9th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Will those intending being present kindly let me know by Wednesday, May 6th.—F. Stubbs, District Secretary, 7, Grove Street, Raunds.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Sudbury Branch.—A district meeting will be held at Bury St. Edmunds, on Saturday, May 9th, when it is hoped a large number will attend. Tea at the Golden Fleece (Churchgate Street) at 4 p.m. Please send word to the secretary, not later than Tuesday, May 5th, if tea is required. The bells of St. Mary's, and the Norman Tower will be available, and those of Horringer (8), Fornham, Barton, Rougham (all 6) have been applied for.—Rev. R. L. Gardner, The Red House, Hadleigh, Suffolk, District Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Clitheroe, on Saturday, May 16th, 1914. Bells of St. Mary Magdalen's Church available from 2.30 p.m. Meeting in the class room 5.30 p.m.—W. H. Shaker and J. H. Banks, Hon. Secretaries.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. W. H. Thompson) at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, on Saturday, May 16th, 1914. Bells available from 4.30. Service at 6. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar, at 6.30. By invitation of the Vicar a mid-week meeting will be held at Acton, on Wednesday evening, May 27th, ringing from 6 o'clock. Refreshments provided. All ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—P. S. Arthur B. Wiffen has removed to 2, Leigh Ville Grove, Leigh-on-Sea.

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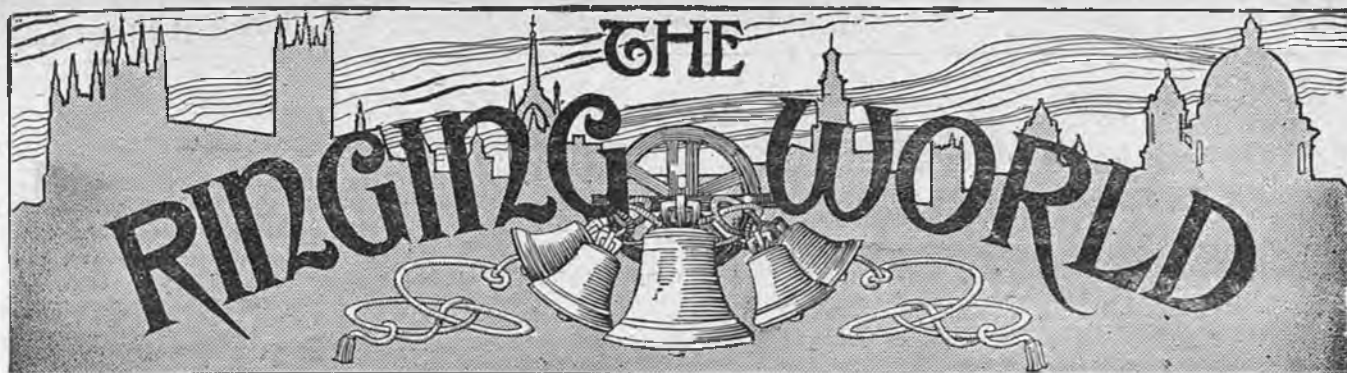


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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
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MODERN WORK.

VALUE OF A BENEVOLENT FUND.

One of the principal arguments that have been used against the formation of a Benevolent Fund by ringing associations has been that the introduction of the National Insurance Act has done away with the necessity for any such method of assistance. Our contention has always been that, despite the benefits which those in sickness may derive from the operation of this measure, there is still room, and, indeed, a need for such voluntary effort as a Benevolent Fund may afford. At one meeting, recently, where the subject was discussed, it was urged that, with the present calls upon the purse of the working man he could ill-afford to make any further contribution to such an object. In view, however, of the schemes which Kent and Sussex have put into operation, it is obvious that a benevolent fund can be run without any direct drain upon the members, and the difficulties anticipated are really unfounded.

As to the practical uses of the fund there can be no question, and the Sussex Association, to whose members a report will be presented at the annual meeting on Saturday, has provided concrete instances of the value of a benevolent fund. In October, for example, a ringer was out of work for 14 weeks, and, with the prospect of still another month's incapacity, and with a wife and five children under ten years of age (one of them a cripple) was practically at the end of his resources, his only income having been the National Health Insurance of 10s. a week. In this case the general secretary received the application on a Friday, the consent of the committee was obtained and a cheque for two guineas posted to the applicant on the Monday following. What a boon such assistance must have been to a family in these circumstances, and all the more helpful because it was given so quickly. In March last from the same fund two other ringers, also in considerable need, were similarly assisted, and thus the great value of the fund was convincingly proved. No man knows when misfortune may overtake him, and, even if he is an insured person, ten shillings a week will not go far when a large family is deprived of the bread winner. Any other help is therefore of real assistance, and when ringers can give practical demonstration of the fraternal feeling that exists between them by allocating part of their funds to such a good purpose, they go one more step in the proof of the brotherhood which exists in the Exercise. What Sussex and Kent are doing others can do, and we hope to see a great extension of the benevolent fund movement. There are several of the big societies at any rate who could take action, by utilising a small portion of the "nest-egg" which they have, or by some other adjustment of their financial arrangements.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, April 23, 1914, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY, E.

A PEAL OF STEBMAN CATER, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES... Treble	WILLIAM TRUSS ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	GEORGE R. FARDON ... 7
WALTER S. WISE ... 3	EMANUEL HALL ... 8
ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. 9
JAMES SCHOLES ... 5	C. W. ROBERT GRIMWOOD Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON, and
Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung to celebrate the 28th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Scholes.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1914, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5057 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

CHARLES FAULKS ... Treble	JOHN GOODMAN, JUNR. ... 6
GEORGE POPNELL ... 2	GILBERT GUEST ... 7
THOMAS GRIFFITHS ... 3	REUBEN HALL ... 8
SAMUEL SPITTLE ... 4	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... 9
WILLIAM MILLS ... 5	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT, and
Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUNR.

This peal was arranged for Mr. G. Popnell, and rung on the Festival of St. Mark.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs.

GEORGE FIGOTT ... Treble	*ALBERT LITTLE ... 6
*THOMAS H. BURKITT ... 2	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... 7
*MOSES B. SMITH ... 3	GEORGE HUGHES ... 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	*WILLIAM A. COOPER ... 9
*FRANK W. PERRINS ... 5	THOMAS HUGHES ... Tenor

Composed by H. WHITTLE, and
Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Moses B. Smith.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

W. BROWN ... Treble	†JAMES ROSE ... 5
G. W. MEE ... 2	*WILLIAM KINSEY ... 6
H. J. MEE ... 3	EDGAR RIVERS ... 7
*FRED KINSEY ... 4	FRANK ROLFE ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by E. RIVERS.

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

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5049 CHANCES;

C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 7½ cwt.

REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... Treble	*JAMES BUTLER ... 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 2	†J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... 6
REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ... 3	†REV. B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE 7
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... 4	*F. PHILIP CHEETHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

* First peal on tower bells. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 25, 1914, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING Treble	ALFRED T. REEVES 5
LEONARD T. OSBORNE 2	AMBROSE W. OSBORNE 6
WALTER A. WEBB 3	ALFRED WATMORE 7
CHARLES GILES 4	REUBEN SAWYER Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. H. Smith-Masters, whose wedding took place at Stewkley on Tuesday, April 21st.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 26, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. COLLETT Treble	F. BIRD 5
H. GILLET 2	W. STRATFORD 6
F. DAVIS 3	W. LARGE 7
E. PARDON 4	T. BANNING Tenor

Conducted by W. LARGE.

First peal on the bells, which have been augmented to eight by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 28, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, Bathwick,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALBERT E. SEERS Treble	CHARLES GOODENOUGH 5
*ALBERT E. ALEXANDER 2	CHARLES DENSLEY 6
FREDERICK C. RICH 3	RICHARD J. COUSINS 7
CHARLES W. BELL 4	THOMAS HOGSFLESH Tenor

Conducted by A. E. ALEXANDER.

* First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Charles Bell.

MIDDLETON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 28, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWES Treble	THOMAS K. DRIVER 5
THOMAS OLDHAM 2	TOM A. OGDEN 6
FRANK BERRY 3	JAMES ARROWSMITH, Senr. 7
WILLIAM BERRY 4	DAN RENSHAW Tenor

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

*STANLEY RIDGERS Treble	ALFRED R. ELKINS 5
WILLIAM ELKINS 2	EDWARD CLAPSHAW 6
HUBERT CHAFFEY 3	CHARLES EDWARDS 7
CORPL. G. GILBERT, R.E. 4	HARRY KIMBER Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 29, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt., in E.

CHARLES E. READ Treble	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD 5
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 2	ALFRED H. WINCH 6
WILLIAM H. CORBETT 3	RICHARD KENDALL 7
ALFRED R. BROWN 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and

Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

This is believed to be the first peal of Bob Major on these bells since 1783.

WOLVERHAMPTON

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, April 29, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke, Blakenhall.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*DANIEL JONES Treble	WILLIAM FISHER 5
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	*FRANK W. PERRENS 6
GEORGE HUGHES 3	*ALBERT LITTLE 7
HORACE HOWELL 4	JOSEPH FIGOTT Tenor

Composed by H. H. WILDE, and

Conducted by J. FIGOTT.

* First peal in the method. Composition No. 16 in C.C. Report.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 30, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lbs.

FRANK R. COPEMAN Treble	CECIL R. CHAMBERLIN 5
GEORGE S. SOAME 2	JOHN MOY 6
CHARLES NEWLAND 3	GEORGE HOWCHIN 7
WILLIAM STEELE 4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN Tenor

Composed by W. EVERSFIELD, and

Conducted by WM. STEELE.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 30, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew, Upper Clapton,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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

ROBERT E. PELLATT Treble	HENRY J. KING 5
*CHARLES A. GRAY 2	WILLIAM J. KEMP 6
FRED C. MAYNARD 3	STANLEY H. R. COOPER 7
WILLIAM T. POWELL 4	HENRY J. CANTOR Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES A. GRAY.

* First peal as conductor. This is believed to be the quickest peal on the bells. Mr. W. T. Powell was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

SUNDERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 30, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ignatius the Martyr.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM OXLEY Treble	MICHAEL F. HARRISON 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR 2	THOMAS H. NAISBY 6
JAMES AYERS 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER 7
WILLIAM A. CARR 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

First peal of Surprise Major by all except the conductor, and first on the bells. All the band are service ringers at the church, and it is the first peal of Surprise Major for this Association by the band of one church.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 30, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE POVEY Treble	PERCY E. BEX 5
REGINALD BROUGH 2	EDWARD AUDSLEY 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 30, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... Treble	ERNEST F. POPPY 5
EDWIN WHITING 2	JOHN SNELLING 6
ERNEST WHITING 3	GEORGE SNELLING 7
FREDERICK SEAGER 4	*JOHN SOUTER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

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

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 30, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by ARTHUR F. JAMES.

* First peal in the method as conductor.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR LEWIS Treble	WILLIAM MARGETTS 5
ARTHUR E. MORGAN 2	JOHN W. JONES 6
JOHN BULLEN 3	JOHN W. DAVIS 7
ROBERT THOMPSON 4	*ERNEST ROWE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

* First peal.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(MELTON MOWBRAY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN R. BARTRAM Treble	*HARRY BURBECK 5
†GEORGE TOWELL 2	JOAN OLDHAM 6
SYDNEY HUDDLESTON 3	R. HENRY BARTRAM 7
†ERNEST BARTRAM 4	*JOHN TOWNSEND Tenor

Conducted by R. H. BARTRAM.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. ‡ First peal of Grand-sire Triples inside. J. Oldham hails from Loughborough, G. Towell and Burbeck from Oakham, and the rest from Melton Mowbray. First attempt for a peal by J. R. Bartram, aged 16, who rang owing to the company being one short.

APPLEDORE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY Treble	PERCY PAGE 5
GEORGE KENWARD 2	GILBERT J. YOUNGS 6
*HAROLD SMITH 3	GEORGE BILLENNESS 7
CHARLES TRIBE 4	GEORGE JOHNSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal of Triples with an inside bell.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, CAMBERWELL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS LANGDON Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
ERNEST PYE 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES 6
WILLIAM J. KRMP 3	REUBEN SANDERS 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES WILSON Treble	*WM. H. HUMBERSTONE ... 5
*THOMAS HUMBERSTONE ... 2	†FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
*HARRY BROUGHTON 3	*WALTER BREWIN 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	JOSIAH MORRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Humberstone.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*GEORGE C. ROGERS ... Treble	HENRY J. CANTOR 5
EDWARD C. RICHARDS ... 2	STANLEY H. R. COOPER ... 6
GEORGE SAUNDERS 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
CHARLES A. HUGHES ... 4	HENRY BOXALL Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

* First peal. Mr. Saunders hails from Dover and, the band meeting one short, he kindly took the vacant rope, being elected a member previous to starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to William H. Daynes (eldest son of the conductor), who attained his majority on the preceding day.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM AUDSLEY ... Treble	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ... 5
*DAVID BARNES 2	REGINALD BROUGH 6
GEORGE POVEY 3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	†OSCAR ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell. † First peal. J. Wheadon's 50th peal, and rung after meeting short for Major.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S No. 33. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JESSE SCREEN Treble	ALBERT MILLS 5
THOMAS HILL 2	WALTER PRESTIDGE 6
MISS SARAH PIGOTT 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 7
CHARLES TYLER 4	ALFRED ROWLEY Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

Rung as a quarterly peal for the Guild; also as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Carter, the composer.

EARLSHEATON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ALBERT NORTH Treble	GEORGE F. PICKLES 5
THOMAS R. HENSHER 2	JOHN T. EASON 6
JAMES MOORHOUSE 3	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 7
HERBERT ROWLEY 4	HERBERT DRANSFIELD Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by THOMAS R. HENSHER.

* First peal in the method.

BEESTON, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*JOSEPH WOOLLEY Treble	JOHN C. DICKEN 5
FREDERICK S. PRICE 2	WILLIAM CLIFFORD, Junr. 6
ALBERT COPPOCK 3	*ALFRED C. WRIGHT 7
*JAMES L. WRIGHT 4	*PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

* First peal in the method.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT BUCKLEY Treble	EDMUND SCHOFIELD 5
GEORGE STAFF 2	JOHN H. C. MASSEY 6
JOHN FITTON 3	JOSEPH GREENWOOD 7
*WILLIAM BRIERLEY 4	HARRY BOCKLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH GREENWOOD.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. F. P. Wright (Vicar of Milnrow) on the occasion of his 60th birthday.

OSWALDTWISTLE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, May 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
At the Church of IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	THOMAS HAWORTH 5
ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH 2	WILLIAM RILEY 6
JAMES SHAW 3	WILLIAM WHEWELL 7
JOSEPH RAWCLIFFE 4	JAMES HOULDSWORTH Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by JAMES HOULDSWORTH.

First peal in the method by all, and rung by the local company with the exception of A. Tomlinson, of Blackburn. It was in celebration of the first anniversary of the installation of two new trebles.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

BRAILSFORD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Good Friday, April 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being ten Six-Scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's.

*JOSEPH HAYWOOD Treble	JOSEPH LORD 3
*GEORGE FREEBREY 2	*JOHN FLOWER 4
*JAMES PAGETT Tenor	

* Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled by request of the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. Fairfax).

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 23, 1914, 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, Norwich and Netherseale Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER Treble	GEORGE BAILEY 4
CHARLES CHENERY 2	WILLIAM ROSE 5
ARTHUR BAILEY 3	LEONARD LAST Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to George Bailey.

WOODFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve 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.

*A. JEFFS Treble	A. KNIGHT 4
W. HAYO 2	J. HUDSON 5
L. WYMAN 3	T. JERVIS Tenor

Conducted by T. JERVIS.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor. Arranged for and rung on the 30th birthday of L. Wyman.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN SPENCER Treble	*ERNEST W. HALL 4
ALBERT J. NAUNTON 2	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 5
*WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung for the Festival of St. Mark.

GEDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 30 Six-Scores of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob.

CHARLES COOPER Treble	EDGAR C. REID 3
HARRY PEET 2	HORACE W. SHARMAN 4

ROBERT G. BLACK ... Tenor.

Conducted on ROBERT G. BLACK.

Quickest peal on the bells.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, April 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Lightfoot, Weymouth, Berwick, Beverley, Chester, Carlisle and Canterbury. Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRED PARR Treble	GEORGE BURNHAM 4
HARRY GREAVES 2	WILLIAM H. TURTON 5
THOMAS A. HOWES SMITH 3	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor

Conducted by C. SEVERN.

The above was rung in the attempt for the record Surprise Minor peal of 10,800 changes, but, owing to the fourth ringer being indisposed, the bells were brought round.

STRETTON GRANDISON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, April 26, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores called in ten different ways. Tenor 10 cwt.

RICHARD POWELL Treble	CHARLES H. SPARKS ... 4
ALBERT E. HURCUMB ... 2	HENRY J. TAYLOR ... 5
HENRY SYMONDS ... 3	RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN ... Tenor

Conducted by H. J. TAYLOR.

First peal on the bells and rung as a compliment to the new Vicar (the Rev. C. W. Randle) who kindly entertained the ringers to tea after the peal.

TONG, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 28, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 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 B. BOLLAND ... Treble	REV. R. P. FARROW ... 4
REV. C. B. D. FARROW ... 2	EDWARD ODDY ... 5
GEORGE LAMBERT ... 3	*RUFUS THORNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD ODDY.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung with the bells muffled as a last tribute of respect to Mr. John Cordingley, who was a member of the Tong company for some time, and who died at the age of 87 years.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lbs.

WILLIAM LLEWELLYN ... Treble	CAMPBELL KINGS ... 4
ALLEN GWYNNE ... 2	HENRY KEMP ... 5
JOHN CLARK ... 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

WICKHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor about 9 cwt.

THOMAS SCAMELL ... Treble	HENRY J. SMITH ... 4
HARRY BECKETT ... 2	GEORGE E. CHAPPELL ... 5
HARRY WILLERRITT ... 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

BARROWBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Single Court and Oxford Bob and one each of St. Clement's, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JOHN PEEL ... Treble	*J. FRANK PROCTOR ... 4
REV. C. J. STURTON ... 2	WILLIAM G. THORPE ... 5
HARRY THORPE ... 3	SIDNEY PROCTOR ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

First peal in five methods.

EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Willesden, Old Oxford Modernised and College Bob IV.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

BENJAMIN FOSKETT ... Treble	HARRY KILBY ... 4
THOMAS LANGDON ... 2	GEORGE M. KILBY ... 5
LAWRENCE B. PORTER ... 3	FREDERICK J. HARDY ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. J. HARDY.

NEWENT, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(NORTH FOREST BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs.

*JOHN COOPER ... Treble	A. S. BOAR ... 4
W. J. ROBERTS ... 2	EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS ... 5
*ALBERT MARTIN ... 3	J. T. DYKE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Cooper.

ECTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN T. HENSMAN ... Treble	JOSEPH C. DEAN ... 4
HERBERT RAINBOW ... 2	FRED HOPPER ... 5
THOMAS LAW ... 3	WILLIAM J. ALLEN ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. ALLEN.

First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES 1-2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5-6
J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... 3-4	JAMES BUTLER ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

This peal has the 120 course-ends.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 29, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Size 18, in G.

MAURICE SMITHER ... 1-2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	*CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7-8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Witness: MRS. POLLING.

*First peal of Major on handbells.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

EDGAR VALLANCE ... 1-2	EDUARD NORMAN ... 5-6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 3-4	WILLIAM WILSON ... 7-8

T. HENRY HARDY ... 9-10

Composed by REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON, and

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Umpire: MR. THOMAS VALLANCE.

NEWENT, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

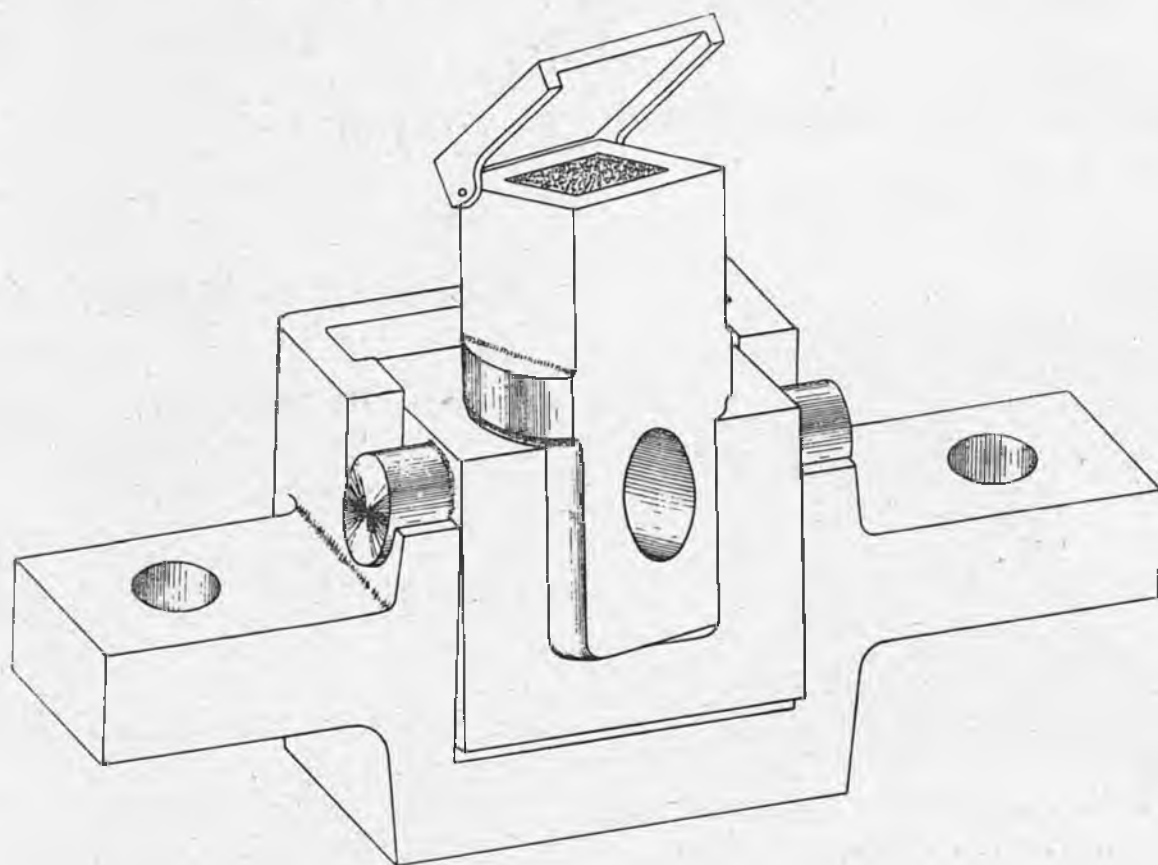
*EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS 1-2	J. T. DYKE ... 3-4
*W. J. ROBERTS ... 5-6	

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

Umpires: ALBERT MARTIN and J. E. ROBERTS.

*First peal on handbells. First peal on handbells in Newent.

Owing to the great pressure on our space a few peal reports are unavoidably held over, as are also some other items of news.



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RINGERS IN THE NEWS.



Mr. Chas. Willshire, of Guildford, whose departure to Canada has made a gap in the Winchester Guild ranks.

Mr. I. G. Shade, who, after ringing four peals in one day, fell down stairs the next and fractured his ribs.

Mr. G. Staddon, "father" of the Bristol Ringers, who has just retired from the office of sexton of St. John's Church, after 58 years' service, photographed on the steps of the Church.

HERE AND THERE.

KING'S NORTON BELLS.

We hope that the suggestion made at the meeting of the St. Martin's, Birmingham, Guild, at King's Norton may bear fruit. The present ring, famous for being the peal upon which the record length of London was rung, are, we have always understood, a remarkably good eight, and two good trebles would make a fine light ring of ten. The fact that Alderman Pritchett, who resides and rings at King's Norton, was present when the suggestion was made, may perhaps ensure something being done.

LONDON RINGERS TO MEET AT CRICKET.

The friendly rivalry which exists between those two ancient London Societies, the College Youths and the Cumberlands, is to be extended from the belfry to the cricket field. The former have challenged the Cumberlands to a match, and, naturally, the challenge has been accepted. This game will, we are sure, excite much interest, and, as it is to be followed by a social, there will doubtless be a big gathering of London ringers in the evening. By-the-way, members of the Cumberland Youths should note that important business is to be transacted at a special meeting to be held after the practice at Shoreditch next Thursday.

THE FIRST PEAL AT PERSHORE.

Some 20 years ago, Mr. J. W. Washbrook called what was believed to be the first peal on the bells at Pershore Abbey, and up to now, we think, the claim held out for that peal of Stedman has not been disputed. But now a century old copy of the "Worcester Herald" reveals a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Pershore exactly 100 years ago. The issue, dated April 30th, 1814, contains the following interesting paragraph: "On Monday a peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 5640 changes, was rung in 3 hours and 13 mins. on those harmonious bells of the Holy Cross, Pershore, allowed by the amateurs of bell music to be the finest peal of eight in the kingdom. Various attempts had been made by different societies for a succession of 85 years, which the Youths of All Saints', Worcester, accomplished in the above time, being, of course, considered a maiden peal. Tenor, one ton thirteen cwt."

PEALS OF NOTE.

In our columns this week there are two peals of note upon which the respective bands are to be congratulated. At Oswaldtwistle, Lancs., "the first peal of London by all the band" was rung on Sunday, all the ringers but one belonging to the local company. At St. Ignatius, Sunderland, Superlative has been accomplished, the first Surprise peal by an entirely local band for the Durham and Newcastle Association. Although the bells were augmented to eight only in February of last year, the company, who are all service ringers, have, under the capable conductorship of Mr. J. W. Parker, successively accomplished Stedman, Double Norwich and Superlative.

A "DOUBLE-HANDED" PERFORMANCE.

At a practice, at Okeford Fitzpaine, Dorset, on Saturday last, Mr. John Thomas rang the two trebles in, and conducted a well-struck 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 24½ mins. The other ringers were: F. Case (Poole); 3, E. Ridout (Okeford Fitzpaine); 4, F. W. Townsend (Poole); 5, W. W. Hughes D'Aeth (Buckhorn Weston); 6. The rest of the afternoon was spent in Kent and Cambridge practice.

PEAL TABLETS.

Two handsome peal tablets have been unveiled in the belfry at High Wycombe Parish Church. One commemorates the peal of Erin Caters rung on January 3rd, 1912, and the other the peal of Stedman Cinques rung on December 10th, 1913. The former was given by Mr. G. Welch, and the latter, which is of slate, enamelled and engraved and gilded, was presented by Mr. T. Dickens. The tablets were dedicated by the Vicar and unveiled by Miss Welch. In connection with the event, a meeting of the Oxford Guild was held, and ringers in large numbers attended from towers in the district. Touches in various methods up to Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Surprise were rung.

AN ANONYMOUS GIFT.

Two trebles to make a peal of eight have been presented by an anonymous donor to the Parish Church of Bourton-on-the-Water, Glos., and have been dedicated by the Archdeacon of Cirencester. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank were the founders, and in addition they have quarter turned and rehung the old bells. The way in which the work has been carried out has given the greatest satisfaction to the many ringers who have tried them.

SOUTHAMPTON NEW BELLS.

On May Day, the new bells for St. Mary's, Southampton, were welcomed to the parish with great festivity. They were bedecked with flowers and drawn on lorries through the streets, and at the boundary of the parish were met by the clergy and choir who escorted them to the church.

"NEWHALL DELIGHT."

The name of Newhall has been given to No. 10 of the 4th's place Delight in the Central Council Collection by the Newhall ringers, who scored a 720 on Saturday last, the following taking part: J. Baseley 1, J. Hough, junr., 2, H. Hurdman (conductor) 3, J. Hough 4, C. Allsop 5, J. H. Swinfield 6.

NEW BELLS FOR ERITH.

The tower of the new church of Christ Church, which is being built at Erith, Kent, will be provided with a ring of eight bells, based upon a 17½ cwt. tenor, in the key of E. Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London, E., have been entrusted with the work.

THE CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION.

REASONS FOR DR. PAULI'S CECESION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Two months ago I resigned my positions of vice-president and hon. member of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. A committee meeting has since been held, and I suppose my letter considered. I have not heard another word! Will you kindly give publicity of the reasons of my resignation, a copy of which I sent to each of the four officials and which, with the exception of the secretary, they acknowledged?

The reasons were these:—

"I object to the counting of peals to the Association which are not true peals, and which violate the rules of the Central Council."

"I object to the system which is followed of learners being 'put through' so-called peals who have not been taught the principle of ringing, namely, correct striking and how to lead with a light bell in relation to a heavier one."

"That the Association has, by mischievous interference, caused disension in the tower to which I belong."

I am compelled to take this step, I believe in the interest of true ringing, as I am unable in any other way to emphasise my objection to what, in my opinion, ought not to be possible to an Association of change ringers.—Yours faithfully,

Middleham, May 2nd, 1914.

HENRY PAULI.



NORTON CUCKNEY RINGERS AND THEIR BELLS.

DUKE OF PORTLAND'S GENEROUS GIFT.**DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT NORTON CUCKNEY.**

It was a happy thought on the part of his Grace the Duke of Portland to present to St. Mary's Church, Norton Cuckney, two new bells to make a ring of six in commemoration of the silver wedding of himself and her Grace the Duchess, and the coming-of-age of their elder son, the Marquis of Titchfield. The work has been splendidly carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and, as briefly reported in our last issue, the bells were dedicated on Sunday week by the Ven. Archdeacon Hacking. The ceremony attracted a very large attendance, the sacred edifice being packed to overflowing. The service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Smith) was most impressive and enjoyable, a feature being the hearty singing, the hymns including "We love the place, O God," "Angel voices ever singing," and "The Church's one foundation." Psalm 122 was chanted, and the lessons were read by the Archdeacon. After the third collect the clergy, the choir and churchwardens, Colonel Willoughby and Mr. R. Evers, together with the Duke and Duchess, proceeded to the ringing chamber. The ropes were presented to the Archdeacon, who was asked by his Grace to dedicate the bells to the glory and praise of God. This the Archdeacon did, and then handed the ropes to the Vicar, and committed the bells to his care, 60 changes of Grandsize Doubles being rung by the Worksof Priory church ringers, while the procession returned to the chancel. The Archdeacon took as his text: "Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord." He referred to the important part which the Church played in the life of man, and said that that day new bells had been added to the church, for which they were exceedingly grateful. The bells would call many to worship, and would mark various events of joy and sorrow in the life of man. For many generations they would bear witness to their donors—a mark of gratitude to God for family happiness and the fulfilment of hopes and desires.

THE DUKE RINGS THE TENOR.

After service, on the people leaving church, the bells rang out a merry peal. The ringers included the head of the Loughborough firm (Mr. J. W. Taylor). The Duke of Portland also expressed his willingness to ring the largest bell, and, as he appeared to be the biggest

and strongest man present, he had a few pulls on the tenor to the great delight of a large number of interested lookers-on. Mr. Jesse Kirk, late churchwarden, also had a few pulls on the new tenor and shaped well.

During the afternoon mixed bands of ringers rang touches of Grand-siro, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise, the Bolsover ringers being very unfortunate in not scoring the first 720 on the bells owing to a shift course. The first 720 was subsequently rung by the Worksof company, viz., Bob Minor, by: F. Hind 1, H. Haigh (conductor) 2, C. Hudson 3, C. Peck 4, T. Wilson 5, T. Bartholomew 6. For evening service two more 720's of Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure by mixed bands, conducted by H. Haigh, were rung.

The ringers during the day were catered for at the Greendale Oak by Host and Hostess Bottom (an old friend of the writer) in admirable style, and the best thanks of the ringers are due to the Vicar and churchwardens of Cuckney, and also to Mr. William Smith, the captain of the local ringers, for the splendid arrangements made for the comfort and convenience of all.

The bells, which were originally a ring of four, are now a beautiful ring of six, the tenor having been recast and two more hundred-weights of metal added, in addition to the inclusion of the two new bells and the repairing and renovating the old ones and the substituting of a steel frame for the old oak beams. The two trebles bear the following inscription: "Given by the sixth Duke of Portland, 1914, to commemorate his silver wedding and coming-of-age of his elder son, the Marquis of Titchfield."

The four old bells are dated 1626, 1639, 1641 and 1810. The third bears the inscription: "God save the Church," and the fifth, "Hulton, Wath, founder." The new tenor bears the following: "All men that hear my solemn sound, repent before ye lie in ground. Recast by J. Taylor and Sons, Loughborough, 1914."

The whole ring has been rehung and the bells tuned on Canon Simpson's five-tone principle, and their purity and sweetness of tone and the splendid "go" of the peal leaves nothing to be desired. By most ringers present they were considered to be equal if not superior to any in the county. The work has been carried out under the supervision of Mr. A. Bentley, who has been in the employ of Messrs. Taylor and Co. for nearly 40 years.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the London County Association was held on Monday of last week at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. As was expected a large number of ringers turned up, and the bells were kept going from 8 till 9.15, to the tune of Stedman Cinques and Treble Twelve. At the meeting held subsequently in the Parish Room, the Master occupied the chair. The business was largely of a routine character, the chief points settled being the date of the next quarterly meeting, viz., Monday, 13th July, at a tower to be announced later. The secretary gave notice of a special meeting to be held on the same date, when a resolution will be moved affecting the rules of the society. A vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells concluded the business, and the rest of the evening was spent with the handbells.

RINGING CONTEST AT COCKERMOUTH.

The Cumberland Association held their annual competition on Easter Monday at All Saints' Church, Cockermouth, for the handsome shield presented by Canon Rawnsley, of Keswick. Four teams entered. Carlisle rang Oxford Treble Bob Minor for 18 minutes, with 245 faults; Aspatria rang Kent Treble Bob Minor for 26 minutes, with 348 faults; Keswick rang Stedman Triples for 21 minutes, with 169 faults, and Cockermouth rang Kent Treble Bob Minor for 27 minutes, with 133 faults. Cockermouth were the only team to complete the course. At a short business meeting which followed, the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Parker) presented the shield to the conductor of the winning team (Mr. T. Casson). Further ringing and tea concluded the day's proceedings. Mr. J. H. Banks, of Manchester, acted as judge.

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SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Last year, at the Central Council meeting at Newcastle, I brought forward a motion that Superlative Surprise Royal, as given by Shipway, is the same method as the Major, and I put the proof of the matter before the Council. It was, however, thought better to let the subject rest for a year in order that the members might have a better insight into the matter before voting upon it. It seems to me that it will at the same time enlighten the members of the Council, and also save valuable time at the meeting if I set forth proof in the columns of the ringing papers beforehand.

Consider Superlative Surprise Major. It is a double method so constructed that 7th's place is made when the treble is behind, and 2nd's when she leads, and if these two places are omitted the bells will run up backwards when the treble is behind, and also run round when she returns to lead. If the Royal exists it must satisfy these conditions, and also we must be able to give a satisfactory reason drawn from the Major for every place we make in Royal.

The Major begins by changing all the bells, and, therefore, the Royal must do the same, and we get:—

12345678	1234567890
21436587	2143658709

The treble then dodges back to lead, and 3rd's and 6th's are made in Major; what ought these places to be in Royal?

First of all what are they in Major?

- The 3rd's is (a) 3rd's from the front.
 (b) 6th's from behind.
 (c) 2nd's below the centre.
 (d) three places below 6th's which is also made.

The 6th's is (a) 6th's from the front.
 (b) 3rd's from behind.
 (c) 2nd's above centre.
 (d) three places above 3rd's which is also made.

We can look at them each in these four ways, and in no other ways. To reproduce them in Royal we must retain one or more of these relationships, but we cannot produce them all.

i	ii	iii
21436577	2143658709	2143658709
12463578	1246357890	124635790

In example i we have 3rd's and 6th's relation (a) for both places.

ii „ 3rd's and 8th's relation (a) and relation (b).

iii „ 5th's and 8th's relation (b) for both places.

There are several others which I might set down, but the space occupied in printing them all would be too great. There are two more, making five possible ways in which these two places can be reproduced on ten bells.

The bells are now all changed again and we get:—

i	ii	iii
21645387	2164538709	2164837509
		2143867509

The treble now passes from 1—2 into 3—4 at the first cross section, and 4th's place is made in Major.

This is (a) 4th's from the lead.
 (b) 5th's from the back.

It must be one of these two in Royal, and it cannot be both. We must, therefore, make 4th's or 6th's in Royal, 4th's being (a) and 6th's (b), and we must write these out under each of the five possible Royal variations we have got, which gives us ten variations, in each of which we can justify the places from the Major.

The bells are now all changed again, and the treble dodges in 3—4 when 5th's place is made.

This is (a) 5th's from lead.
 (b) 4th's from behind.

In Royal it must, therefore, be 5th's (a), or 7th's (b), and we now have twenty variations in which all the places are justifiable.

The bells are all changed again, and the treble crosses section from 3—4 into 5—6. Now, in Major this is the centre, and so the places 3rd's and 6th's are double of each other; in Royal this cross section is not the centre, and so the Major does not tell us whether we are to have two places at the cross section or only one.

We can make 3rd's and 5th's, 3rd's and 7th's, 3rd's alone, 5th's alone, and 7th's alone; five possible variations all justifiable from the Major, and we now have a hundred variations of Royal with all their places justifiable from the Major.

Now, change all the bells. In Major 5—6 is simply double of 3—4, but in Royal it is the centre and equal to 3—4 in Major, in relation to the back, and 5—6 in Major in relation to the front; therefore, we must reproduce the Major places of her dodge in 3—4 above the treble and of her dodge in 5—6 below the treble. This gives us 5th's and 8th's.

The method is double, and the rest is simply the reverse of this, and so the treble gets up behind when we must make 9th's place.

Now write out the hundred variations until the treble gets up to the back, drop the 9th's place in them all, and you will find that in one only of the hundred variations will the bells run up backward, and this one is Shipway's Royal.

H. LAW JAMES.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LARGE GATHERING AT ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The annual meeting of the Lincoln Guild was held at Lincoln on Saturday week. Members began to assemble at St. Peter-at-Arches early in the afternoon, the bells being open for ringing from 2.30 to 3.30. To show to what extent the public in general appreciate the thoughtfulness of the Rector and his own ringers by curtailing the ringing at this church for a single hour during the day, it may be remarked that a particularly rude written message from one of the tradesmen in the vicinity was received by the Rector, of which, of course, no notice was taken.

Apart from the afternoon service at the Cathedral, the chief event of the day was the re-opening of the Ringers' Chapel by the Dean immediately after the service, at which the Dean gave a short address, and which was well attended by the members. It may be here remarked that the restoration of the chapel is one of the many works which the Dean and Chapter have determined to carry out at the Cathedral. The Morning Chapel, the Chanters' Chapel and now the Ringers' Chapel, are already accomplished facts, and in due time there is to be the Soldiers' Chapel, and others too numerous to mention.

Subsequently some 228 members and visiting ringers sat down to a sumptuous tea in the Co-operative Hall. Immediately after tea the Guild meeting was held under the presidency of the Dean, supported by the Master (the Rev. H. Law James), the hon. secretary (the Rev. R. Bond), the four branch secretaries and members of the committee. In the body of the hall were noticed the Rev. A. Hunt (Vicar of Wilton), the Rev. S. Wild (of Dunholme), and other church workers. The chief item for discussion was the ways and means of helping the funds for the restoration of the Ringers' Chapel, which the Dean informed the meeting would cost at least £350. He was only sorry Mr. Linley, of Gainsborough, who had taken a deep interest in the matter for many years, was unable to be present to give them his ideas. — The Guild Master, however, pointed out that roughly £50 had been contributed, chiefly by the northern branch. — After several suggestions had been put forward, it was finally arranged that the secretaries to the other three branches should bring the matter before their branch members at their particular meetings.

The annual report and balance sheet were taken as read, and the whole of the officers were re-elected. A sum of £2 2s. was voted from the Restoration Fund at St. Botolph's, Lincoln, and a like sum to Billingborough. — The Master, in a general review, emphasised the necessity of good striking above everything else, and pointed out that in order to make real progress individual companies should not be content with ringing many peals in the same method. — A hearty vote of thanks to the Dean for presiding concluded the Guild meeting.

NORTHERN BRANCH BUSINESS MEETING.

The annual business meeting of the Northern branch was then held, the Rev. R. Bond presiding in the unavoidable absence of the president of the branch (Mr. Linley). All the officers were re-elected, and a sum of £3 3s. was voted to the St. Botolph's, Lincoln, bell restoration fund. There was considerable interesting discussion upon a further grant to the Ringers' Chapel Fund, and finally it was decided to give a further contribution of £5. — Grimsby was selected as the place for the next half-yearly meeting, and an appeal from the Burton-on-Humber tower for a contribution to the bell restoration fund was left over until that meeting.

Mr. Tucker, of Gainsborough, brought forward the matter of inter-affiliation, but no definite decision was arrived at on the question. — A vote of thanks to the Rector of St. Peter-at-Arches for presiding, and the various incumbents for the use of the bells, concluded the meeting.

The various towers were then again visited, and ringing in different methods took place until late in the evening. It seemed the general opinion of the members that another successful and useful meeting had been held, both for pleasure and business.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

A party of Peterborough ringers had an enjoyable outing on Easter Monday, when they made a tour to Titchmarsh, Thrapston (where Miss Kingsford, the late Rector's daughter, took part with them in the ringing), Lowick and Aldwinckle. At each place touches in various methods were rung, and at Aldwinckle the visitors were kindly entertained to tea by the Rector (Canon Hodgson), who gave them a hearty welcome.

The Salehurst (Sussex) band, accompanied by Messrs. W. Franks and W. Thomas, of Battle, had a delightful tour for their annual outing, when, by means of a pair-horse brake, they visited Staplehurst, Cranbrook and Hawkhurst. At the first-named place, where lunch was partaken of, it was understood that a ladies' band had been formed, but none of them put in an appearance. At Cranbrook the visitors were sorry to learn there was no local band. At each tower some capital touches were rung, and the evening was spent with a convivial gathering among the ringers at Hawkhurst. The visitors wish to thank the incumbents of the various churches for their permission to ring.

WESTWARD HO!**WINCHESTER GUILD LOSES ACTIVE MEMBER.**

The call of the West has depleted the ranks of many a ringing society, and Holy Trinity, Guildford, has lost one of its ablest ringers by the departure for Canada of Mr. Charles Willshire, who for many years has been one of the mainstays of ringing in the Surrey county town. He was a most capable exponent of the art both upon tower and handbells, although he had not kept up his practice in the latter branch during the last two or three years. He, however, was one of the band that laid the foundations of the subsequent phenomenal success of handbell ringing in Guildford, taking part in the first peals rung there. Fourteen years ago he became instructor to the Holy Trinity band, raised them from the "stony" rut and called their first peals and helped to place them in the ranks of Surprise ringers. His activities, moreover, extended beyond his own tower, for he was for some years the chairman of the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild, serving on the committee of the Guild, and also representing the Guild on the Central Council. His departure is a great loss to the ranks of the Exercise in Guildford, but he takes with him to his new home across the Atlantic not only the best wishes of the members of the tower, but of a large circle of ringing friends outside, of whom the writer is one. It is unfortunate that an unforeseen circumstance should have prevented a farewell peal on Holy Trinity bells, but one was rung on handbells by past and present members of the society. Mr. Willshire was presented by the Holy Trinity band with an English lever watch by the Rector and the members of the band, the utmost regret being expressed at his departure. The St. Nicolas' Society, with which Mr. Willshire was also actively connected, presented him with a suitably engraved silver matchbox, while the employees of Messrs. Swayne, builders, of Guildford, for whom Mr. Willshire worked for several years, presented him with a silver-mounted pipe. The St. Nicolas' Society rang a farewell peal which Mr. Willshire called, but the Holy Trinity Society were prevented by unforeseen circumstances from attempting a parting peal of Superlative. On practice night, however, the members of both societies gathered at Holy Trinity for farewell touches, the two concluding ones being Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. Willshire, one with the St. Nicolas' Society, and the last with the Holy Trinity Society. By a coincidence the handbell peal was rung on the day of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Willshire.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.**A SUGGESTION FOR KING'S NORTON.**

The members of St. Martin's Guild were on familiar ground when they held their quarterly meeting at King's Norton on Saturday week, for many peals have been rung there by the present generation and their predecessors, including the record length of London Surprise.

The well-proportioned tower is surmounted by a lofty crocketed spire, which is a conspicuous landmark for miles around, and contains a very fine ring of eight, with a 14½ cwt. tenor in E, which sounds more like a 17 cwt. bell. Many ringers have expressed the opinion that the addition of two trebles would make a very musical ring of ten, and as there is room for the whole ten to be hung on one level, and ringers to ring them, it should not be a very difficult matter, in a comparatively wealthy place, to raise funds for such an object. We will leave the suggestion in the hope that the Guild's presiding ringing master—Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A.—who resides at King's Norton, may take the matter in hand, when the success of the scheme would be assured.

During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going in the following methods: Stedman, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Grandsire, London, Bob Major, Superlative, Treble Bob and Forward.

Tea was partaken of in the Bull's Head Hotel, the catering being all that could be desired. Among the good things provided, eggs were very prominent, there being something like three times as many as there were people to eat them. When the "debris" was removed eventually, however, not a single egg was left, so that the country air must have sharpened the appetites somewhat!

Tea was followed by the meeting, Alderman Pritchett taking the chair.—Four new members were elected, and routine business disposed of, members then returning to the tower for further ringing.

The ringers wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Price) for the use of his bells, and the tower keeper, Mr. Wm. Pabner, for having everything in readiness.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

The spring quarterly meeting was held at Southgate on Saturday week, when some fine touches of Stedman, Bristol and London Surprise, were "tapped" off. At the business meeting which followed, it was proposed to hold a dinner later in the year, and the suggestion was heartily carried. A letter was also read from the College Youths challenging the Cumberlands to a cricket match in the summer, to be followed by a social. This was unanimously accepted. The following new members were elected: Rev. F. E. Birch (Vicar of Shoreditch), Mr. P. Gould Brown (St. Sepulchre's), Mr. Jesse Tyler, Mr. B. Ellingham (Hatfield).—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and the local ringers for the use of the bells, brought a very pleasant afternoon to a close.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mark's Church, Glodwick, on Saturday, May 9th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Earl's Colne, on Saturday, May 9th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short service with address at 5 p.m.—Tea at the Lion Hotel at 5.45 p.m.—B. Redgwell, Honorary District Secretary, The Street, Rayne.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the North and East District will be held at Hadley (by kind permission of the Rev. R. H. O. Stubbs) on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, 6d. each. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Berkeley, on Saturday, May 9th, 1914. Service at the Parish Church, 4.30 p.m. Tea at the White Hart Hotel, 5.15. Business meeting after. Business: Election of Officers, Ladies' Guild and Central Council representation, Inter-affiliation, etc. Will branch secretaries please inform me of the probable number of their members attending?—W. A. Cave, Honorary Secretary, 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Deanery Branch.—The next meeting of the above named branch will be held at Bruton, on Saturday, May 9th, 1914. Service in the Parish Church 4.15 p.m. Tea in the schoolroom 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers and friends cordially invited.—T. G. Vincent, Wraxall, Shepton Mallet.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Brighton, on Saturday, May 9th. Luncheon at the Unicorn Hotel, North Street, at 1.30 p.m. Members' tickets 1s. 3d. each. Meeting at 2.15 to be presided over by the Lord Bishop of Lewes, who will also preach the sermon at the service to be held in St. Peter's Church, at 4 o'clock. Bells of St. Nicholas and St. Peter's open for ringing from 12 to 1, 5 to 6 and 7 to 9. Half fares (with a maximum of 2s.) allowed to members attending the meeting.—G. Watson, Honorary General Secretary, Vale Road, St. Leonard's.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton, on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available 3.30. Service in the church 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Saltwood (near Hythe) on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Special service at 5 p.m. An allowance of one penny per mile, single journey (maximum two shillings) will be paid to all members attending.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

NOTICES—continued.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A meeting will be held at Stockbridge, on Saturday, May 9th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5.15.—James W. Elkins, District Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Widnes, on Saturday, May 9th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

HERTS ASSOCIATION (Eastern District).—An informal meeting will be held at Braughing on May 9th, being the Braughing Youths' Anniversary. The bells will be open all day. Any band desiring to attempt a peal during the morning can do so. Tea will be provided for visitors at a small charge. The Vicar welcomes all who may like to come.—W. H. Lawrence, Secretary, Eastern District.

BARNSELY DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A special general meeting will be held at Barnsley to-morrow (Saturday, May 9th). Tower at St. Mary's open 3 to 9 p.m. Tea in St. Mary's Boys' School at 5 p.m. at 6d. per head. This being a summer meeting the ladies are specially invited. A full gathering of members is earnestly hoped for, in order to discuss the future of the Association and arrange for management accordingly.—C. D. Potter, Honorary Secretary, 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held in Trowbridge, on Tuesday, May 12th, 1914. Service at the Parish Church, 12.30. Preacher—The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Guild. Luncheon at the George Hotel, 1.30. Ringers' tickets 1/-. Towers open: Trowbridge (8), Bradford-on-Avon (8), Hilperton (6), Holt (6).—F. L. Edwards, Honorary Secretary.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on May 19th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 21st; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 12th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 19th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 26th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus, 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A special meeting will take place at Shoreditch after the practice on Thursday, the 14th inst. Very important business.—H. J. Bradley, Honorary Secretary.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Walmer on Saturday, May 16th. The bells of Walmer (8), Upper Deal (6) and Mongeham (6) will be available from 3 p.m. Divine Service at 5 p.m. in Walmer Parish Church. Tea provided at 5.30 p.m. at the Hare and Hounds, Upper Walmer. Will all those who intend being present kindly let me know by Tuesday, May 12th. Business meeting after tea. All subscriptions should be paid before this meeting.—E. Trendell, Hon. District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Clitheroe, on Saturday, May 16th, 1914. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 16th, at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting and social to follow. All members and friends invited.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The May general meeting and the first meeting of the Southern District, will be held jointly at Rotherham and Eastwood, on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available for ringing—Parish Church (10) from 2 to 5; St. Stephen's (8) from 2 to 9, except during the tea and meeting. Subscriptions, etc., will be attended to, tea tickets issued and the order of ringing arranged, in St. Stephen's vestry. Tea at 5 p.m. in St. George's Hall, Effingham Street, will be provided at 10d. per head for those who notify Mr. A. Hague, 20, Gerard Road, Rotherham, not later than Tuesday, May 12th. Business meeting afterwards for the election of district officers, vice-president, ringing master, secretary and committee. As regards the general meeting, will members please accept this notice instead of a circular.—Clement Glenn, Hon. General Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Clitheroe, on Saturday, May 16th, 1914. Bells of St. Mary Magdalen's Church available from 2.30 p.m. Meeting in the class room 5.30 p.m.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Hon. Secretaries.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. W. H. Thompson) at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, on Saturday, May 16th, 1914. Bells available from 4.30. Service at 6. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar, at 6.30. By invitation of the Vicar a mid-week meeting will be held at Acton, on Wednesday evening, May 27th. Tea provided at 5 o'clock; service at 6; ringing to follow. All ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Eckington on Saturday, May 16th. Tower open at 4 p.m.—J. Evinson, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield, Honorary Secretary.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at Barnac, on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (5) available after dinner. Tea can be arranged by notifying the Secretary early. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Secretary, St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guildford district will be held at Haslemere, on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (8) available 3 till 9. Service at 5 p.m. Address by the Chaplain. Tea at 6 p.m. at the Schools. There will be a combined practice at Dorking, on Monday, May 25th. Bells available 7.30 till 9.30.—J. J. Jones, Hon. Secretary.

GUILD FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 23rd, 1914, at Shawbury and Moreton Corbet. Ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the Vestry of Shawbury Church at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Retford on Saturday, May 23rd, 1914. East Retford (10), West Retford and Ordsan (6 bells) towers will be at the disposal of ringers from 2 to 9 p.m. Visitors heartily welcomed. Tea at Howard's Restaurant, Grove Street, at 5 p.m. Free to members, 1s. to non-residents, and 1s. 3d. to others.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary, 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton, on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available at 4.30; meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Ottershaw on Saturday, May 23rd, meet at 4 p.m. Combined practices:—Oatlands Park, May 30th, Hersham, June 13th, both at 6.30 p.m.; Weybridge, June 27th, 7 p.m. Supporters are asked to make a note of above information.—George B. Edser, Honorary Secretary, 170, Gipsy Road, S.E.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

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BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Feb. 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins.: T. Rawdin 1, D. Gilden 2, W. Turner 3, S. Baker 4, M. Bond 5, R. Bond 6, A. W. Ward (conductor) 7, H. Thorlby 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.—On March 14th, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins., with the tenor covering: T. Rawdin 1, Rev. C. J. Sturton (conductor) 2, W. Turner 3, M. Bond 4, A. W. Ward 5, S. Baker 6, H. Thorlby 8.

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CLERGY & RINGING ASSOCIATIONS.

One of the most remarkable features connected with the annual meeting of the Sussex County Association at Brighton, on Saturday, was the absence of the clergy. Not a single representative of the Church attended the dinner or the business proceedings—an occurrence which, we believe, must be unique in the thirty years' history of the Association. An annual gathering, such as this, affords a special opportunity for the clergy to show their interest in those organisations which have done so much for the reformation of the belfry. It is pretty generally acknowledged, we think, that the improvement which has been brought about in the belfries of our churches has largely come from within rather than from the influences without—that it is the ringers themselves who have brought about the reformation and who have lifted the status of the Exercise to a much higher plane. The result, at any rate, whatever may have been the cause, has been to bring the clergy and the ringers into much closer touch, and we hope that the bonds which have been forged between them may be strengthened rather than weakened, although the total absence of clergy from an annual meeting of an association may tend to indicate, in the minds of some, that the incumbents of the parishes are showing an unfortunate lack of interest.

In may have been, in the case of Sussex—a county, by the way, that is not particularly well off for ringing parsons—that it was merely a coincidence which kept away every one of the clergy from the Bishop downwards, but all the same we hope that the ringers will act upon the suggestion of the Mayor of Brighton, who presided, and "each quarrel with his particular parson" in a tactful kind of way. And here comes the point which we think should be the chief concern of ringers. Each band should make it their particular duty to induce their incumbent to attend the meeting and thus give practical support to the association. This applies not only to Sussex but to many other associations. We frequently hear lament of the insufficiency of the honorary members. Here surely should be the ground where the first effort should be made to swell the ranks. The ringers are first of all a body of churchworkers, who, for the most part, give their services voluntarily, and though the clergy and churchwardens doubtless have innumerable calls upon them, a large proportion, at any rate, ought to be able and willing to show their appreciation of and interest in the organisation by giving that moral and practical support which honorary membership provides. In many societies there is a good deal of room for extension in this direction, and it is to the local bands that the officials of the associations must look for help, for much more can be done by those on the spot than by those who have to rely upon correspondence.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 9, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS 5040 CHANGES;

SAMUEL WOOD Treble	JOSEPH MELLOR 7
HARRY HEAP 2	SAMUEL BOOTH 8
CHARLES BOWER 3	JOHN HARRISON 9
CHAS. BROADBENT 4	BENJAMIN GILL 10
THOMAS JAKEMAN 5	HARRY CHAPMAN 11
JONATHAN BROADBENT 6	ARTHUR E. PEGLAR Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

This peal was rung with the bells muffled as a last tribute of respect to the wife of Mr. Albert Adams, one of the ringers, who was buried at Ashton-under-Lyne, on May 5th, touches of Stedman Cinques, Grandsire Cinques and Treble Bob Maximus having been rung on the evening of the funeral.

TEN BELL PEALS.

VETERANS' PEAL.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.	
JAMES JONES Treble	JOHN CARTER 6
SAMUEL SPITTLE 2	REUBEN HALL 7
WILLIAM R. SMALL 3	JOHN SMITH 8
THOMAS HORTON 4	JOHN BRADNEY 9
JOHN SANDERS 5	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

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On Wednesday, May 6, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lbs., in C sharp.	
FRED HAYES Treble	WILLIAM HORNE 6
RALPH COLES 2	JOHN EVANS 7
JOHN C. TRUSS 3	JOSEPH J. PRATT 8
FRANK BOREHAM 4	BENJAMIN PAGE 9
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5	P.C. CECIL E. SMITH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

Rung in honour of the foundation-stone laying of the new Royal Grammar School by the Lord Bishop of Buckingham, which took place on the above date; also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 9th, who is foreman of the local company.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(SOUTHERN BRANCH),

AND THE ALL SAINTS AND ST. LAWRENCE GUILD.

On Sunday, May 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt., in C sharp.	
FRANK JINKS Treble	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 6
JAMES HEMMING 2	FREDERICK JORDAN 7
FRANK COOK 3	HENRY J. PHIPPS 8
HERBERT JORDAN 4	JAMES ADDIS 9
FRANK MOSS 5	HARRY MIDDLETON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by HARRY MIDDLETON.

First peal of Royal by all the band except the conductor, first peal of Royal as conductor, and the first peal of Bob Royal on the bells. It was rung at the third attempt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

On Saturday, April 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 6 lbs.

*FREDERICK WOODS Treble	WILLIAM MARGETTS 5
SAMUEL JONES 2	†ARTHUR LEWIS 6
*CHARLES KING 3	CHARLES GREEDY 7
*GODFREY STAFFORD 4	*CHARLES VINCENT Tenor

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On Wednesday, April 29, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*EDWARD H. SPICE Treble	JOHN EXCELL 5
HERBERT BAKER 2	EDWARD E. FOREMAN 6
SAMUEL TAYLOR 3	WILLIAM SPICE 7
HORACE GILBERT 4	FREDERICK S. MACEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SPICE.

* First peal on eight bells.

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THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN Treble	FREDERICK CAUSBY 5
WILLIAM J. GILBERT 2	WALTER GILBERT 6
CHARLES W. BIRD 3	ALFRED H. MARTIN 7
FRED WILFORD 4	WALTER PERKINS Tenor

Composed by Rev. EARLE BULWER, and
Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HALEY'S VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE GATLAND Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES 5
JOHN H. PAICE 2	PERCY H. DOICK 6
HORACE TULETT 3	EDMUND H. LINDOP 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	HARRY J. DOICK Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

LUTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*ARTHUR ROOKWOOD Treble	FREDERICK HUNT 5
JAMES ROOKWOOD 2	CHARLES WING 6
†GEORGE NEWSON 3	HARRY WALKER 7
†THOMAS KENDALL 4	ALFRED KING Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and
Conducted by ALFRED KING.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method by an entirely local band. Rung after meeting short for Kent Treble Bob Major, Mr. A. Rookwood kindly taking the treble, which he rang very creditably. The peal was rung on the eve of the Sunday School Festival, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. Joseph Shaw, who has been a ringer at the church for 35 years; also as a compliment to the talented organist (Mr. Fred Gostelow, A.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., F.R.C.O.), who has just completed his 25th year at the organ.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

PRATT CORDINGLEY Treble	SIDNEY KEIGHLEY 5
SAMUEL WHEATLEY 2	FRED WALLER 6
CHARLES PRATT 3	JOE A. ROSS 7
WALTER POPPELWELL 4	JOSEPH BROADLEY Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING, and
Conducted by JOSEPH BROADLEY.

Rung with the bells muffled in memory of the late Mr. John Cordingley, a ringer at this church over 60 years, who died on April 24th, aged 87.

SOUTH CHURCH, BISHOP AUCKLAND.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

FREDERICK LAVERICK Treble	THOMAS METCALFE 5
WILLIAM LETTY 2	WILLIAM H. PORTER 6
*G. K. PEVERILL 3	WILLIAM BROADLEY 7
ALBERT HUNTER 4	LUCIAN VENDS Tenor

Conducted by WM. H. PORTER.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers of the 1st and 3rd hail from Middlesbro', the 2nd from Marske, the 4th, 6th, 7th and 8th from Darlington.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. 0 qr. 14 lbs.

*JOSEPH HY. RIDYARD, JUNR. Treble	JOHN WELSBY 5
FRED DERBYSHIRE 2	TITUS BARLOW 6
JOHN POTTER 3	PERCY DERBYSHIRE 7
THOMAS WORSLEY 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANCES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JOHN A. WEBSTER Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE 5
THOMAS MURRAY 2	WILLIAM BIBBY 6
HENRY FYLES 3	GEORGE R. NEWTON 7
GEORGE WOODHALL 4	JOHN TURNER Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method by the Association and in the county. First peal in the method by all except the ringers of sixth and seventh.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BROMLEY COMMON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*ALBERT E. KNOTT Treble	†ERIC G. FILTNESS 5
ISAAC EMERY 2	*JOHN LYDDIARD 6
ALFRED JAMES, SENR. 3	GEORGE DURLING 7
*FREDERICK H. HERBERT 4	THOMAS JONES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE DURLING.

* First peal. † First peal in the method with a bob bell. The ringers of the treble, 4th, 6th and tenor belong to the local band, the rest to the SS. Peter and Paul's company. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

DRAYTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

HUMPFREY R. COOPER ... Treble	HARRY HOLIFIELD ... 5
ALBERT E. LOCK ... 2	GORDON CAUDWELL ... 6
WILLIAM H. J. HOLIFIELD ... 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUNR. ... 7
MISS KATHLEEN HOLIFIELD ... 4	FRANK HANKS ... Tenor

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUNR.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

THOMAS ROBERTSHAW ... Treble	ALBERT JAGGER ... 5
JOHN LAWSON ... 2	ROBERT W. JENNISON ... 6
EDWARD GREEN ... 3	JOHN HALL ... 7
THOMAS BANCROFT ... 4	SMITH MURGATROYD ... Tenor

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

The ringers of the 2nd and 5th are from Lightcliffe, the treble man is one of the local company, the rest are from Keighley. The band also wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and the local ringers for having everything in readiness for them.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

ARTHUR EDWARDS ... Treble	† HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 5
JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM ... 2	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 6
* ERNEST CECIL PEARSON ... 3	ALBERT CATERWELL ... 7
HENRY F. COOPER ... 4	FRED CHALK ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN, and
Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Treble Bob Major.
First peal of Treble Bob Major on the bells.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE (HOLLOWAY).

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH BARRY ... Treble	HARRY FLANDERS ... 5
ALBERT TURNER ... 2	REUBEN CHARGE ... 6
* JOHN W. CORNFORD ... 3	GEORGE CHARGE ... 7
* ARTHUR HART ... 4	CORNELIUS CHARGE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. CHARGE.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ... Treble	* ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 5
T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 2	A. GEORGE RIVERS ... 6
L. GEORGE MALLION ... 3	FRANK E. KEMPTON ... 7
CHARLES WOODCOCK ... 4	FREDERICK DENCH ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

* First peal in the method.

REIGATE.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 4, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Holt's Ten-Part.

ALBERT STREETER ... Treble	GEORGE F. HOAD ... 5
JAMES H. JUDD ... 2	HENRY F. EWINS ... 6
* HARRY JORDAN, JUNR. ... 3	OSCAR GILBEY ... 7
* WALTER CLAYDON ... 4	HARRY W. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEO. F. HOAD.

* First peal of Triples.

PENTRE RHONDDA.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 4, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lbs., in E flat.

* HERBERT DAVIES ... Treble	THOMAS HAMLIN ... 5
† GEORGE CROSS ... 2	* GEORGE WINES ... 6
HARRY PAGE ... 3	JAMES CROSS ... 7
WILLIAM PAGE ... 4	TOM PAGE ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES, and

Conducted by HARRY PAGE.

* First peal of Major. † First in the method with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss E. M. Hamlin, daughter of the ringer of the 5th. First peal as conductor in the method; also first peal of Major for the Association by an entirely local band.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(HENFIELD BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 5, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S No. 8. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lbs., in E.

LAZARUS PAYNE ... Treble	ERNEST LISH ... 5
WILLIAM LISH ... 2	ALFRED BAIGENT ... 6
GEORGE PAYNE ... 3	CHARLES TYLER ... 7
WILLIAM J. ALLISS ... 4	ARTHUR HODGES ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

This is the first peal on the bells since they were recast and hung in a new iron frame by Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough. It is a very musical ring, and the "go" is excellent.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 5, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER ... Treble	* GEORGE GREEN ... 5
WILLIAM A. PYE ... 2	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON ... 6
WILLIAM BILLENNESS ... 3	ERNEST PYE ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, May 5, 1914, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

* PERCY SAULT ... Treble	GEORGE DAVIES ... 5
GEORGE HOLLIS ... 2	FREDERICK E. SMITH ... 6
FRED DAVIES ... 3	GEORGE A. THOMPSON ... 7
FRANK JACOBS ... 4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the late Alderman S. E. Short, Churchwarden, who was interred on the above date.

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

On Wednesday, May 6, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE E. HARBOUR ... Treble	GEORGE SPENCER ... 5
EVERED J. WALSON ... 2	HENRY H. CHANDLER ... 6
BERTRAM PREWETT ... 3	JAMES R. MACKMAN ... 7
WILLIAM LAWRENCE ... 4	ARTHUR HARDING ... Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Rung on Accession Day.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 6, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lbs., in D.

CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... Treble	*CORPL. G. GILBERT, R.E. 5
MAURICE SMITHER ... 2	SYDNEY G. STEER ... 6
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 4	EDWARD G. HEATH ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

*First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung in honour of the fourth anniversary of the King's accession. Mr. J. J. Jones kindly stood out to allow Corpl. Gilbert to ring.

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

On Wednesday, May 6, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... 5
ALFRED B. PECK ... 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 6
REUBEN SANDERS ... 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7
FRANK I. HAIRS ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... Tenor

Composed by J. PAGETT, and

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

Rung in honour of Accession Day. First peal in the method for the Association.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 6, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lbs.

WILLIAM IRELAND ... Treble	ARTHUR LEEDER ... 5
ARTHUR R. SOWDEN ... 2	CLEMENT J. MORE ... 6
GEORGE ARCHER ... 3	JOHN SOUTER ... 7
ERNEST F. POPPY ... 4	THOMAS FORD, JUNR. ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Ireland.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.
THE I.LANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 6, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

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

*REGINALD GREGORY ... Treble	JOHN W. JONES ... 5
*ALBERT JOHN STANLEY ... 2	DAVID R. JAMES ... 6
RICHARD BUNSTONE ... 3	JOHN COX ... 7
RICHARD EVANS ... 4	*BENJAMIN TOBY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN COX.

*First peal. John W. Jones hails from Newport. The above muffled peal was rung in memory of Mr. R. K. Pritchard, of Bryntirion, who was buried on that date at Baglan, Glamorganshire. He was a most generous benefactor of St. Illtyd's Church, having in 1904 defrayed the cost of re-casting six bells and adding two new ones for the tower. He also took a very great interest in bell ringing, and will be much missed in the parish. R.I.P.

ASHTON UNDER-LYNE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 7, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

*JOSEPH HALL ... Treble	R. WIMPENNY ... 5
GEORGE GARNETT ... 2	JOHN HARRISON ... 6
HARRY HEAP ... 3	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 7
JOHN HALL ... 4	*ERNEST BARTON ... Tenor

Conducted by G. GARNETT.

*First peal. First peal as conductor. The treble ringer hails from Miles Platting.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 7, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING ... Treble	*BERTIE F. TURNER ... 5
CHARLES BRICE ... 2	GEORGE SNELLING ... 6
HENRY GARNHAM ... 3	FREDK. SEAGER ... 7
EDWIN WHITING ... 4	JOHN SNELLING ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

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

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

On Thursday, May 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, WOOD GREEN,

A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

GEORGE HUGHES ... Treble	ALFRED ROWLEY ... 5
EDGAR MARLOW ... 2	BERT HORTON ... 6
THOMAS HILL ... 3	JAMES TYLER ... 7
CHARLES TYLER ... 4	EDWIN J. TYLER ... Tenor

Composed by G. HUGHES, and

Conducted by JAMES TYLER.

This is the first peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and by the Dudley and District Guild; also the first peal of Major as conductor by James Tyler. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Carter, who composed the above method, on the occasion of his attaining his 60th birthday.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE
SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 9, 1914, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

MISS EVELYN STEEL ... Treble	DAVID BREARLEY ... 5
JOHN HOLMAN ... 2	ARTHUR CRAVEN ... 6
THOMAS BETTISON ... 3	JOHN FLINT ... 7
WILLIAM LAMBERT ... 4	SAM THOMAS ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

First peal of "Yorkshire" in which a lady has taken part, also Mr. Holman's first peal in the method.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, E.,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HAROLD W. CLARK ... Treble	WILLIAM MILLER ... 5
ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 2	ERNEST PYE ... 6
BERTRAM PREWETT ... 3	CHARLES F. WHITE ... 7
REUBEN SANDERS ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

W. Miller's 100th peal.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 9, 1914, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt.	
SGT. F. A. HOLDEN, R.M.L.I. ... <i>Treble</i>	STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK ... 5
*FRANK BELSEY 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 6
WILLIAM EASTER 3	†CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 7
CPL. H. B. BONNEY, Essex	LCE.-SERGT. J. BENNETT,
Regiment 4	R.M.L.I. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.

* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal of Major. First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Belsey. Quickest peal of Major on the bells. The ringer of the 4th was proposed a member of the Association previous to starting.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 9, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.	
WILLIAM GOBBETT <i>Treble</i>	ROBERT RAYNER 5
ROBERT RICHES 2	JACOB FILBY 6
JOHN SPENCER 3	ALBERT RICHES 7
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 9, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.	
REGINALD BROUGH <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM HARPER 5
FREDERICK HAYES 2	*FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	EDWIN BARNETT, Serr. ... 7
JOHN BURLES 4	MARCELLUS DIGBY <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Serr.

* First peal of Triples. Rung as a compliment to J. Burles on his 21st birthday, and to R. Brough on his 20th birthday.

SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 9, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.	
*LIONEL E. ALFORD <i>Treble</i>	FREDERICK GODDARD ... 5
GEORGE SPENCER 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE 6
†WILLIAM WARNE 3	WILLIAM WELLING 7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 4	*FREDERICK SHEPHARD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

* First peal. † First peal with an inside bell.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 9, 1914, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs.	
*FREDERICK COPEMAN ... <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED NEWSON 5
WILLIAM MEARS 2	SIDNEY GASKIN 6
OLIVER BULLMAN 3	JAMES FULCHER 7
*FREDERICK R. MAPES ... 4	FREDERICK C. BURROWS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. PRICE, and
Conducted by FREDK. C. BURROWS.

* First peal of Major and first attempt.

CARLTON-IN-CLEVELAND.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN DIVISION.)
On Saturday, May 9, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.	
FREDERICK BARKER <i>Treble</i>	*ROBERT LAUGHTON 5
JOHN APPLETON 2	DR. H. C. PAULI 6
†J. TUDOR GRAVES, Junr. ... 3	JOHN H. BLAKISTON ... 7
J. WILFRED ADDISON ... 4	WILFRED N. KIDD <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JAMES PLATT, and
Conducted by FREDK. BARKER.

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

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 9, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER, LINCOLN CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S PEAL.
Tenor 26 cwt., in D.

GEORGE CHESTER <i>Treble</i>	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 5
REV. H. LAW JAMES ... 2	JAMES OSBORN 6
ARCHIE C. STOKES 3	JOHN W. WOOD 7
ALBERT H. WARD 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

The first peal of Major on the new bells, and the first peal of Cambridge in the City.

SIX BELL PEALS.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Being seven 720's called differently.
*ALBERT SECKER *Treble* WILLIAM EAGLING 4
FREDERICK BURROWS ... 2 SIDNEY GASKIN 5
ALFRED NEWSON 3 OLIVER BULLMAN *Tenor*

Conducted by OLIVER BULLMAN.

* First peal, and first attempt.

BRETFTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 26, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Being 720 of College Single, three 720's of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob, called differently.

*SAMUEL CHURCHLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	†HARVEY STREET 4
†THOMAS MIDDLETON ... 2	†JOHN HAMPTON 5
JAMES HEMMING 3	GEORGE W. STEERE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure, and four of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

HERBERT G. PRATT <i>Treble</i>	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 4
WALTER KERRISON 2	JOHN SPENCER 5
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the sister and niece of the ringers of fourth and tenor.

WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE. THE FRAMLAND SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-in-Beverley,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

DANIEL GILDEN Treble	ARTHUR W. WARD 4
ARTHUR MACKEARS 2	REUBEN BEND 5
MARK BEND 3	SAMUEL BAKER Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.

First peal of Minor, and first attempt by all except the conductor.

TODDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. (SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of Grandsire, and two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure,
Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*ALBERT COLLEY Treble	LEONARD NICHOLS 4
JAMES HEMMING 2	†JOHN HAMPTON 5
†JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3	FREDRICK JOHNSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor in four methods. Also the first peal of Minor on the bells. This peal was rung on the birthday of the Vicar of Toddington (the Rev. W. A. Warner) to whom congratulations were offered.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 5, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently. 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 by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

This is the first peal of Surprise Minor on the bells, the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor by the Guild, and the first by all the band. This peal contains 105 Bobs.

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

On Thursday, May 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob,
and one of College Single. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JOSEPH WOOLERTON Treble	CYRIL WRIGHT 4
FREDERICK KELLY 2	CHARLES KELLY 5
SIDNEY PROCTOR 3	ARTHUR SKINNS Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal. J. Woolerton is only 14 years of age, and was complimented on the manner in which he rang the treble throughout the peal.

PENGE, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Evangelist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JIM MURRELL Treble	HENRY WILKES 4
FRANCIS FRASER 2	*WALTER SMITH 5
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

* First peal of Minor in seven methods; also first on the bells. This peal was rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Arnold Speak, a late ringer and lay reader at St. John's, and now engaged in London City Mission work at Bow, E., and Miss Ethel Harriet Pobjee, youngest daughter of Mr. E. Pobjee, steeple-keeper of St. John's.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTON. THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY CLARKE Treble	FRED WILFORD 4
FRANK ROLLINGS 2	WILLIAM J. ALLEN 5
THOMAS LAW 3	FRED HOPPER Tenor

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

Rung as a compliment on the 21st birthday of the eldest daughter of Mr. H. Clarke, who kindly entertained the ringers to tea after the peal.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. (HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 9, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES HURREN Treble	WILLIAM LEVERS 4
SAMUEL ELLIS 2	GEORGE EASTHAUGH 5
FREDK. C. LAMBERT 3	JOHN LARTER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN LARTER.

The ringers of the 3rd and tenor are members of the Halesworth company, the remainder belong to the local band.

BEDFORD. THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter de Merton,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR 5040 CHANCES;

Comprising 720 each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Beverley, Chester and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt., in G.

*ALFRED H. MARTIN Treble	CHARLES STAPLETON 4
*WALTER PERKINS 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5
HERBERT SHARP 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, May 4, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,
At the Residence of A. W. CLARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 1-2	WALTER S. WISE ... 5-6
HERBERT LANGDON ... 3-4	AMOS W. CLARK ... 7-8

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

Umpire: THOMAS H. COLBURN.

Witness: MRS. A. W. CLARK.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 4, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5040 CHANCES;

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 7-8
WILLIAM PYE 3-4	ERNEST PYE 9-10
BERTRAM PREWETT ... 5-6	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 11-12

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: W. J. NUPPS.

The above is a short course composition in 69 courses with the first half in the titums and the last half in the inverted home position. It is the first short course peal of Cinques ever rung upon handbells and the third ever rung, the two previous peals having been rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham.

BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.
(ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)

On Tuesday, May 5, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANCES;

HARRY BROWNJOHN ... 1-2	RAYMOND J. WILKINS ... 5-6
JOHN A. BURFORD ... 3-4	GEORGE CONDICK, JUNR. ... 7-8

WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 9-10
Composed by WILLIAM J. SMITH, and
Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.
Umpire: GEORGE TOMKINS.

First peal of Stedman on handbells in Bristol, by the Association and all the band. Rung on the eve of the 21st anniversary of Mr. R. J. Wilkins' wedding day.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. POLLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;

Size 18, in G.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER ... 5-6
ALFRED H. POLLING ... 3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 7-8

SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 9-10
Composed by C. CHARGE, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Umpire: W. E. MAULDEN. Witness: MRS. POLLING.

This composition has the 6th in 2nd's place and the 5th in 5th's place in the first half, and it is the first time a lady has taken part in such a composition.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 10, 1914, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. V. INNS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

ALBERT V. INNS ... 1-2	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 5-6
DAVID J. NICHOLS ... 3-4	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... 7-8

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

The handbell peal rung at Ventnor, Isle of Wight, on Easter Monday should have been credited to the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

The peal in our issue of the 1st inst. stated to have been rung at Laxfield, was rung at Laxfield.

The composer of the peal rung at Tyldesley on April 25th was Peter Brickell, and not Birkell as published.

RINGERS' CENTURIES.

FRED DERBYSHIRE'S 100 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples, 15; Major, 1; Caters, 2; Erin Triples, 1; Stedman Triples, 22; Treble Bob Major, 39; Royal, 3; Double Norwich Major, 14; Bob Major, 3; total, 100.

W. PERKIN'S 200 PEALS.

Bob Minor, 1 (conducted 1); Minor in seven Methods, 5; in seven Treble Bob Methods, 2; Bob Triples, 2 (conducted 1); Bob Major, 3; (on handbells), 3; Grandsire Doubles, 1; Grandsire Triples, 10 (conducted 8); Stedman Triples, 44 (conducted 10); Stedman Caters, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 7; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Double Norwich Major, 57 (conducted 11); Superlative Surprise, 44 (conducted 10); Cambridge Surprise Major, 3 (conducted 2); Cambridge Royal, 1; London Surprise Major, 10 (conducted 2); Bristol Surprise Major, 5 (conducted 1); total, 200 (conducted 46).

H. W. WILKES' 100 PEALS.

The 100 peals rung by H. W. Wilkes, of North Stoneham, Hants, are made up as follows: On six bells (in seven methods) 2, Grandsire Triples 14 (conducted 7), Stedman Triples 28, Caters 1, Bob Major 10, Kent Treble Bob Major 16, Double Norwich Major 26, Caters 2, Superlative Surprise Major 1; total 100.

W. MILLER'S 100 PEALS.

Minor: in 4 methods 2 (conducted 1), in 7 methods 5; in 7 Treble Bob Methods 9 (conducted 2), in 7 Surprise Methods 30 (conducted 13), Stedman Triples 4, Bob Major 2, Kent Treble Bob Major 3, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Double Norwich 1, Superlative Surprise Major 5, Cambridge 2, London 11, Bristol 10, Grandsire Caters 2, Stedman Caters 6, Kent Treble Bob Royal 3; total 100, conducted 16.

INTER-AFFILIATION.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION MASTER'S SCHEME.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Judging from the admirable articles contributed by Mr. J. Pigott and the Rev. C. Carow Cox, and from information which has been supplied indirectly, it is necessary to put before the Central Council in some definite form a scheme relating to inter-affiliation. Your readers are doubtless aware that the Central Council has no power to legislate on ringing matters, but can only discuss and advise, hence my reason for having stated at the outset that the matter could be put into operation by the societies themselves. When, however, the Llandaff Association adopted the course of recommending the matter to the Council, I, as a loyal follower, at once fell into line, and waived my suggestion. I now beg to offer what I hope will be considered a very modified and roughly drafted scheme, not by any means definite, but a step toward solution, keeping steadfastly in view the absolute necessity of avoiding, as far as possible, complications or onerous work for secretaries.

1.—Each society to supply the representative ringer of every band within its jurisdiction with a duplicate book of tickets, say, 20 in each book (cost of book need not be more than 2d.) to be kept in his custody, and for which he is to be responsible to the district or general secretary.

2.—The ticket should state the name of society and certify the affiliation of the applicant.

3.—Tickets may be issued to any ringer who is a member of a recognised society on payment of, say, 6d.

4.—Upon receiving the ticket he must sign the counterfoil or duplicate to be retained by the local secretary.

5.—All tickets to remain valid until December 31st in each year.

6.—The society issuing the ticket to take the whole of subscription.

7.—Affiliated members not to be eligible to partake of any privileges, other than ringing, or to have any vote whatever in the management or control of the society to which he becomes so affiliated.

At the end of each year each secretary will only have to send in his book and cash to the branch or general secretary to be audited for appearance in balance sheet. Should any doubt arise as to one particular society benefiting more than another, it is quite possible for any two societies by mutual agreement, to pool receipts from affiliation.

The publication of an improvement in your next issue on the above will give inconceivable pleasure to, yours truly,

Old Hill, Staffs.

A. E. PARSONS.

THE MOTION FOR THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

The form for the motion raising the question of inter-affiliation which has been sent to the hon. secretary of the Central Council to be submitted to the meeting on Whit-Tuesday is as follows:—

"That we, the members of the Llandaff Diocesan Association are of the opinion that the time has arrived for the Central Council to put into operation a scheme of inter-affiliation, or if the Council has not the power to do so for it to be so arranged with all Associations agreeable to inter-affiliation, whereby any member of a recognised ringing society could be presented with a card, such card to admit the bearer (whose name must appear thereon) to any affiliated society's meeting without the power to vote, and also to entitle him to take part in a peal as an honorary member for the time being.

"The inter-affiliation card to be issued at a charge of 6d. per annum, and if the Council as a body cannot undertake the issuing of the cards, for each society to issue their own, it being understood that each society agreeable to inter-affiliation accepts one another as hon. members.

"Each society agreeable to the scheme to announce it in the ringing papers.

"The holder of the ticket to understand that admission to hon. membership is an act of courtesy which can be withheld in any case at the discretion of any Association."

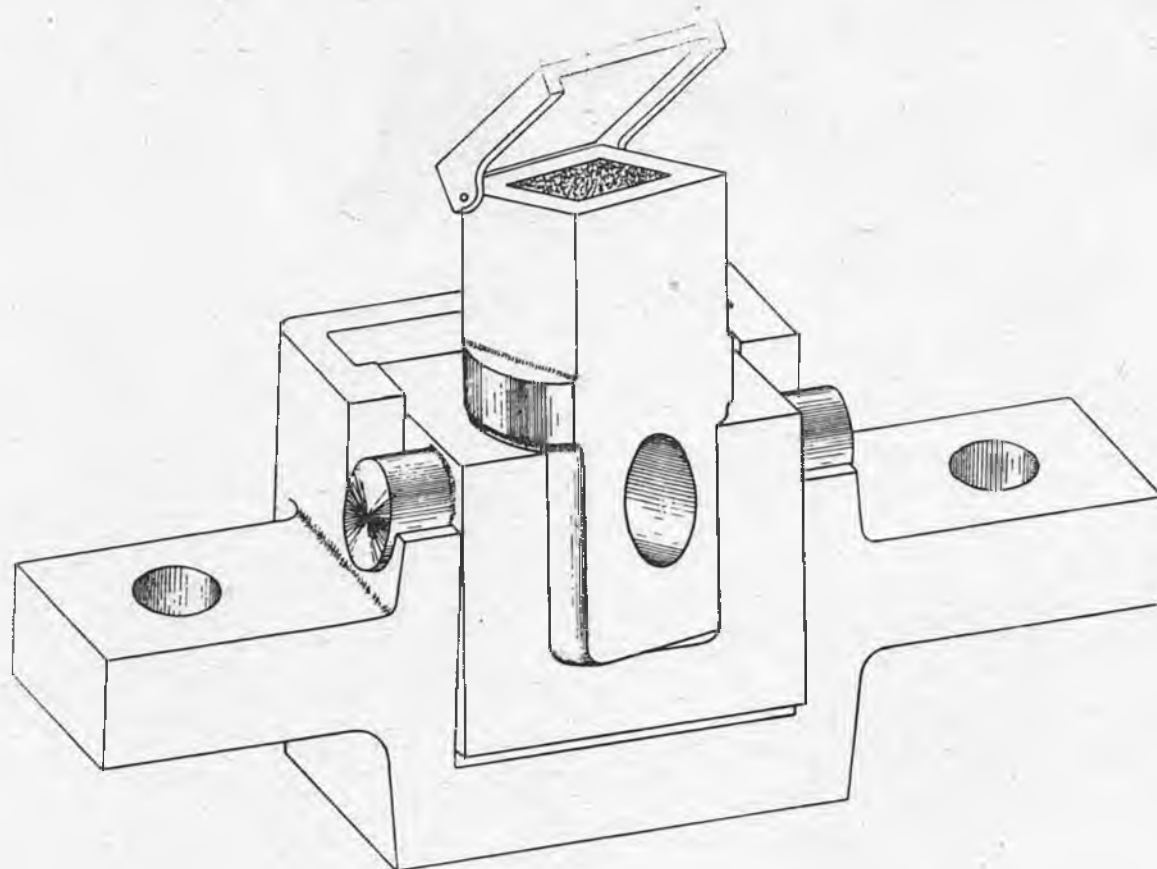
SELF-ALIGNING BEARINGS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—An illustration of a "Self-aligning Bearing for Bells" has been appearing lately in "The Ringing World." As will be seen from this week's foot-note to that illustration the engraving shows a type of bearing, one of three differing forms, designed 27 years ago by the President of the Central Council (Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart.), and fitted to and still satisfactorily working on the peal of ten, tenor 17 cwt., which we placed in the Duffield tower. The sketch has been inserted in order to show to the Exercise generally that self-aligning bearings were being made as far back as that. It will be evident to every ringer with a mechanical turn of mind that the bearings which have recently been fitted to several peals of bells are identical in principle with Sir Arthur's. But (and this is a very great "but") Sir Arthur's are very much better in detail. We think that full credit and acknowledgment should be given to Sir Arthur Heywood, who has done so much for ringers and bell-hanging. With these few remarks we leave the question to the judgment of the Exercise—Yours truly,

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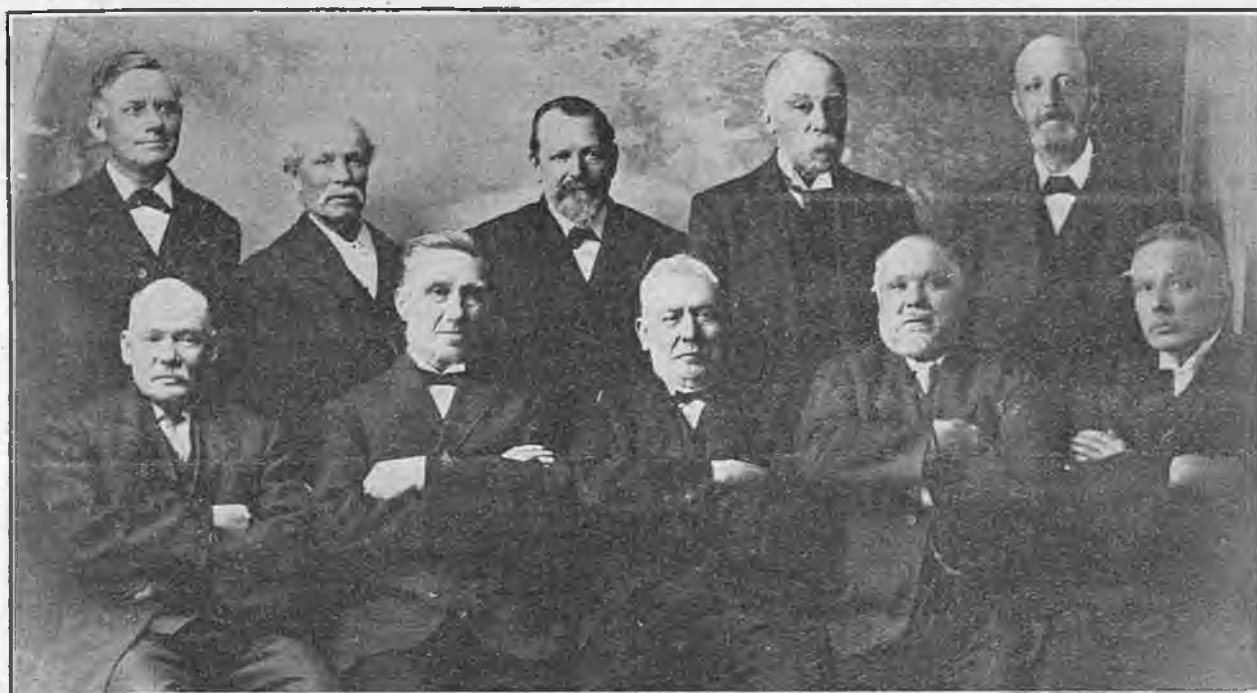
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VETERANS' PEAL.

A gay lot of "youngsters," ranging in age from 60 to 77 years of age, have been displaying their prowess at Aston, where they have scored a peal of Grandsire Caters, and put to their credit what is believed to be a record, by being the oldest band to score a ten-bell peal. The conductor just qualified to squeeze into the band by reaching his sixtieth birthday a day or two before, while the task of ringing the tenor was pushed on to the next youngest in years, although, despite his youth, we can believe that it was a congenial job. But these two were almost juvenile compared with the real veteran, Mr. Sam Spittle, who carries his 77 years well, and Mr. William Rock Small, who at 74 is as keen as ever. The total age of the company was 653 years 10 months, giving an average age of 65 years 4 months. The band was:

	Years.	Months.
John Carter, Birmingham	60	0
Reuben Hall, West Bromwich	61	6
John Smith, Tipton	62	5
John Bradney, Wolverhampton	64	3
James George, Rugby	60	5
James Jones, Birmingham	64	1
Samuel Spittle, Dudley	77	4
William R. Small, Tipton	74	5
Thomas Horton, West Bromwich	67	7
John Sanders, Birmingham	61	10

We hope that all this band will be spared to ring many more peals together, and while their ranks remain unbroken why do they not make their peal attempt an annual one?

After the peal the band and other ringing friends were entertained by the conductor at the White Swan Hotel, Birmingham.

HERE AND THERE.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR.

How many peals of Cambridge Surprise Minor have been rung? Perhaps someone has a record of them and will give the information. Last week seven 720's in this method were rung at Story Stratford by the Oxford Guild, and the 720's, called differently, contained only one extent in which any bell was excluded from the bob making. In all, 195 bobs were called, and the performance is one of distinct merit.

WELL DONE BRISTOL!

The band at Bristol who recently scored their first handbell peal of Grandsire Caters have not been long in achieving their first peal of Stedman. This was rung on Tuesday of last week, and was the first in that method on handbells in Bristol, and by the Gloucester and Bristol Association, as well as by all the band.

A WEARY WAIT.

The genial secretary of the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild is possessed of considerable patience. One evening last week he was included in a band for a peal at Holy Trinity, Guildford, but at the last minute stood out to allow Corpl. Gilbert to ring his first peal of Stedman. Mr. Jones, however, stayed too long in the belfry, and having waited to see the start, descended from the tower only to find the caretaker had locked the door and gone off to wait until the bells stopped. Rather than return to the ringing room and disturb the peal, Mr. Jones sat on the stairs in the dark until the peal was finished.

AMERICA'S LADY RINGER.

Mrs. Margaret H. Shurtleff, who, as Miss Margaret Nichols, took part in peals in England, was one of the company who rang 504 Grandshire Triples at the Perkins' Institute, Watertown, U.S.A., on April 5th, the band being: S. W. Sturgis 1, G. Mackman 2, W. Bashford 3, E. E. Randall 4, Mrs. Shurtleff 5, J. F. Laker 6, Richard Newton (conductor) 7, M. A. Abbott 8. On Easter Day, at Groton School, Groton, Massachusetts, the first half of Holt's ten-part was rung in 1 hr. 38 mins., by: S. W. Sturgis 1, P. J. Allfrey (conductor) 2, W. Bashford 3, E. E. Randall 4, J. F. Laker 5, G. Mackman 6, R. Newton 7, M. A. Abbott 8.

BEDFORD SURPRISE MINOR.

Mr. A. Symonds, of Lavenham, writes: "The above-named method which is published in your issue of April 10th, is given in the old 'Campanalogia,' fifth edition, dated 1766, as Royal Bob, by J. D., whose initials are, I suppose, those of John Denmead."

A BIRTHDAY PEAL.

A band of the Worcestershire Association visited Toddington, Gloucestershire, and rang a peal of Minor to celebrate the birthday of the Vicar (the Rev. A. Warner). After the peal, the ringers, with the Toddington band, were entertained to tea at the Vicarage, and a vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. A. Warner for his kind hospitality. The Johnson family gave selections on handbells, which were much appreciated. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, Mr. Ashley for having them ready, and Mr. C. Lawrence for meeting them at the church.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Shere on Saturday week, and was attended by about 40 members from Dorking, Leatherhead, Shalford, Guildford, Farnham, Aldershot, Frensham, Ewhurst, Cranleigh, etc. Service was held in the grand old Parish Church, and an appropriate address given by the Rector (the Rev. F. C. Hill). Tea took place at the White Horse, and was presided over by the Rev. R. H. Freeman. It was decided not to fill the vacancy of chairman of committee, caused by the departure to Canada of Mr. C. Willshire, till the annual meeting. It was resolved to hold a meeting at Newdigate and Capel in June, and a combined practice at Dorking on May 25th. The Ringing Master reported that 14 peals had been rung since the last meeting.—Mr. F. E. Dawe proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the clergy and organist, which was unanimously carried, and some more touches in various methods on the tower bells brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester district was held on Saturday last at Stockbridge, but owing to various counter attractions there was a small attendance, only 16 sitting down to tea at the Ship Restaurant.—The Rev. W. E. Colchester (treasurer of the Guild) apologised for the absence of the genial district secretary (Mr. J. W. Elkins), who was too unwell to be present, and in welcoming the Rev. R. J. Chandler and his ringers, explained the objects of the Guild, and expressed the hope that Stockbridge tower might become affiliated, when an instructor would be sent.—During the afternoon and evening, touches in several methods were rung, and one local ringer, who had learnt change ringing before living at Stockbridge, was elected a member of the Guild.

RINGING PARSONS OF THE OXFORD GUILD.

Last week a "Clergy Training Week" was held at Twyford, Berks. About 70 clergy attended—and among them, twelve competent in handling a bell were to be found. The Bishop of the Diocese, in coming to lecture on the Wednesday evening, was welcomed with a peal by clerical members of his Diocese, the following taking part in the ringing:—

Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Caversham, Oxon (Master of the Oxford Guild).
 Rev. G. F. Coleridge, R.D., Crowthorne, Berks.
 Rev. R. W. C. Bevan, Binfield, Berks.
 Rev. W. Boldere, Great Coxwell, Berks.
 Rev. J. Chevallier, Great Horwood, Bucks.
 Rev. H. P. Bowen, St. Giles', Reading.
 Rev. W. P. Carr, St. Sebastian's, Berks.
 Rev. M. H. Waller, Twyford, Berks.
 Rev. J. Payne, Aylesbury, Bucks.
 Ven. the Archdeacon of Oxford.

The latter shaped well, and rang the tenor in great style. He was formerly "stroke" of the Oxford "Eight."

NAMES OF MINOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I shall be much obliged if you will kindly make known through your columns that Nos. 4, 6, 7 and 9, Fourth's-place Delight, and No. 31 Third's-place Delight in the C.C. Collection of Minor Methods, have recently been rung at Norbury, Cheshire, and named 'St. Werburgh,' 'Crowland,' 'Combermere,' 'Vale Royal' and 'Knutsford,' respectively.

I have long known No. 10 Fourth's-place Delight, named 'Newhall' in your last issue, as 'Braintree.' The extent in the Method was rung five times at Norbury in 1913.—Yours truly,
 New Mills, Stockport.

A. T. BEESTON.

RINGERS AT DINNER.

The annual dinner in connection with the St. John the Baptist Church Society, Vaynor, took place on Friday week at the Drover's Arms Hotel (Cefn Coed), when an excellent spread was provided by the hostess (Mrs. Davies). A company, to the number of 18, sat down. In the absence of the Rector (the Rev. J. Davies), who was detained in London on business, the chair was taken by the esteemed curate (the Rev. W. R. Jones). The toasts of "The King," "The Bell Ringers," "The Rector and Mrs. Davies" and "The Visitors" were drunk with musical honours.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and Mrs. Davies for their kindness in defraying the expenses, to the chairman for presiding, and to the hostess for the excellent catering. Songs, recitations, etc., were given during the evening, and at the close the Welsh and English National Anthems were sung.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On March 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: J. Slatford 1, *J. R. Main 2, W. H. Ette 3, G. Bassford 4, G. M. Ette 5, *T. Abbott 6, A. Smeathers (conductor) 7, A. Tompkins 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A NEW MASTER.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Berkeley, on Saturday last, when just over 100 members put in an appearance during the afternoon. This is the largest number that has attended the annual meeting for a number of years—certainly over 20—and was very gratifying. Ringing commenced at the Campanile just before three o'clock, and the bells were kept going in various methods until service. The opportunity was also used to pay a visit to Berkeley Castle, 48 availing themselves of it, as a result of which the local charities benefit to the extent of £1 4s. Permission had to be obtained for this, as Saturday is not a recognised visiting day, much to the disappointment of a motor car-a-banc party of 22 ladies from Bristol.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey gave the address at the service, and took for his text, "Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God," 1 Cor. x, 31. A collection was made on behalf of the Church Building Fund.

After the service, tea was partaken of at the White Hart Hotel, 111 sitting down. At the business meeting which followed, the Master (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies) took the chair, and gave a short account of the peals rung during the past year, especially mentioning the first peal of Cambridge Maximus by the Association, and also the 7329 of Grand-sire Cinques, his comments upon these performances being greeted with applause.—He then asked to be allowed to make a departure from the agenda, and, before receiving the balance sheet, requested the members to proceed to the election of Master, in order that he might leave to catch his train. He said that for 11 years they had done him the honour of electing him to that position, and 11 years was a good slice out of a man's life. He was now nearer 60 than 50, and thought they should elect a younger man. He thanked all the officers, who had worked with him, for their kind and considerate treatment, and was glad to say that whatever difference of opinion might transpire in the course of a meeting, it made no difference to their personal friendship. There were two nominations for the office of Master, Mr. John Austin (proposed by Mr. R. J. Wilkins, seconded by Mr. W. Hale), and Mr. F. K. Howell (proposed by Mr. H. Fussell, seconded by Mr. F. G. May). The proposers and seconders made very neat speeches in praise of the respective candidates. As the result of a show of hands, Mr. Frank R. Howell was declared elected by a large majority, and the first to shake hands and congratulate him was Mr. J. Austin.—The Rev. C. D. P. Davies having to leave, the new Master took his place at once, and led a hearty send-off to the late Master, every one rising in his place and singing "For he's a jolly good fellow," followed by three hearty cheers.

INCREASED MEMBERSHIP AND FUNDS.

After the new Master had returned thanks for his election, the business was resumed, and the Hon. Treasurer presented the balance sheet, which showed that the balance in hand had increased during the year by about £20, while the number of members had increased by 66. The balance sheet was adopted, after a little discussion, as to the different methods of the various branches.

The remaining officers were unanimously re-elected, viz.: Hon. treasurer, Rev. H. A. Cockey; hon. secretary, Mr. W. A. Cave.

The following resolutions were carried unanimously:—

- That in the opinion of the members of this Association the ladies are already sufficiently represented through their Diocesan, County and District Associations; but should at any time it be decided that a lady cannot represent these Associations then the question of separate representatives for the Ladies' Guild be again considered.
- That this Association is not prepared to support the scheme for inter-affiliation as at present proposed.

During the discussion on the last resolution, the Vicar having to leave, the Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to him for the service and the use of his bells, and this was carried enthusiastically.—The Vicar, in his reply, said he felt that Berkeley was honoured by the visit of the Association, and hoped there would not be such a long interval before they came to Berkeley again.

After the meeting, the Bristol contingent had to hurry to catch their train, and while on their 2½ miles' walk, could hear the beautiful peal of eight being well struck by those who were left behind.

The following were the branch attendances: Bristol and Wotton-under-Edge, 35 each; North Forest, 17; Stroud, 7; Bitton, 4; Gloucester, 2. The tower with the largest number of representatives was Westbury-on-Severn (11). South Forest, Stow, Cirencester and Swindon branches were not represented.

The new Master was first elected a member of the Association on January 9th, 1882, and was proposed by Mr. G. Staddon, who was also present on this occasion, and despite his advanced age, walked the 2½ miles to Berkeley from the station and more than half the way back, but not having allowed himself sufficient time had to receive a little mechanical assistance, or he would have missed his train.

SUTTON-ON-HULL.—At St. James' Church, on March 10th, for Confirmation service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Dowling 1, C. Jackson 2, J. S. Calvert 3, H. Rodmell 4, A. E. West 5, L. Rodmell (conductor) 6.

Chelmsford Cathedral Bells.

April, 1914.

Chelmsford Cathedral.

In 1913 Messrs. J. Warner and Sons, of Spitalfields, London, E.C., recast the Peal of ten Bells, added two new ones to make a Peal of 12, and re-hung them in one tier in a new steel frame.

We have much pleasure in stating that the work was carried out to our entire satisfaction.

The tone of the bells is much admired, and the ease with which they can be rung is testified to by the ringers.

HENRY A. LAKE, Rector.

THOS. N. WALLER,

ADOLPHUS G. MASKELL, } Churchwardens.

St. Mary's Lodge, Chelmsford.

February 6th, 1914.

Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd.

Gentlemen.

The new Peal of Twelve Bells installed in Chelmsford Cathedral in September last by your Firm gives the utmost satisfaction. The bells are well-tuned; the tone is mellow, and the harmonics are perfect. The ensemble effect is excellent.

I consider the Peal to be perfectly satisfactory.

Faithfully yours,

FREDERICK R. FRYE,

Mus. B. (Cantab), F.R.C.O.,

Organist, Chelmsford Cathedral.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL BELLS.

Dear Sirs,

We, the undersigned, representing important Towers in the Essex Association of Change Ringers, wish to place on record that we consider the new ring of 12 Bells (Tenor 34cwt. 2qrs. 22lbs.) in the Key of C, which you have just installed at Chelmsford Cathedral to be a triumph of musical perfection, coupled with engineering skill.

The Tenor Bell, which has been "going" perfectly since she was first dropped into her bearings, and the Treble Bells, are extremely worthy products of your well-known Foundry.

The whole peal is exceedingly well balanced, and the tuning upon Canon Simpson's Five Tone Principle is a vast improvement upon the old Bells, whose over-tones were in such a hopeless tangle.

Your new design of Independent Steel Framework fully merits the greatest praise, inasmuch as there is not the slightest movement when the Bells are ringing, and moreover, we appreciate the very great difficulty of arranging the 12 Bells to hang on one level in so small an available space.

Wishing you every success in the future,

We are, Dear Sirs, yours sincerely,

WILLIAM LINCOLN,

Master for S.E. Division.

CHAS. H. HOWARD,

Master of the Essex Association.

HARRY RICHELL, Deputy Master,

Chelmsford Cathedral.

JAMES MOTTS,

25, Orchard Street, Ipswich.

ARTHUR EDWARDS,

Ringing Master of Boreham Tower

Eight Bells.

HENRY F. COOPER,

Steeple Keeper and Master of the

Cathedral Guild of Change Ringers.

Secretary of the S.E. Division, E.A.C.R.

County Offices, Chelmsford.

Messrs. Warners, London.

Dear Sirs,

I have great pleasure in stating I am perfectly satisfied with the manner in which you have carried out the work entrusted to you, of recasting the old Peal of Ten and adding New Treble and Tenor, to Chelmsford Cathedral.

The Steel Frame constructed to carry the Twelve Bells all on one level, is a masterpiece of work, no movement or friction whatever. The tone of the bells is beautiful, the "go" is such that a youth could ring any one of them, in short I am opinion our Peal of Twelve cannot be beaten.

Yours truly,

HENRY F. COOPER,

Steeplekeeper and Master Chelmsford Cathedral Guild of

Change Ringers.

Secretary S.E. Division, E.A.C.R.

Boreham, Chelmsford.

Dear Sirs,

In my opinion the Twelve Bells placed in the Tower of Chelmsford Cathedral by you, are a noble peal; in fact, I think they are perfect, and remind me of a beautiful wave of music floating in the air, the "go" of which is all that could be desired.

Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR EDWARDS.

February 27th, 1914.

Messrs. Warner and Sons,

66, Duke Street, Chelmsford.

I am very pleased to say that the New Ring of Twelve at Chelmsford have proved such a great success. They are a magnificent Peal, and I'm sure that the "go" of them from Treble to Tenor is most excellent, and great credit is due to the Firm for the able way in which the work has been carried out.

H. RICHELL,

Deputy Master to the Cathedral Guild.

MESSRS. JOHN WARNER & SONS, LTD.,

Bellfounders to His Majesty King George V.,

THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY, LONDON, E.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT BRIGHTON.

The Sussex Association returned to Brighton this year for the annual meeting, which was held on Saturday last. During the morning, and at other periods of the day, touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob and other methods were rung at St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' Churches, the grand new ring of ten at the former church being much admired. Luncheon was partaken of at the Unicorn Hotel. The Mayor of Brighton (Alderman J. L. Otter, J.P.) presided, and supporting him were Mr. F. B. Tompkins (Chichester, Master of the Association), the Misses Humble-Crofts (Waldron), Mr. J. T. Rickman (Lewes), Mr. A. Hughes, Mr. G. Watson (hon. secretary), and Mr. R. C. Ford (hon. treasurer). Among the towers represented were St. Peter's (Brighton), Steyning, Battle, Angmering, West Tarring, Arundel, Pulborough, Shoreham, Warnham, Boxhill, Bolney, Heene, St. Leonards (Christ Church), Waldron, Heathfield, Lindfield, Rotherfield, Shipley, Eastbourne (Christ Church), Buxted, and Seaford.

The Mayor briefly submitted the toast of "The King."

Mr. Clement Hill, in proposing "The Church and State," deplored the fact that the former was not represented at their gathering.—The Mayor, in responding, regretted that there were no clergymen present, considering the close association between bell ringing and the clergy. He thought that when they arrived home they must each quarrel with their particular parsons. As Mayor, he could say that the civic authority had a great interest in bell ringing, because bells were used not only for calling people to services, but for all sorts of purposes with the common life of the community. He was glad to see from the report that Brighton had taken a leading part in the performances during the year. He wished success and prosperity to the Association for the ensuing year (applause).

THE CHALLENGE BELL.

The Mayor next presented to a representative of Christ Church, Eastbourne, the challenge bell for the greatest number of points gained for peals during 1913. St. Peter's, Brighton, headed the list, but having won the trophy last year, and the rule being that a church cannot hold the bell for two years in succession, it was handed over to the Eastbourne ringers, who were second.

The Mayor having to leave, a vote of thanks was accorded him on the motion of Mr. F. B. Tompkins, the master, who, upon the retirement of the Mayor, occupied the chair for the business meeting which followed.

Several new members having been elected, the Bishop of Chichester was re-elected president. The vice-presidents were re-elected with the addition of the new Bishop of Lewes. Mr. F. B. Tompkins was unanimously re-elected master; Mr. R. C. Ford, hon. treasurer; Mr. G. Watson, hon. general secretary; Mr. G. Howse, hon. secretary of the Eastern District; Mr. A. D. Stone, hon. secretary, Central District; Mr. H. Evans, hon. secretary, Western District; Mr. A. Gravett, hon. peal secretary; and Messrs. A. Harffey and A. White, auditors.

The report was presented, and stated that the financial condition of the Association continued to flourish. Not only did the general fund start the new year with a good balance in hand, but the new benevolent fund—drawn in a large measure from the general fund—was now in a very healthy state, and able, in all probability, to meet all calls likely to be made upon it in the immediate future. This fund had already proved of service to three deserving cases which had arisen since the last annual meeting. The donations had been given without delay, and, although of necessity small, had proved to be of great help to the recipients. The number of peals rung during the past year was 112, which was a record for the Association. Twelve district meetings were held during the year, and most of these were well attended. Once again it behoved them to express—on behalf of all their members—heartily thanks to those of the clergy who so kindly entertained the visitors to their several belfries on these occasions. Thanks were due to Mr. A. Gravett, who had so well filled the position of peals secretary. Since the last annual meeting, the bells of Ditchling had been tuned and re-hung, and two trebles added, making a ring of eight. A new ring of eight had been installed at Coleman's Hatch. The Loughton bells (5) had been rehung, and those of Goring (6) were about to be rehung in a new iron frame. Thanks to the munificence of Mr. J. T. Rickman, of Lewes, St. Peter's, Brighton, had recently been provided with a grand ring of ten bells, this tower thus possessing what was believed to be one of the finest rings in the South of England.

The Chairman commented on the satisfactory report and accounts, the latter showing a balance on the year's working of £29 12s. 5d. He particularly referred to the Benevolent Fund, which showed a balance of £28 6s. 2d. Two grants had since been made, however.—The report was unanimously adopted.

The Hon. Secretary moved: "That the committee be authorised during the coming year to make grants—if necessary—to the widows or nearest relatives of members who may die during that time."—This was seconded and carried unanimously.—It was also decided that the rules should be amended in this sense, and that a notice to that effect should be placed on next year's agenda.

By a large majority it was decided to hold next year's meeting at

Brighton, after amendments in favour of Eastbourne and Hastings had been put. The second Saturday in May was provisionally fixed.

THE OLDEST CRAFT.

After the luncheon a number of the ringers proceeded to St. Peter's Church, where a short service was held, the preacher being the Bishop of Lewes. He said it was a great pleasure to know that the first duty which fell upon him was to speak to them as bell ringers. They were among the oldest craft of Church workers. The ancestry of bell ringers was one they might be proud of. In 680 the Venerable Bede told them of a bell which was brought from Italy. So that bell ringers had been connected with the Church more than twelve hundred years. He did not think there was anything touched one more than the sound of the bells, which conjured up visions of bygone days. The bell spoke of what human voices could not say. Bell ringers were like preachers; they sent their message out on the air, not knowing, but hoping that the message would strike a human heart.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

FROME AND MIDSOMER NORTON DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of this branch was held, by the kind invitation of the president (the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill), at Leigh-on-Mendip, on Saturday week. The bells were available from 2 p.m., and early in the afternoon they were going merrily, their lovely tones reaching the ears of eager ringers making their way against hills and wind to the pretty old-world village, perched right on the ridge of the Mendips. By 4.30 p.m., the hour appointed for special evensong, a goodly number of members had arrived. The service was conducted by the president, and a very inspiring and helpful address was given by the Rev. C. C. Parker, the universally-esteemed Master of the Association. At the conclusion of the service, the ringers foregathered at the Church Institute, where, through the never-failing hospitality of the president and Mrs. Honnywill, they were entertained to a sumptuous repast, to which, on the call of "go," they did not fail to do ample justice, this "touch" being brought round without the slightest suspicion of a slip, much to the complete satisfaction, no doubt, of the genial "conductor." The usual business meeting followed.

The President, in a few well-chosen words, said how very highly honoured they all felt at having with them that afternoon the Master, whose kindly interest in and devotion to the work of the Association were well known to all the change ringers in the diocese. The meeting was also favoured by the presence of two other prominent gentlemen, the Rev. Prebendary Randolph (Vicar of St. John's, Frome), and Mr. A. M. G. Daniel (Frome), a former and most highly-esteemed honorary secretary of the branch.—The following ringers were duly elected to membership: Messrs. F. Haynes (Paulton), Reg. Ryman (High Littleton), E. Gould, E. Robbins (Ston Easton), Misses D. A. Carter, A. M. Holmyard and B. Maggs (Midsomer Norton), and the Rev. W. H. W. Williams (Vicar of Midsomer Norton) as an honorary member. The president and honorary secretary, retiring from office in accordance with the rules, were again unanimously elected for the ensuing year, and in returning their thanks for the renewed honours conferred upon them, each assured the meeting of their earnest desire to please the members and to promote, as far as lay in their powers, the well-being and continued progress of the branch. The meeting concluded with heartiest votes of thanks to all those who had in any way contributed towards the success of the gathering, special mention being made of the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill, Mrs. Honnywill, Rev. C. C. Parker (Master), Rev. Prebendary Randolph, Mr. A. M. G. Daniel, Rev. E. D. Sear (Vicar of Wells) for the use of the belfry and bells of his church, and the members of the church choir.

After the business had been transacted, the members lost no time in mounting to the belfry, and the bells were soon swinging gaily, and so continued till approaching darkness warned the visiting ringers that they had better be getting on the road for home. Some few of the members finished up the day's pleasure by going to Wells, where they rang some Grandsire Triples and Stedman Doubles on the magnificent bells there—bells which most certainly deserve to be made more ringable than they are at present—and these ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to tender to Mr. Burge (the captain) their sincere thanks for the ungrudging trouble he was put to to have all things in readiness for them. May we hope, in the very near future that the Wells ringers will be enrolled as members of the Association?

The towers represented were Leigh-on-Mendip, Wanstrow, Frome, Buckland Dinham, Midsomer Norton, Chewton Mendip, Paulton, High Littleton, and Ston Easton. It will, we venture to think, be admitted by all who were present, that the meeting was one of the most successful ever held by the branch, and apparently everybody spent a thoroughly enjoyable time, and went home feeling all the better and all the happier for having attended one more gathering under the auspices of their well-beloved and ever-genial friend and president, the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill, their debt to whom will never be paid. The Hon. Sec. (Mr. I. B. Holmyard, Midsomer Norton) feels that these few remarks would be incomplete without an acknowledgment on his part of the gratitude he feels towards all those members who so faithfully and ably assist him by their regular attendances at the branch meetings, often at great personal inconvenience to themselves.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The annual meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held at Chesterfield on Saturday week, and proved very successful. Between 50 and 60 ringers were present from Barlborough, Bedford, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Doncaster, Dore, Dronfield, Eckington, Killamarsh, North Wingfield, Norton, Rammoor, Rotherham (Parish Church and Eastwood), Sheffield Cathedral, Staveley and Worksop. The ten bells in the church of the famous crooked spire (tenor 24 cwt.), were kept going at intervals during afternoon and evening, the methods rung including Kent Treble Bob Royal, Stedman Caters, Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich, and Plain Bob Major, and one or two Minor methods. The meeting coincided with the death of Alderman Short (Vicar's warden), and with the funeral of Mr. Harvey, M.P. for N.E. Derbyshire, and the clappers were half-muffled for the occasion, some good striking being heard. During the time, some members enjoyed a climb up to the "crow's nest," near the top of the spire, about 220 feet high, and the wonderful construction of this unique piece of architecture, consisting of a mass of wood-work, coated with lead, which has warped in every direction, caused much interest. A good view was also obtained of several aeroplane flights by Mr. Hucks, who was giving an exhibition in the town.

The business meeting was held in the vestry, the chair being taken by the Ven. Archdeacon Crosse, Vicar of Chesterfield, whose genial presence is always welcomed by the ringers. The balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £12 17s. 3d. on the capital account, was adopted.

THE REPORT.

The Hon. Secretary, in his annual report, remarked that it was with much pleasure that he was able to say that the society was still in a flourishing condition. They possessed 18 affiliated towers, and a membership of 259, made up of: Honorary members, 4; life members, 14; attached to various affiliated towers, 171; unattached, 60. Compared with last year, this showed an increase of 33 members, including one honorary, 16 attached and 16 unattached, which was, he thought, satisfactory progress. There was an apparent decrease in the life members, but this was due to re-classification. It might be of interest to point out that during the last three years the membership has increased by about 100. No new towers had joined the society during the year, and none had dropped out, though the name of Wortley was omitted from the list, as they had long since ceased to take any active interest in the society; indeed, he doubted if there were any change ringers there at present. The monthly meetings had on the whole been well attended, and the standard of ringing had been high. The attendances had averaged about 35, which was an improvement on the last two years, though, with a membership of over 250, they might be much larger.

A SPLENDID PERCENTAGE.

The society's silver cup and framed certificate for the best Sunday ringing attendances for the year ending March 31st, 1914, had been won by the Dronfield company with 99.50 per cent., followed by Anston and Penistone with 98.36 per cent. each; Worksop with 97.91 per cent., Doncaster with 96.93 per cent., Beighton with 96.24 per cent., and Rammoor with 94.24 per cent. He thought that the Dronfield company were deserving of much congratulation on their fine record, indeed all the figures reflected much credit on the companies concerned. He was glad that this competition was being taken up much more seriously by affiliated companies, as he thought it deserved to be, though he would like to see a much larger entry than at present. Referring to the balance sheet which had just been presented, he was glad to be able to say that the society was in a sound financial position, though the income for the present year had only just covered the expenditure.

The proposed division of the Yorkshire Association into districts had come about, and should, he thought, be welcomed as a step towards the advancement of change ringing. There was no intention to interfere with the work of that society in any way, nor, he was sure, would they approve of any such interference. It was only fair to say that he had heard the opinion expressed privately, that the Yorkshire Association would sooner or later take the place of that society in the district, with which opinion he strongly disagreed. Their society was, in his opinion, in a better and more healthy condition than it had ever been. He did not think there had ever been more interest taken in its doings, and now was the very worst time to suggest limiting the scope of their activities. If, however, members continued to take an active interest in the society, as they were now doing, they need fear nothing, as there was plenty of room both for the Yorkshire Association and ourselves. The peals rung during 1913 numbered 16, a decrease of ten as compared with the previous year, though the standard was very high indeed. There was one peal of Surprise Royal, four of Surprise Major, and one of Surprise Minor. Grandfire Triples and Plain Bob do not appear, another sign of the high standard maintained. Messrs. Sam Thomas and A. Knights headed the list of conductors, with four peals each to their credit, followed by Mr. J. Flint with two, and Messrs. A. H. Ward, G. Hollis, B. A. Knights, G. Lewis, W. Lambert, and C. Severn, with one apiece. Mr. Sam Thomas was to be

congratulated on conducting the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal to be rung by the Association, and the Killamarsh ringers upon ringing a peal of Surprise Minor. In connection with these peals, it was mentioned that the peal book, which was kindly presented to the society by Mr. Sam Thomas, was now filled up. It had lasted about ten years, and he thought contains a record of which any society might be proud. Mr. Sam Thomas was kindly going through it at the present time, checking the peals and callings, and they owed him thanks for the trouble that he was taking.

After expressing thanks to the various committeemen and secretaries, the Secretary welcomed Archdeacon Crosse, the report remarking that if all clergy acted in the same kindly way as Archdeacon Crosse did, the advancement of change ringing as a branch of church work would make even more progress than it did. The society, he concluded, was still on the up grade. He believed they were doing a good work in promoting change ringing, with its attendant advantages of orderliness and decent behaviour in belfries. It was one of the aims of that society to avoid all friction and ill-feeling in connection with the art of change ringing, and he appealed again 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.

Mr. J. P. Tarlton (North Wingfield), who was proposed by the retiring president, Mr. G. H. Halksworth (Doncaster), was unanimously elected president. Mr. A. Knights (Chesterfield) was re-elected vice-president, and Mr. W. Biggin (Norton) was elected to take the place of Mr. J. P. Tarlton. Mr. D. Brearley (hon. treasurer), Mr. J. E. L. Cockey (hon. secretary), Mr. G. Hollis (assistant hon. secretary), and Messrs. G. W. Bemrose, and W. Peabody (auditors), were all re-elected.

THE VICAR ASTONISHED.

Before presenting the cup and certificate to the Dronfield company, Archdeacon Crosse gave an eloquent address to those present. He remarked that ringers astonished him at every turn. Their performances filled him with wonder and awe. A ringer was born, not made, he felt assured. And then for their society to be able to produce a credit balance! During a lengthy career he had attended many meetings, but it was seldom that he came across a band of church workers in such a healthy financial condition. Why, in Chesterfield they hardly knew what a credit balance was! He heartily congratulated the society on the balance sheet, it was a proof of substance, a proof of the enthusiasm and zest of the ringers. Change ringing, he considered, was like a sieve; when one shook it up, all the refuse dropped out, and only that of value remained. Referring to the division of the Yorkshire Association into districts, he felt sure that overlapping should do no harm. There was so much enthusiasm amongst ringers that there was doubtless room for both societies, but he deprecated the idea of the Sheffield District Society limiting its scope in any way. It was such a healthy society that it would be folly to suggest such a thing. One secret of success amongst change ringers, he remarked, was the good attendance put in by members. In a choir, for instance, one man late made little or no difference, but with a band of ringers, a man short might spoil everything. He advocated the system of fines adopted by many companies, as assuring good attendances, and urged members to loyally carry out their obligations in this respect. He hoped that ringers would feel that they were not only church workers, but an integral part of the ministry. Proceeding, the Archdeacon remarked, "I suggest to you chaps (perhaps you have never thought of it before) that you should pray for the bells. If a clergyman were to preach without praying about his sermon it would, I believe, carry little weight, however eloquent. Ask God's blessing on the message of the bells. In my experience, many people have been drawn back to the church after, perhaps, a long absence, by the sound of the bells—reminding them of the worship of God."

REMARKABLE ATTENDANCE.

In handing the cup and certificate to the Dronfield company, he remarked that for ringers to put in an attendance for a whole year of 99.5 per cent. was simply astonishing. Not only that, but for Anston and Penistone to finish second with 98.36, and for all the competing companies to register over 90 per cent., was, he thought, remarkable. He felt sure that in no other branch of church work could such splendid attendances be approached, and he heartily congratulated Dronfield on their success. "May God bless you all and the message that you ring out," he concluded.—Mr. E. Allen, in receiving the cup and certificate on behalf of the Dronfield company, suitably responded.

The fixtures for the ensuing year were next confirmed, and four new members were elected, viz., Messrs. W. Kennan, P. Morris, P. Hibbard, and W. Leak, of Barlborough.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring president (Mr. G. H. Halksworth) for his services during the past two years, and to the local company for making all arrangements for the meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks to Archdeacon Crosse, was proposed by Mr. Sam Thomas, and seconded by Mr. G. W. Bemrose. Archdeacon Crosse, in responding, wished great success to the society, and assured members that he was always ready to be of service to them in any way. The meeting then concluded with prayer.

YORKSHIRE AND THE CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of May 1st, you publish an account of the Easter meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, and in that account Mr. Wright, the president, is reported to have said that "neither he, nor Mr. Metcalfe, the secretary, had had any official reply" to the resolution which he had sent to the Yorkshire Association. I am sure that Mr. Wright does not wish to mislead the outside public, but in justice to myself and my brother officers of the Yorkshire Association, I wish to say that after very careful consideration by the committee, a full official reply was sent to Mr. Wright under my signature in December last, and was acknowledged by him, and further that that reply ended with these words, "assuring you of our goodwill, and desiring you to bring this letter before your members." As both Mr. Wright and Mr. Metcalfe were present at our annual meeting at Leeds, and heard all that transpired at that meeting, it hardly seemed necessary to send a further letter setting that out in detail. In conclusion, may I say that my own hope for the future has always been not that one society should "go under," but that some way should be found for amicable working together, by means of affiliation or something of that kind.—I am, Sir, yours sincerely,

C. C. MARSHALL,

President, Y.A.C.R.

P.S.—I am writing this with no desire to start a newspaper controversy, but simply to lay certain facts before you, and I trust that the matter will be allowed to rest there.

[Other letters replying to Dr. Pauli's communication last week, are unavoidably held over.]

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

SUPPORT FOR INTER-AFFILIATION AND LADIES' GUILD.

For the April quarterly meeting the Guild paid its first visit to Boldmere on Saturday week, and, though the attendance was small, a pleasant and profitable afternoon was spent. During the afternoon the methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles and Double Norwich Major. After tea, at the "Gate" Inn, the business meeting was held, the Ringing Master, Mr. James George, presiding, supported by the hon. secretary (the Rev. C. C. Cox), and ten members, representing Boldmere, Coventry, Sutton Coldfield, Nuneaton, Tamworth, Rugby and Stratford-on-Avon. Monthly meetings were arranged to be held at Grendon on May 30th, at Coleshill in June, at Kineton in August, and at Brinklow in September, and the hon. secretary was requested to arrange for a special meeting to be held at Stoke Golding about the second week in July. It was resolved that the other monthly meetings should, where possible, be held on the third Saturday in the month.—Twelve new members were elected.—It was also resolved that the Guild's representatives on the Central Council should approve proposals for inter-affiliation and for the representation of the Ladies' Guild on the Council, at the next session.—A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by the Ringing Master to the Rector of Boldmere for the use of the bells, and also to Messrs. T. Bloore and W. G. Anker for their arrangements connected with the meeting, and Mr. B. Witchell for obtaining the use of Erdington Abbey bells in the evening. Members adjourned to the latter belfry at the conclusion of the meeting.

FINE NEW ESSEX EIGHT.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM BELLS DEDICATED.

A very fine peal of eight is the result of the addition of two trebles to the ring at Sible Hedingham, Essex, which were dedicated recently by the Bishop of Colchester. The bells are the gift of the Misses Webster, who, in 1912, defrayed the cost of rehanging the old five bells, and the addition of a new one to make a ring of six. The work has been carried out by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, and the peal, with a tenor of 18½ cwt., in E, are now looked upon as one of the finest in the county. A large number of ringers attended the dedication, at which the opening touch was one of Bob Major. Among those present were Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association), the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (hon. secretary), Mr. G. Pannell (N.E. District Master), Mr. B. Redgwell (district secretary), and ringers from Earl's Colne, Colne Engaine, Braintree, Bocking, Rayne, Lavenham, Great Yeldham, Gestingthorpe, Halstead, Greenstead Green, Great Bentley, Great Bardfield and Belchamp Walter. The visitors were entertained to tea by the donors of the bells, and the Bishop and Rector thanked the Misses Webster for their generous gift, while the Master thanked them for the invitation extended and the hospitality shown to the ringers outside the parish. During the day, touches of Bob Major, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Stedman Triples, Superlative Surprise and Double Norwich Major were rung.

A LADY'S FEAT.

On Saturday Miss Elsie Bennett took part in a handbell peal of Stedman Caters at Guildford, having cycled to the Surrey county town from London. She returned to the Metropolis by road after the peal—a ride of, altogether, nearly 60 miles! Not a bad feat for a lady.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DORCHESTER BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Dorchester branch of the Salisbury Guild was held at Wyke Regis, when the following towers were represented: Bournemouth, Charminster, Dorchester, Fordington, Poole, Upwey, and Wyke Regis. The visitors were warmly welcomed by the local band, who had everything in readiness, and took the opportunity of ascending to the top of the tower from which a magnificent view is to be obtained. The bells were kept going throughout the afternoon to the tune of Stedman and Grandsire Triples. The Guild service was held in the church and was of a hearty character. It was conducted by the Rector (Canon S. E. Davies) and the Rev. A. S. Hasluck, the singing being led by the choir, and the Rector giving an excellent address.

Following the service, the visitors were entertained to a high tea by the Rector and the local band, and provided under the auspices of the Women's Union. Afterwards the Rev. H. C. Coote proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his excellent address, the use of the bells, and his kind hospitality.—The vote was carried with acclamation, and was acknowledged by the Rector.—Votes of thanks were also accorded to the organist and choir, and to the ladies for their kindness in assisting at the tea.

The business meeting followed, Mr. R. N. Dawes (chairman of the branch) being in the chair.

It was decided (at the kind invitation of the Rev. H. A. Caryl) to hold the next quarterly meeting at Hilton, in July, and that the annual meeting should be altered from April to December now that the report and financial year conclude at the end of that month.

The Secretary next presented the annual report, which showed an increase in members of 19. Ten towers composed the branch, and nine were practising change ringing. It is hoped to get more towers affiliated in due course. Four well-attended quarterly meetings had been held during the year, and three meetings for practice of change ringing, in which good progress had been made. St. Peter's, Dorchester, besides ringing Stedman and Grandsire Triples, with the aid of Mr. Wiffen, were now practising Kent Treble Bob, and this band had brought round the first peal of Stedman Triples by the branch. Wyke Regis had passed from Grandsire Doubles to Triples and Bob Minor, Upwey were now practising Doubles, and the other towers had improved in this direction. At Buckland a new treble bell had been added to complete a fine peal of six (tenor 19½ cwt.), and the tenor bell at Wyke Regis had been rehung. The report concluded with thanks to the different incumbents for the use of their bells. The financial statement showed a balance on the right side of £3 4s. 8d.

All the officers were thanked for their past services and re-elected. At the conclusion of the business, the members paid another visit to the tower. Messrs. Townsend and Baverstock (Poole) gave some fine touches and selections on the handbells, and good spade work was done, several members ringing their first 500 of Triples in fine style. Stedman and Grandsire were the order of the day, and Messrs. J. Bengier, F. W. Townsend and L. W. Wiffen acted as conductors.

DEVIZES BRANCH AT WESTBURY.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes branch was held at All Saints' Church, Westbury, Wilts, on Saturday week. Among those present were the Rev. J. A. Sturton (Vicar of Market Lavington), chairman; the Rev. W. H. McCann Clarke (Vicar of Westbury), and Mr. Hy. Brownlee West (Devizes), hon. branch secretary, together with ringing members from Edington, Westbury, Southbroom and Market Lavington. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening, and a company of 14 sat down to tea in the Parish Room.—Afterwards a short business meeting took place, at which the Vicar of Westbury was duly elected as an honorary member of the Guild; and upon the proposition of Mr. West, seconded by Mr. Hart, the Rev. T. Roberts (Vicar of Holt), together with his son, Mr. Thos. Victor Roberts, were duly elected as ringing members.—Six new ringing members from Westbury, were also unanimously elected.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of Westbury, for the use of the church bells, and also the parish room for the meeting, to which he made a suitable response, expressing his pleasure at having the Guild to meet at Westbury.—The ringers then moved off to the tower, where more ringing was indulged in, the handbells also being brought into use, and a very happy and successful meeting was brought to a close.

OLDHAM AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the above Society took place on Saturday week at St. Thomas's, Moorside. There was a good attendance of ringers, and the bells were set going during the afternoon, and the members and a few friends afterwards partook of a splendid dinner at the Moorside Hotel, to which full justice was done. The business meeting followed, when Messrs. S. Stott, C. Platt and F. Chapman were again elected ringing master, secretary and treasurer respectively. In the evening there was further ringing, touches in the following methods being brought round: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob Major.

DEATH OF MR. H. L. WADDINGTON.**ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE HERTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday of last week there was laid to rest in the Cemetery of St. Albans, the mortal remains of the late Mr. Henry Lee Waddington, one of the founders of the Hertford County Association, and a past president of the society. Mr. Waddington contracted a chill, and succumbed to bronchitis, which supervened. Born in 1838, it was not until 1879 that Mr. Waddington took up ringing, joining at that time the St. Albans Cathedral Society, when only call changes were rung. This kind of ringing, however, did not appeal to Mr. Waddington, and he soon resigned, but subsequently, owing to a disagreement between the ringers and churchwardens, set about forming, in conjunction with Mr. N. N. Hills, a change ringing band. Mr. Waddington was the first treasurer of the Herts Association, which was formed in 1884, and he also acted as hon. secretary of the Cathedral Society until 1907. In 1911 he was elected President of the Herts Association, and held office for a year. Altogether Mr. Waddington had rung about 25 peals, principally on the treble and tenor.

An owner of extensive property, he took his share in the public life of St. Albans, and had served as chairman of the Board of Guardians.

The funeral, the first portion of which took place at the Cathedral, was conducted by the Dean of St. Albans, the Rev. T. G. Dixon, of Holton Hall, Lincoln, formerly curate of St. Albans, and the Rev. G. C. Rolfe. Among those who attended the last sad rights were representatives of public bodies, and Canon Papillon (president), Mr. E. P. Debenham (treasurer), and Mr. G. W. Cartmel (hon. secretary), representing the Herts Association; Messrs. E. E. Whitbread and R. Hammond, representing the Cathedral Society.

Conspicuous among the floral emblems was a large bell made entirely of white stocks, with clapper and cannons composed of forget-me-nots. This was the tribute from the Herts Association, and was sent as "a token of brotherly esteem." The St. Albans Society also sent a wreath in remembrance of their former colleague, and attached to it were the words: "This is all. Stand!" the familiar direction given at the close of a peal.

Preaching at the Cathedral, the Dean of St. Albans paid an eloquent tribute to the life of the deceased gentleman, whose demise is deeply regretted by a very large circle.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**A WELCOME AT PONTYPRIDD.**

The quarterly meeting of this association at Pontypridd proved to be a most successful one. The weather was delightful, and on arrival at the church tower, which contains a new ring of eight bells by Taylor, the members were heartily welcomed by the locals, and the bells kept going until the business meeting was held in the Parish Rooms.

The Vicar, the Rev. W. Watkins Edwards, who had early in the week been inducted to the parish, was given a hearty welcome on entering the room. He at once took the chair and made some very kind and encouraging remarks, wishing the Association every prosperity in the good work it was doing, and welcoming the Association to Pontypridd for the first time.—Arising out of the minutes, the Hon. Secretary mentioned that the incumbents who had been given grants from the Association towards the restoration of their bells had written thanking the Association for their assistance.—Several new members were elected, including the ringers of two new towers which are now in union with the Association, namely, Pontypridd and St. Mellons, the latter asking for assistance in instruction.

The place for the next Glamorgan meeting was discussed, and it was unanimously carried that it be held at Llantrissant, the next Monmouthshire meeting having already been fixed for Caldicot.—The question of the Ladies' Guild being represented on the Central Council was mentioned, and the meeting was unanimous that, when their number permitted according to rule, they should be allowed to have their own representative.

The Vicar then invited everyone present to the adjoining room, where it was found the ladies were waiting with an excellent meat tea. At the conclusion, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and the ladies for their kindness, and the opportunity is now taken of thanking Mr. Churchwarden Forrest for the untiring efforts which he made in arranging and welcoming the Association in the manner he did.

The tower was afterwards visited, and touches in the standard methods rung, which brought to a close a most enjoyable meeting.

FALSE PEALS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is my duty to ask you to withdraw the 5011 Stedman Caters, rung at Loughborough on August 5th, and on handbells at New Cross on October 22nd, also the 5013 at West Ham on December 20th, as it has been pointed out to me the compositions are false. At the same time, may I ask those who were unfortunate enough to take part in them, to accept my sincere apologies for the annoyance it will cause them.—Yours truly,

F. BENNETT.

INAUGURATING YORKSHIRE'S NEW DIVISIONAL SCHEME.**FIRST MEETING OF EASTERN DISTRICT.**

Favoured with a lovely spring day, upwards of 40 members of the newly-formed eastern district and friends attended the inaugural meeting at Goole on Saturday week. The eight bells of the Parish Church are in good ringing condition, and were kept going almost continuously until 8.30 p.m., some good touches in the Standard methods and Double Norwich being brought round.

After a capital ringers' tea had been enjoyed in the National Schools, the business meeting was held. The chair was taken by the President (the Rev. C. C. Marshall), supported by the Vicar and churchwardens of Goole, etc.

The position of vice-president was filled by the election of Mr. A. E. West, of Sutton-on-Hull, and that gentleman, in returning thanks, pledged himself to do all in his power to further the advancement of the eastern district.—Mr. Thos. Smith, of Goole, was elected as district hon. secretary, being undoubtedly well fitted for the post. Mr. H. Ludkin, also of Goole, was voted to the position of ringing master, and here again the right man is undoubtedly in the right place. The following members' names were submitted for the district committee and elected en bloc: Messrs. Walters and Pickard (Pontefract), Cutsforth (Hull), Fearnley (Yorks), Cryer (Selby), Gibson (Beverley Minster), R. B. Smith (Howden), England (Hatfield), and the Rev. W. P. Wright (Hemingbrough). Of these, Messrs. Fearnley and Cutsforth were elected to serve on the Central Committee, with the three principal officers.—It was arranged that the next district meeting should be held at Hatfield on August Bank Holiday. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Goole for the use of the bells and schools, and in his reply, the Vicar said how pleased he was to welcome the members to Goole. He was very glad to see so many of those present wearing the badge of the Church of England Men's Society. As regards his own ringers, he had nothing but praise for them as a fine body of men, both in their zeal as campanologists and church workers.—In seconding a vote of thanks to the local company and the ladies who presided at the tea tables, the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver spoke of the excellent state of the ringing chamber, which, he thought, was second to none.—Mr. Ludkin replied on behalf of the local ringers, and Churchwarden White for the ladies.—A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded a most enjoyable meeting.

Will members of the eastern district please note that new and renewal subscriptions, applications for reports, etc., should be sent to the district secretary, Mr. Thos. Smith, 132, Weatherill Street, Goole.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the South-Western district of the Essex Association was held at Christ Church, Wanstead, 45 members being present. The bells were rung during the afternoon in various Minor methods. A short service was held, the address being delivered by the Rev. Canon Papillon (the late Master of the Association).

Tea, which had very kindly been provided by Mrs. Bodger and Mr. Harold Bodger (a former member of the Wanstead band), was served in the Institute.—A business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. Canon Corbett (Rector of Wanstead), supported by the Bishop of Barking, Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (general secretary), and Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association). The election of Mr. W. D. Smith and Mr. G. H. Piggilling prior to a peal rung at Epping was confirmed, and the band of St. Mary's, Chigwell, was elected.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Epping or North Weald.—Votes of thanks were accorded to Mrs. and Mr. Bodger for providing the tea, to the Association Master and secretary for their presence, and to Canon Corbett for the use of the bells and Institute.—After the meeting the bells were again rung, and some of the members went to St. John's, Leytonstone, where the bells were opened for the occasion, while others went to St. Mary's, Walthamstow.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham district was held at Hayes, where various touches were brought round on the light ring of six. About thirty ringers attended divine service, and listened to an excellent address by the Rev. L. W. Coleman (curate), and an honorary member of the Association. An adjournment was then made to the tea gardens, on the border of the common, where tea, kindly provided by the Rector and churchwardens, was waiting. The business meeting followed, the Rev. L. W. Coleman presiding, and apologising for the Rector's absence, owing to a cold.—The Secretary read a letter from the Rev. C. G. Ball (St. Mary Cray) explaining why the meeting could not be held there.—Two new members were elected, and Erith was selected for the next meeting, on Saturday, July 18th.

The Secretary brought forward the inter-affiliation scheme, but it was decided that this was a matter for the general meeting.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the Rev. L. W. Coleman for arranging the service, and giving the address, and for presiding; to the organist for his services, and to the Rector and churchwardens for so kindly providing tea.—The Rev. Coleman replied, and said he would convey the thanks of the meeting to those mentioned. The tower was afterwards again visited.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on May 19th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 21st; Southwark Cathedral, on the 19th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 26th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus, 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Walmer on Saturday, May 16th. The bells of Walmer (8), Upper Deal (6) and Mongeham (6) will be available from 3 p.m. Divine Service at 5 p.m. in Walmer Parish Church. Tea provided at 5.30 p.m. at the Hare and Hounds, Upper Walmer. Business meeting after tea. All subscriptions should be paid before this meeting.—E. Trendell, Hon. District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Clitheroe, on Saturday, May 16th, 1914. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 16th, at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting and social to follow. All members and friends invited.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The May general meeting and the first meeting of the Southern District, will be held jointly at Rotherham and Eastwood, on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available for ringing—Parish Church (10) from 2 to 5; St. Stephen's (8) from 2 to 9, except during the tea and meeting. Subscriptions, etc., will be attended to, tea tickets issued and the order of ringing arranged in St. Stephen's vestry. Business meeting after tea for the election of district officers, vice-president, ringing master, secretary and committee. As regards the general meeting, will members please accept this notice instead of a circular.—Clement Glenn, Hon. General Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Clitheroe, on Saturday, May 16th, 1914. Bells of St. Mary Magdalen's Church available from 2.30 p.m. Meeting in the class room 5.30 p.m.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Hon. Secretaries.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. W. H. Thompson) at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, on Saturday, May 16th, 1914. Bells available from 4.30. Service at 6. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar, at 6.30. By invitation of the Vicar a mid-week meeting will be held at Acton, on Wednesday evening, May 27th. Tea provided at 5 o'clock; service at 6; ringing to follow. All ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

GUILD FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 23rd, 1914, at Shawbury and Moreton Corbet. Ring-

ing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the Vestry of Shawbury Church at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Retford on Saturday, May 23rd, 1914. East Retford (10), West Retford and Ordsall (6 bells) towers will be at the disposal of ringers from 2 to 9 p.m. Visitors heartily welcomed. Tea at Howard's Restaurant, Grove Street, at 5 p.m. Free to members, 1s. to non-residents, and 1s. 3d. to others.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary, 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton, on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available at 4.30; meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Ottershaw on Saturday, May 23rd, meet at 4 p.m. Combined practices:—Oatlands Park, May 30th, Hersham, June 13th, both at 6.30 p.m.; Weybridge, June 27th, 7 p.m. Supporters are asked to make a note of above information.—George B. Edser, Honorary Secretary, 170, Gipsy Road, S.E.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run will take place on Saturday, May 23rd, to Sharesill (6). Bells available from 3.30. Tea can be arranged. Those intending to be present should write at once to Rev. E. V. Cox, 104, Borneo Street, Walsall.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Linslade on Saturday, May 23rd, 1914. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. King, Honorary Secretary, 6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Heathfield, on Saturday, May 23rd.—George H. Howse, Divisional Secretary, Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Wombourne on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available at 4 o'clock, service in church at 4.30, to be conducted by the Rev. Prebendary Nicholas (Vicar). A free tea will be provided by the Vicar for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, May 26th. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Grendon, on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Secretary, Shotton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Maidstone on Whitsun-Monday, June 1st. Committee meeting in All Saints' Vestry, 11 a.m. Service at All Saints, 12 noon (preacher, Rev. T. K. Sopwith, Vicar of Aylesford). Dinner (in Boys' Schoolroom) 1 p.m. Business meeting after dinner. At this meeting four representatives to serve on the Central Council will be elected; nominations of candidates, signed by two members, must be forwarded to the honorary secretary before Saturday, May 23rd. It is particularly requested that members will apply for dinner tickets by May 27th at the latest.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Honorary Secretary, Canterbury.

NOTICES—continued.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—The annual meeting will be held at Paignton, on Whit Monday. Service in Parish Church at 12.15, dinner in Parochial Schools at 1 p.m. (members' tickets 1s. if applied for by May 20th). Business meeting after dinner. Ringing in neighbouring towers throughout the day.—Rev. E. S. Powell, Holbeton, Plymouth.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton, on Whit Monday, June 1st. Service at All Saints' at 12 noon. Luncheon at the Peacock Hotel at 1 o'clock, 1s. each. Meeting after. The bells of All Saints', St. Peter's, St. Sepulchre's, and St. Edmund's will be available from 10 a.m.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

THE LADIES GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the above Guild will be held at Portishead, near Bristol, on Whit-Monday, June 1st. Bells available at 11 a.m. Business meeting at 2.30 p.m. in the Belfry. Members will be entertained to tea by the Portishead ringers at the "White Cot" Dairy at 4 p.m., charge for non-members 1/- each. Service in Church at 5.30 p.m.; gentlemen cordially invited. Will all who intend being present kindly notify me before May 25th.—Edith K. Parker, Honorary Secretary, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

PEAL BOOKS.—Price 3s., post free 3/6. Peals written in at 3d. per page. Prices for entering peals in Association official peal books upon application.—J. Beams, West Ewell, Epsom.

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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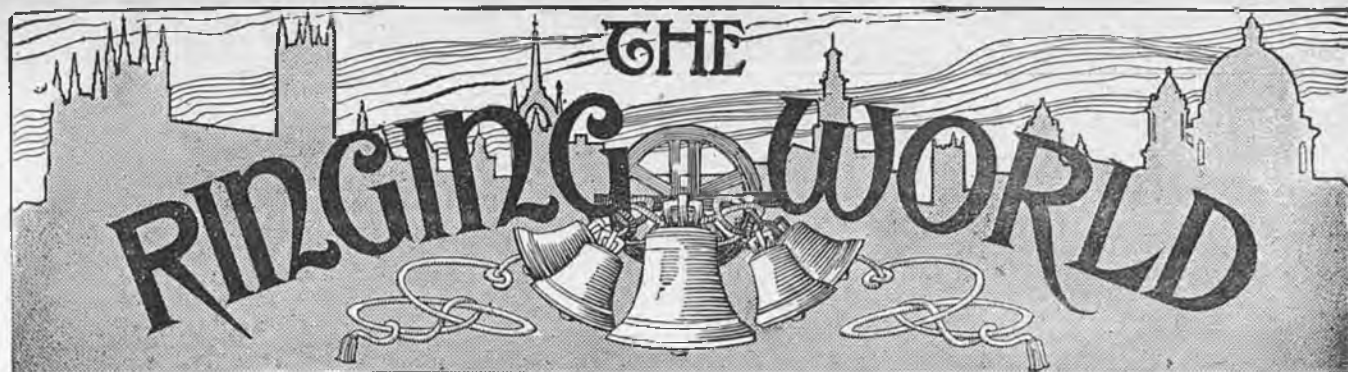


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Gentlemen,

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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

This week that stupendous compilation, the peals analysis, is published, and the mass of information which it contains will be studied with the greatest interest. The work of getting out this analysis is a colossal one, and the labour attached to it increases year by year with the ever-growing number of peals that are rung. Whether or not a ringer agrees with the principle of points for peals, he cannot but find a great deal of instructive information in the particulars which have been extracted from the performances of the year and tabulated for his special benefit. The labour involved, however, is immense, and it is not lessened by the finer distinctions which the advance of the art make it necessary to be drawn between one method and another. We have heard no opinion expressed by the members of the Analysis Committee, but we can quite imagine that nothing has added so much to their work as the classification of the Minor methods for, where peals innumerable are rung consisting of methods of varying value, the work of assessing the points is immense.

The table itself reveals no surprises. Early in January we were able to publish very approximate particulars of the aggregate of peals and the performances of the individuals who had been most prominent, while it has been well-known for some time that Norwich had scored once more a double-first, leading the table both in number of peals rung and points scored. Those associations who have mounted well towards the top of the ladder are to be congratulated, and the performances which they have placed to their credit may well serve to stir up the spirit of emulation in those whose members at present cannot take such a prominent position in regard to peal ringing.

At the same time, however, as we have often taken the opportunity of pointing out, peal prowess should not be the be-all and end-all of a ringer's ambition. Many of those associations who do not figure high up the table of analysis are in their own sphere doing equally good work in spreading the art and improving the status of ringers. The value of this work cannot be measured in points, which, after all, with all their interest, fail, even in regard to peals, to appraise exactly the value of particular performances. The varying conditions make it impossible to compare one performance with another, for a peal of Grandsire under some circumstances is of higher merit than a peal of London under other conditions. But these differences it is impossible to calculate in point values, and there is no question that the Council have adopted the only practicable means of comparison. Even in its present form the preparation of the analysis is a gigantic undertaking, and for the work they put into it and the exactitude with which it is compiled, the committee certainly deserve the warmest praise and congratulation.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5037 CHANCES;

Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lbs., in C.

ALFRED WRIGHT Treble	HARRY ALLEN 7
GEORGE F. MARGETSON ... 2	ALFRED E. ACFIELD ... 8
*ROBERT H. HAYWARD ... 3	FREDERICK G. GILL ... 9
FREDERICK W. EDWARDS ... 4	HARRY RICHELL 10
ARTHUR EDWARDS 5	HENRY F. COOPER 11
WILLIAM LINCOLN 6	JOHN WOOD Tenor

Composed by JOHN ROGERS, and
Conducted by HENRY F. COOPER.

* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. First peal on the bells. First peal in the county of Essex and by the Essex Association on twelve bells. First peal on twelve bells by all except the ringer of 3rd Rung at the third attempt. It was a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble who celebrated his 65th birthday the previous day. The band wish to thank the Rector (the Rev. Canon H. A. Lake) for permission to attempt the peal, as peals on these bells must be limited. The ringer of the 2nd hails from Chigwell Row, 3rd from Marlsford, 4th and 6th from Writtle, 5th and tenor from Boreham, treble, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th are members of the Cathedral band. A. E. Acfield was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

TEN BELL PEALS.

CHELTHENHAM.

THE CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Thursday, May 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lbs.

WILLIAM T. PATES Treble	*WALTER YEEND 6
GEORGE H. PHILLOTT ... 2	*GEORGE H. WALTERS ... 7
*HAROLD HOLFORD 3	ALBERT W. HUMPHRIS ... 8
WILLIAM BRINKWORTH ... 4	JOHN F. BALLINGER ... 9
*THOMAS DYER 5	RICHARD TRIGG Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. T. PATES.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Stedman Caters. This composition is now rung for the first time. Great credit is due to R. Trigg, who is 76 years of age, for the way he rang the tenor. The peal was arranged for him, as he was anxious to ring the tenor again to a peal of Caters.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN T. RICKMAN Treble	ALBERT HARMAN 6
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ... 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
JOHN CAPP 3	ALBERT D. STONE 8
ARTHUR H. WHITE 4	KEITH HART 9
FRANK BENNETT 5	WILLIAM C. HART Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

First peal on this new ring of bells.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANCES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble	ALBERT A. HUGHES ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES 2	HENRY B. BURT 7
FRED G. MAY 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 8
ALBERT STOWELL 4	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 9
FREDK. G. WOODISS 5	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

The peal was arranged by Mr. J. H. B. Hesse for the ringers of the 2nd, 5th, 6th and 9th; also for the Revs. G. F. Coleridge and C. Jenkyn, both of whom could not take part.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ROTHERHITHE, S.E.,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.			
THOMAS WALKER Treble	WILLIAM SHIMMANS... .. 5		
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	C. W. ROBERT GRIMWOOD 6		
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES ... 3	WILLIAM BERRY 7		
RICHARD N. RUNHAM 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER... .. Tenor		

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

* First peal in the method on the bells.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, May 6, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.			
RICHARD KENDALL Treble	WILLIAM H. CORBETT ... 5		
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD ... 6		
ALFRED L. BROWN 3	CHARLES E. READ 7		
EDWARD J. GROVES 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor		

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

Rung in honour of Accession Day and as a birthday compliment to F. Shepherd.

LEIGH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 11, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

VICARS' SIX-PART. Tenor 20 cwt., in E flat.

ROBERT ALLRED Treble	HENRY SMITH 5		
FRED RIGBY 2	FRED BANKS 6		
HENRY HAYES 3	WILLIAM SMITH 7		
SAMUEL HAYES 4	WILLIAM HAYES Tenor		

Conducted by FRED BANKS.

* First peal. The ringer of the treble hails from Tyldesley, the 2nd from Chorley, and the rest belong to the local company.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND THE SOCIETY OF BROMLEY YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, May 12, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

WALDER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.			
HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ... Treble	GEORGE DURLING 5		
ISAAC EMERY 2	ALBERT E. NEWICK... .. 6		
*ALFRED JAMES, JUNR. ... 3	ALFRED JAMES, SENR. ... 7		
GEORGE HUXLEY 4	ARTHUR BYGRAVE Tenor		

Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

* First peal with a bob bell. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. A. H. Stevenson, M.A. (senior curate of the church), to Miss Ivy Muriel Dewey, daughter of Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., of South Hill Wood.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.			
ALFRED J. TURNER Treble	ERNEST GOWER 5		
JOHN T. RICKMAN 2	JOHN STEDDY 6		
ROBERT W. GREEN 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7		
JOHN CAPP 4	KEITH HART Tenor		

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs.

*LESTER L. GRAY Treble	*WILLIAM B. REEVE ... 5
ROBERT H. HAYWARD ... 2	ROBERT G. MILES ... 6
HOBART E. SMITH 3	THOMAS WM. LAST... .. 7
WILLIAM FLORY 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... Tenor

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

* First peal in the method. This composition is in 13 courses only.

TWYFORD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK DENTRY Treble	HARRY BUNGAY... .. 5
FRANK W. HOPGOOD... .. 2	JOHN C. TRUSS... .. 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN... 7
JOHN EVANS... .. 4	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

First peal of Major on the bells.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*FRANK FOX... .. Treble	GEORGE W. FRAYNE ... 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	MARTIN HARRIS 6
EDWARD HARRISON... .. 3	GILBERT GERRARD ... 7
GEORGE JONES 4	THOMAS ROWLAND ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

*WILLIAM BALL Treble	*WILLIAM IKIN 5
JAMES DOWLER 2	*ERNEST BOYLIN 6
WILFRED MUMFORD... .. 3	WILLIAM SHORT 7
*WILLIAM DOWLER 4	ARTHUR CHAMBERS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal in the method. The first six belong to the local band. Rung to celebrate the 25th anniversary of J. Dowler's first peal on the same bells; also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HAYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOSEPH WOOLLEY Treble	ARTHUR LOWE 5
ALBERT COPPOCK 2	J. CHARLES DICKEN... .. 6
FRANK JOHNSON 3	FREDERICK S. PRICE ... 7
H. ROBERT COBBIN 4	PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Remigius,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

CECIL R. CHAMBERLIN ... Treble	GEORGE HOWCHIN ... 5
ALBERT G. WARNES ... 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 6
ALFRED FUNNELL ... 3	WILLIAM STEELE ... 7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 4	FRANK R. COPEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and has all combinations of 4-5-6 full.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. (BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	EMMANUEL DUTESON ... 5
WILLIAM BRIGGS ... 2	JOHN WATSON ... 6
THOMAS WILSON ... 3	WILLIAM EDWARD WILSON ... 7
FREDERICK HINDLE ... 4	A. EDWARD EASTWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. WILSON.

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

RANMORE COMMON, SURREY. THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lbs., in E.

*CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... Treble	*CORPL. G. GILBERT, R.E. ... 5
ALFRED A. DOBINSON ... 2	*WILLIAM SMITH ... 6
JOHN J. JONES ... 3	*CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 7
JOHN H. WHITE ... 4	*ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method, and first in the method on the bells.
Mr. C. H. Dobbie kindly stood out to allow W. Smith, of Loughborough, to ring.

EYE, SUFFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM ROSE ... Treble	FREDRICK DAY ... 5
*EDWARD YOUNGS ... 2	GEORGE E. DAY ... 6
FREDRICK BRUNNING ... 3	ERNEST LINCOLN ... 7
HUBERT J. DAY ... 4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER, and
Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal of Bob Major. Rung to commemorate the first visit of the new Bishop to the Borough, and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Naunton (of Wrentham), parents of the conductor, on the 47th anniversary of their wedding.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Tower,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

LINDOFF'S TEN-PART. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN OLDHAM ... Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ... 5
JOHN SMITH ... 2	ERNEST H. CLARKE ... 6
HORACE STUBBS ... 3	EDWARD READER ... 7
GEORGE FREEBREY ... 4	WILLIAM THORLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD READER.

The ringers of 4th, 5th and 6th hail from Derby, the remainder being local ringers. This is the quickest peal ever rung on the bells.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE HARDY ... Treble	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 5
ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 2	GEORGE WILSON ... 6
JAMES G. RUMSEY ... 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 7
JAMES M. BAILEY ... 4	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... Tenor

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

Rung on the fourteenth anniversary of the conductor's first peal on the same bells.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lbs., in F.

*THOMAS WHITE ... Treble	JOHN C. DICKEN ... 5
HERBERT DAY ... 2	ALEX. HUTCHISON ... 6
FRED. W. HILL ... 3	PERCIVAL PRICE ... 7
JAMES L. WRIGHT ... 4	ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES MARTIN, and
Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

* First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal on the bells.

N.B.—The correct weight of this tenor is as above, and not 17 cwt. as hitherto reported.

WOOBURN GREEN, BUCKS. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART, No. 6.

*CHARLES BLAKE ... Treble	RALPH COLES ... 5
GEORGE TWITCHEN ... 2	JAMES W. WILKINS ... 6
WILLIAM GOODCHILD ... 3	JOHN GRANSBURY ... 7
JOHN WEST ... 4	FREDERICK GEORGE MALIN ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WILKINS.

* First peal. The ringers of the treble, 4th and tenor are local men, the 3rd hails from Hughenden, and the remainder from High Wycombe. Rung as a birthday peal for the conductor.

SAWSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE. THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... Treble	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 5
T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 2	FRANK E. KEMPTON ... 6
PERCY WEBB ... 3	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN ... 7
L. GEORGE MALLION ... 4	FREDERICK DENCH ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

* First peal on tower bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SHREWSBURY. THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Thursday, May 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Julian,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of five 720's Kent Treble Bob, and one each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE JONES ... Treble	THOMAS W. BELTON ... 4
WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE ... 2	ALFRED E. FULLICK ... 5
E. R. TREVOR CORRETT ... 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

* First peal. Also first peal on the bells, which were placed in the tower in 1868 by Messrs. Mears. The band wish to thank the Vicar (Rev. F. N. Duncan), and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and Mr. E. Harley for having everything ready and for his generous offer of a peal tablet. All the ringers are members of St. Chad's Society.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 11, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure, Double Oxford, Oxford and
Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob
Tenor 9½ cwt.

SYDNEY J. SPICE... ..	... Treble	WILLIAM E. SPICE	4
EDWARD H. SPICE	2	WILLIAM SPICE... ..	5
FREDERICK HOLLANDS	3	WILLIAM NYE	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

Birthday peal for F. Hollands.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge,
Netherseale and Norwich. Tenor 20 cwt.

CLARENCE GOOCH ... ..	... Treble	BERTIE F. TURNER	4
FREDK. MANSEY	2	JOHN SNELLING	5
GEORGE SNELLING	3	FREDK. SEAGER... ..	Tenor

Conducted by F. MANSEY.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and
three 720's of Plain Bob. 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 FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. J. Naunton
on his 70th birthday. It was the conductor's 50th peal and the quick-
est peal on the bells.

BINSTED, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's of Oxford and four of Kent called differently.
Tenor 14 cwt.

*ERNEST OLIVER ... ..	... Treble	†WILLIAM ELKINS	4
HUBERT CHAFFEY	2	ALFRED J. ELKINS	5
ERNEST NEWELL	3	CHARLES EDWARDS	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor with a bob bell. First peal of
Treble Bob upon the bells, and first peal of Treble Bob Minor by all
the band.

EMBERTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, College
Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, Oxford and Kent.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

*H. RICHARDSON... ..	... Treble	FREDERICK J. MYNARD	4
CECIL A. VALENTINE	2	T. C. TOMPKINS	5
HENRY W. GAYTON... ..	3	CHARLES W. CLARKE	Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

POSTWICK, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, May 10, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. ROUGHT, 15, NORFOLK COTTAGES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

JOHN MOY... ..	1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS... ..	5-6
ALBERT ROUGHT	3-4	*CHARLES NEWLAND	7-8

Composed and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

Witness: MRS. A. ROUGHT.

* First peal "in hand."

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Bells: Size 22 in C.

MAURICE SMITHER... ..	1-2	ALFRED H. PULLING	5-6
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	3-4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE	7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. PULLING and Miss HOOD.

This is believed to be the largest handbells upon which a peal has
been rung.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 15, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-and-a-half Minutes,

AT 52, LAMMAN PARK ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANCES;

†GEORGE E. HARBOUR	1-2	*JAMES R. MACKMAN	5-6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	3-4	†WILLIAM LAWRENCE	7-8

Composed and Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Umpire: CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal of Major on handbells.
The composition has the sixth the extent right and twenty-one times
wrong.

HINTON, EVESHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, May 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF F. J. JOHNSON,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two Six-scores of Stedman, four each of College Single, Plain
Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, 18 of St. Dunstan's and 10 of Grand-
sire, called differently.

MISS ELLEN M. JOHNSON	1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	3-4
*LEONARD NICHOLS	5-6		

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Umpire: F. J. JOHNSON.

* First peal on handbells. It was intended to ring a peal of Minor
on Cropthorne Church bells, but owing to sudden serious illness near
the church the above was rung instead.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Size 18, in G.

*CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... ..	1-2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3-4	WILLIAM SMITH	7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. PULLING and M. SMITHER.

* First peal away from 7-8. This peal was rung on the lawn, and
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SAMUEL THURSTON.

INTERESTING PICTURE BROUGHT TO LIGHT AT NORWICH.

During the recent restoration of peal boards in the famous tower of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, a most interesting discovery was made. "Skied" above a board recording the peal of Norwich Court Bob Maximus rung in 1817, itself some 30ft. up, was a dark object, a sort of pediment to the tablet, and largely hidden by the projecting



From the Portrait of the celebrated
SAMUEL THURSTON
in St. Peter Mancroft Belfry, Norwich.

cornice. On being taken down it has proved to be a picture of very considerable interest. We are able to reproduce a photograph which has just been taken of this picture in its new position, since it has been cleaned and glazed. It measures about 4 feet square, and is an oil painting, the colours of which are rich and mellowed in tone. Perhaps the drawing of the figures leaves a good deal to be desired; but there is an exquisite little sketch introduced into the lower left-hand corner, a view of Norwich, in which the tower of

St. Peter Mancroft, the Cathedral spire and the Castle are prominent over a delightful prospect of the river. On examination it was discovered that the picture bears the artist's signature—J. Stannard, a painter of the "Norwich School" of considerable local reputation.

Joseph Stannard, who was born in 1797, has left us a numerous collection of his works, among which probably the best known is his large canvas "The Thorpe Water Frolic," which hangs in the Norwich Castle Picture Gallery. He began work at an early age, being a pupil of Robert Ladbroke when scarcely 14, and evidently the picture discovered in the tower ranks among his earliest efforts.

And who is the central figure of the picture? It will be noticed he holds a scroll bearing figures, and there seems little doubt it is a portrait of Samuel Thurston himself, the composer of the 1817 peal of Norwich Court Bob Maximus and the ringer of the tenor. What a pity the artist was not made to introduce some figures of the method rung and of the composition! Had he not forgotten to do so, it would now have been possible to settle definitely the old standing controversy on the subject.

Thurston was born at Norwich in 1789. By trade a stonemason, he was for a long period the mason employed at Norwich Cathedral. According to the account published some years ago by the late Mr. Samuel Slates, the first mention of Thurston in connection with the Art was in 1809, "when he tapped on handbells at the New Theatre, Norwich, courses of Bob Triples, Bob Major, Bob Major Reverse, Double Bob Major, and Grandsire Bob Caters. This was at the time considered the greatest performance ever completed by one person in the world." He rang his first peal in the autumn of the same year at St. Giles', Norwich (5040 Bob Major). In 1813 (according to the same account) he had a controversy in the local papers with Chesnutt, the leader of the St. Peter Mancroft Company, whom he challenged to ring with him for £100; however, a satisfactory settlement was not attained. Then in 1814 Thurston himself joined the St. Peter's ringers, and we find him in 1817 ringing in the peal of Norwich Court Bob Maximus with his one-time adversary. In 1825, Thurston was presented with an elegant silver gilt jewel by the "United Ringers of St. Peter Mancroft for his eminent services in composing the peal of Norwich Court Twelve-In, and ringing the tenor in Superior Style," as the inscription reads. In 1835 he conducted 5280 "London Surprise" at St. Andrew's, Norwich—the first peal in the method ever rung.

A painting of Thurston was some years ago in the possession of a daughter of his, a Mrs. Finlay, of Macclesfield. It shows him standing in the belfry with a rope in one hand and a M.S. in the other, the latter inscribed, "The Art of Ringing Made Easy." While on the subject of tablets it may be of interest to append the inscription on Thurston's Memorial Tablet which is erected under the tower arch just below the belfry:—

THIS STONE IS ERECTED
TO THE MEMORY OF

MR. SAMUEL THURSTON.

MANY YEARS AN EMINENT RINGER OF THIS PARISH
IN COMMEMORATION OF HIS GREAT ABILITIES AND
PERSEVERANCE IN ADVANCING THE ART OF RINGING
HE HAVING PERFORMED AND CONDUCTED MANY OF
THE MOST INTRICATE PEALS EXTANT.

HE SUDDENLY DEPARTED THIS LIFE

MUCH REGRETTED BY THE EXERCISERS AT LARGE
ON THE 9TH OF JANUARY, 1841

IN THE 52ND YEAR OF HIS AGE.

Next week we hope to give a photograph of the oldest peal board in existence, that in St. Peter Mancroft tower recording Garthorne's peal of Triples.

HERE AND THERE.

OUR SPACE.

Owing to the publication this week of the Central Council's Analysis, which takes up a large portion of our space, a number of peals and other reports are unavoidably held over.

RESTORATIONS.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have secured the contract to rehang the present six bells at Bagshot, Surrey, in iron and steel frame, and to add two trebles to complete the eight. The cost will be over £300, and nearly £100 more is needed. Any ringers who would like to contribute towards making up this balance should forward their donations to Mr. T. J. Gould, Shadyside, Bagshot, who will be glad to acknowledge amounts through these columns.

The bells of Pecklington, Yorks, are being restored by Messrs. Warner and Sons.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

Notice has been issued by the Hon. Secretary (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies) to the members, informing them that the third session of the eighth Council will be held at 11 a.m. in St. Thomas' Parish Hall, Southgate Street, Winchester, on Whitsun Tuesday, June 2nd. Among the business to be transacted is the reception of the reports of the Peal Collection, Literature, Peals Analysis, and Towers and Belfries Committees. The resolutions include the following:—

"That the Central Council approve and issue a national badge for ringers."

"That this Council, while not in any sense pledging its members individually and collectively, would, if the project could be set going on a sound practical basis, view with satisfaction, the establishment of a system of inter-affiliation between the various Diocesan and County Associations for purposes of peal ringing."

"The Superlative Surprise Royal as given by Shipway, is the same method as the Major."

The members of the Council are invited by the Winchester Diocesan Guild to a social gathering in the evening from 8 o'clock to 11, in the Guildhall.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1913

AND PUBLISHED IN ONE OR OTHER OF THE RINGING PAPERS. COMPILED BY THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED FOR THE PURPOSE.

		MAXIMUS.			CINQUES.		ROYAL.					CATERS.					MAJOR.														
		Total Peals.	Cambridge Surprise.	Treble Bob.	Plain Methods.	Stedman.	Grandsire.	Cambridge Surprise.	Double Norwich.	Treble Bob.	Little Bob.	Plain Methods.	Stedman.	Echn.	Double Norwich.	Surfleet Treble Bob.	Grandsire.	London Surprise.	Guildford.	Bristol.	Cambridge.	New Cambridge.	Brighton.	Superlative.	Norfolk.	New Cumberland.	Washbrook.	Forward.	Duffield.	Dublin Composite.	
Points per Peal.....			55	18	15	32	13		40	22	16	16	12	28	28	18	14	10	50	50	48	30	30	30	30	30	30	24	24	24	16
1	Norwich Diocesan Association.....	291	—	1	—	2	—	—	1	4	—	1	1	—	—	—	2	6	—	3	8	3	1	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	Middlesex County Association.....	134	2	2	—	12	—	5	1	2	—	1	12	—	—	—	3	10	—	13	7	1	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3	Sussex County Association.....	112	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	6	—	—	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
4	Midland Counties Association.....	137	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	2	9	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	Kent County Association.....	152	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
6	Lancashire Association.....	115	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7	Winchester Diocesan Guild.....	113	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	5	—	—	—	6	—	1	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
8	Yorkshire Association.....	91	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	1	2	—	3	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
9	Oxford Diocesan Guild.....	84	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	4	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
10	Essex County Association.....	84	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	6	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	2	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11	Surrey Association.....	71	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
12	Gloucester and Bristol Association.....	60	1	—	—	1	1	4	—	1	—	2	5	—	—	—	5	1	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
13	Archdeaconry of Stafford Society.....	57	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	8	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
14	Worcestershire Association.....	70	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	Hertfordshire County Association.....	35	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
16	Ancient Society of College Youths.....	33	1	—	—	7	—	—	—	3	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17	Central Northants Association.....	72	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18	St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.....	31	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
19	Ely Diocesan Association.....	64	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20	Warwickshire Guild.....	33	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
21	Royal Cumberland Youths.....	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
22	Durham and Newcastle Association.....	26	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23	Devonshire Guild.....	30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	3	—	2	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24	Chester Diocesan Guild.....	43	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	Lincoln Diocesan Guild.....	49	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26	London County Association.....	26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
27	Bedfordshire Association.....	26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
28	Bath and Wells Association.....	45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
29	Cambridge University Guild.....	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30	Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.....	80	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
31	Llandaff Diocesan Association.....	31	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
32	Hereford Diocesan Guild.....	41	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
33	Salop Archidiaconal Guild.....	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34	Liverpool Diocesan Guild.....	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35	Salisbury Diocesan Guild.....	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
36	Peterborough and District Association.....	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
37	Dudley and Districts Association.....	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
38	Irish Association.....	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
39	Truro Diocesan Guild.....	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
40	North Notts Association.....	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
41	North Wales Association.....	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	Independent Societies.....	32	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS.....		2,859	4	3	1	41	2	10	1	36	2	15	84	1	1	1	71	22	1	24	49	6	1	82	4	1	1	1	2	1	

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b includes 7,164 Kent Treble Bob on Handbells.

The 32 peals rung by independent societies were thus distributed, viz.: Cheshire, 1; Derbyshire, 2; Gloucestershire, 2; Herefordshire, 2; Leicestershire, 3; Middlesex, 3; Northamptonshire, 4; Nottinghamshire, 1; Staffordshire, 8; Surrey, 2; Sussex, 3; Worcestershire, 1, total, 32.

The 275 peals of Treble Bob were rung as follows: In the Kent Variation: Maximus, 3; Royal, 32; Major, 189. In the Oxford Variation: Royal, 4; Major, 43. There were also rung one peal of Surfleet Treble Bob Caters, two peals of Little Albion Treble Bob Major, and one of Rose of England Treble Bob Major.

The 336 peals of Grandsire Triples may be sub-divided as follows: Holt's Original, 48; Holt's 10-part and variations, 75; Holt's six-part, 4; Parker's one-part, 4; Parker's four-part, 1; Parker's six-part, 9; Parker's twelve-part, 82; other peals by Mr. J. J. Parker, 2; Carter's twelve-part and variations, 11; other peals by Mr. J. Carter, 9; Taylor's peals, 22; Hollis' one-part, 4; Hollis' five-part, 15; Rev. C. D. P. Davies' peals, 14; Vicars' peals, 11; Matthews' twelve-part, 3; Reeves' ten-part, 3; Moorhouses' peals, 3; Thurstans' five-part, 3; Aspinwall's peals, 2; and other peals (including four unnamed), 11.

The 223 peals in Plain Methods comprise: Bob Maximus, 1; Bob Royal, 15; Bob Major, 187; Oxford Bob Triples, 12; Plain Bob Triples, 7; St. Simon's Triples, 1.

The 310 peals of Stedman Triples comprised: Thurstans' four-part and variations, 265; five-part, 2; Washbrook's peals, 12; Sir A. P. Heywood's peals, 8; Carter's peals, 11; Rev. E. Bulwer's peals, 5; Lindoff's peals, 2; Rev. C. D. P. Davies' peals, 2; Dr. Carpenter's peals, 2; and Rev. E. B. James' Odd Bob peal, 1.

The 118 peals of Doubles are shown in the following statement:—

Association.	No. of Methods.								Total
	1	2	3	4	6	7	8		
Bath and Wells	6	2	1	—	—	—	—	9	
Central Northants	7	—	—	1	—	1	—	9	
Cleveland and North Yorks ..	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	
Devonshire	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Ely Diocesan	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Essex County	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	3	
Gloucester and Bristol	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	5	
Hereford Diocesan	18	3	1	—	—	—	—	22	
Hertfordshire	2	2	2	—	—	1	—	7	
Irish	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Kent County	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Lincoln Diocesan	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	
Llandaff Diocesan	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	
Middlesex County	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	
Midland Counties	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	
Norwich Diocesan	—	1	2	1	1	1	—	6	
Oxford Diocesan	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	2	
Salisbury Diocesan	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	
Salop Archidiaconal	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	
Surrey County	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	
Sussex County	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	6	
Warwickshire	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Winchester Diocesan	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	
Worcestershire and Districts ..	3	2	1	3	—	—	1	10	
Independent Societies	8	1	—	—	1	1	—	11	
	73	20	10	8	2	4	1	118	

AR 1913.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.

DUBLIN COMMISSIONERS.																		
Double Yorkshire Court.					TRIPLE.					MINOR.					Doubles.	Total Value in Points.	Average Value in Points per Peal.	
Treble Bob.	Little Bob.	Little Allion.	Plain Methods.	Stedman.	Erin.	Double Grandshire.	St. Clement's.	Grandshire.	Plain Methods.	Number of Peals arranged according to Point Values.								
16	12	12	12	8	24	24	12	12	7	7	5	6-10	11-20	Over 21				
48	3	3	3	26	19	—	—	1	19	—	25	30	24	12	6	4,200	15,085	1
8	3	3	3	3	15	—	—	—	13	1	1	4	—	—	3	3,467	25,873	2
14	1	1	1	12	14	—	—	1	17	1	4	4	10	2	4	2,057	18,633	3
23	—	—	—	7	22	—	—	—	27	3	2	20	29	—	1	1,989	15,072	4
23	—	—	—	12	23	—	—	—	28	—	2	7	3	1	—	1,664	14,469	5
4	—	—	—	21	22	—	—	—	23	—	3	6	9	—	2	1,490	13,185	6
20	—	—	—	9	14	—	—	1	16	—	1	3	3	1	—	1,348	14,813	7
3	—	—	—	2	14	—	—	—	18	3	1	7	8	2	2	1,335	15,336	8
24	3	3	3	3	1	—	—	—	7	—	3	7	14	1	3	1,122	13,476	9
6	—	—	—	4	10	—	—	—	13	3	1	2	2	—	2	1,097	15,450	10
5	—	—	—	2	6	—	—	—	17	—	3	1	—	—	5	906	16,800	12
12	—	—	—	8	14	—	—	—	12	1	—	—	—	—	—	890	15,614	13
7	—	—	—	4	11	—	—	—	10	1	7	1	9	—	10	885	12,642	14
1	—	—	—	3	7	—	—	—	5	—	1	3	6	—	7	854	15,527	15
1	—	—	—	1	9	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	—	—	807	24,454	16
14	—	—	—	2	6	—	—	—	4	—	4	10	29	—	9	803	11,152	17
3	—	—	—	2	9	—	—	—	4	—	5	6	4	—	1	744	24,000	18
1	—	—	—	1	11	—	—	—	1	—	4	2	—	1	1	661	10,328	19
1	—	—	—	1	8	—	—	—	1	—	5	2	—	—	1	622	19,848	20
10	1	2	3	1	1	—	—	—	9	—	5	1	—	—	1	593	21,962	21
3	1	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	6	4	2	1	—	—	1	578	22,290	22
3	—	—	—	3	4	—	—	—	4	—	4	12	8	—	2	499	11,604	24
2	—	—	—	3	8	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	2	—	—	462	9,428	25
46	3	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	1	—	1	5	12	1	—	419	17,269	26
1	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	23	—	6	—	—	—	9	342	13,153	27
1	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	7	1	2	2	—	—	2	333	7,400	28
1	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	12	1	4	2	—	—	2	297	14,142	29
1	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	3	—	3	—	—	—	3	289	9,433	30
1	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	3	2	3	2	9	—	22	276	8,103	31
1	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	4	—	2	—	—	—	2	271	6,609	32
1	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	7	—	2	—	—	3	—	191	12,733	33
1	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	7	—	2	—	—	—	3	175	25,000	34
1	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	12	4	—	—	—	—	—	100	5,882	36
1	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	1	77	9,625	37
1	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	27	—	—	—	—	27	13,500	38
1	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	22	—	—	—	—	22	7,333	39
1	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	21	—	—	—	—	21	10,500	40
1	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	19	—	—	—	—	19	9,500	41
1	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	352	11,000	—	—	11	352	11,000	—

Peterborough and Districts Association. Long peals were also rung of 7325 changes, 7200 (on handbells), 7104 (on handbells), 6080, 6063 (on handbells), 6048 (twice). There were 2351 peals of under 6000 changes.

The number of peals rung on church bells was 2142; on handbells, 217; making a total of 2359.

The peals rung in 1913 were 30 more than those rung in the previous year. They were rung in the following months, viz.: January, 171; February, 150; March, 197; April, 183; May, 245; June, 131; July, 124; August, 188; September, 191; October, 208; November, 261; December, 310.

THE CONDUCTORS.

The conductors of five peals and upwards are shown in the following table. A figure in brackets added to a name denotes the number of handbell peals conducted:—

- 61 Peals: Keith Hart.
 59 Peals: A. H. Pulling (41).
 53 Peals: W. Pye (13).
 50 Peals: F. Bennett (5).
 27 Peals: George Williams.
 26 Peals: Bertram Prewett.
 24 Peals: E. M. Atkins (15), C. F. Bailey (6), W. D. James (14), J. Moles.
 23 Peals: Clement Glenn.
 20 Peals: C. Edwards.
 18 Peals: G. E. Symonds (2).
 16 Peals: F. G. May, G. N. Price (7), W. Steele.
 15 Peals: F. Borrett, J. E. Davis, F. W. Naunton.
 14 Peals: W. Short.
 13 Peals: C. E. Fisher, G. R. Newton, W. B. Smith.
 12 Peals: C. W. Clarke, A. W. Grimes (2), A. T. Morris (12).
 11 Peals: T. Groombridge, senr., G. Martin, R. Matthews, R. Met-

calfe, E. Morris, S. Proctor (2), B. Thorp, W. H. B. Wilkins.

10 Peals: E. Barnett, senr., J. E. Groves, C. R. Lilley, E. H. Lindup, W. Shepherd (4), G. F. Swann, S. Thomas, B. Turner, A. C. Wright.

9 Peals: W. H. Barber (2), Rev. A. T. Beeston, O. Broyd (6), G. D. Coleman (2), J. T. Dyke, T. J. Elton, F. A. Holden, F. Hopper, Rev. H. L. James, H. Knight, Edwin Lambert, W. Poston, E. H. Stoneley, S. H. Symonds (1), T. H. Taffender, A. P. Wakley.

8 Peals: G. F. Alexander (7), J. Austin, H. Barton, W. Keeble (1), A. Knights, A. E. Moore (4), D. J. Nichols (5), J. Potter, J. Ridyard, J. Souter, G. Wightman.

7 Peals: G. Chamberlain, G. H. Cross, W. Fisher, J. Goodman, junr., S. Grove, A. Harman, G. Jutson (2), R. C. Loveday, R. Narborough (6), E. Pye (1), G. R. Pye (3), A. Roberts, J. W. Washbrook, F. Watling, S. Wood.

6 Peals: J. W. Barker, E. G. Buesden, F. C. Burrows, J. Carter, J. Cotterell, F. G. Dewell (6), F. W. Dixon, S. Evans, E. C. Gobey, G. Holifield, senr., Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, E. W. Marsh, F. M. Mitchell, W. Page, A. Relfe, W. Rose, W. Sawyer, H. W. Sharman, J. Thomas (2), C. Wallater, Edwin Whiting, C. F. Winney (4), A. Wright.

5 Peals: C. Billenness, C. T. Coles, F. Cooke (1), W. H. Corbett, Rev. C. C. Cox, F. H. Dexter, A. E. Edwards, W. G. Ellis, C. H. Fowler, G. H. Harding, G. F. Hoar, R. Howard, F. J. Howchin, E. H. Lewis, W. Mallinson, W. Miller, Miss E. K. Parker, J. W. Parker, W. Perkins, J. Pigott, J. J. Pratt, R. Richardson, A. Rowley, J. Sharp, O. Sippetts, W. B. Smith, E. J. Tyler, C. A. Valentine, W. S. Wise (3).

In addition to the above, 44 persons conducted four peals; 60, three peals; 130, two peals; and 326, one peal. One peal of Bob Major was rung on handbells by members of the Middlesex Association, in which each member of the band conducted a quarter-peal; and three peals on tower bells were rung unconduted, viz., a peal of Stedman Cinqus by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and two peals of Minor in Seven Surprise Methods, by members of the Lancashire Association. Two ladies appear as conductors of peals in the year 1913, viz.: Miss Parker, who conducted peals of Stedman Triples and Superlative Surprise Major for the Royal Cumberland Youths, Stedman Triples for the Middlesex County Association, and Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major for the Hertfordshire Association; and Miss Ellen M. Johnson, who conducted a peal of Doubles in four methods on handbells for the Worcestershire and Districts Association at the early age of twelve years and nine months!

HANDBELL PEALS.

The 217 peals on handbells were rung as follows: Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Stedman Cinqus, 12; Treble Bob Royal, 3; Bob Royal, 5; Stedman Caters, 18; Grandshire Caters, 12; Treble Bob Major, 28; Bob Major, 69; Little Bob Major, 4; Stedman Triples, 18; Grandshire Triples, 19; in five Minor Methods, 1; in four Methods, 3; in three Methods, 2; in two Methods, 1; in one Method, 17; one peal of Doubles was rung in eight Methods; two in four Methods; and three in one Method; for the following Associations:—

Associations	Number of Peals
Ancient Society of College Youths	5
Cambridge University Guild	16
Central Northants Association	6
Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association	10
Durham and Newcastle Association	2
Ely Diocesan Guild	24
Essex Association	18
Hertfordshire Association	12
Kent County Association	6
Irish Association	1
Lincoln Diocesan Guild	2
London County Association	1
Middlesex County Association	22
Midland Counties Association	8
Norwich Diocesan Guild	14
Oxford Diocesan Guild	3
Peterborough and Districts Association	9
Royal Cumberland Youths	6
Surrey Association	4
Winchester Diocesan Guild	32
Worcester and Districts Association	3
Yorkshire Association	13

Total 217

The total number of peals, whether on tower bells or on handbells, rung year by year since 1881, is as follows:—

1881.....156	1889.....797	1897.....906	1905.....1519
1882.....244	1890.....699	1898.....1002	1906.....1313
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

1913.....2359

Grand total, 34,563.

The following Table gives the first twenty Societies and their positions since 1903:—

	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911	1913
Norwich Diocesan ...	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	1
Middlesex County	1	1	2	1	1	3	3	2	2	2
Sussex County	3	7	7	11	10	7	7	6	7	3
Midland Counties	10	6	5	5	4	1	1	3	4	4
Kent County	6	9	3	3	3	4	5	4	5	5
Lancashire	19	22	9	8	6	8	8	11	9	6
Winchester Diocesan	23	18	15	10	9	9	12	8	1	7
Yorkshire	9	3	4	4	7	5	4	5	6	8
Oxford Diocesan	4	8	8	6	5	6	6	7	10	9
Essex County	8	6	6	7	11	11	10	9	11	10
Surrey	16	13	13	23	14	22	23	20	25	11
Gloucester and Bristol	7	11	14	13	22	12	11	10	23	12
Stafford Archdeaconry	18	25	21	21	13	18	18	19	19	13
Worcestershire and Dist	20	23	17	14	8	14	9	14	8	14
Hertfordshire	12	12	13	16	12	13	13	17	13	15
College Youths	5	4	10	11	16	21	22	22	16	16
Central Northants	14	14	16	22	20	16	20	16	12	17
Birmingham, S. M'tin's	11	15	12	19	15	15	16	12	31	18
Ely Diocesan	15	16	24	24	31	28	33	34	33	19
Warwickshire	—	—	—	—	35	34	31	26	20	—

Note: In the Analysis for 1912, the Societies were placed in alphabetical order, owing to changes in the classification of peals.

The committee's report upon the Analysis will appear next week.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUDBURY BRANCH FAVOURS A SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION. AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

A meeting of the Sudbury Branch of the Ely Association was held on Saturday week, at Bury St. Edmund's, when, considering the unfavourable weather, there was a very good attendance, 33 being present at tea, representing eleven towers.—The Rev. R. F. Wilson kindly took the chair at the tea, as also at the business meeting which followed, when sixteen new members were elected. It was a subject for congratulation that once more the name of St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmund's, is among the towers represented, four members being elected; also that there was now one tower, that of Hadleigh, where there are four lady ringers (three members and one probationer); while from Horringer there was a new member aged 11 years, who gives promise of doing great things in the art. He is the son of Mr. George Debenham, so well known in West Suffolk.—The Chairman also consented to become an honorary member.—The usual votes of thanks were unanimously passed, including that to the chairman.—The latter, in his reply, welcomed the ringers, and said he was glad to be present among them, and to be able to welcome them personally. It was also a pleasure to be able to lend the bells, as he took great interest in the ringers and their work for the church.

AN ASSOCIATION FOR THE NEW DIOCESE.

Proceeding, he mentioned the subject, which perhaps is uppermost at the moment, in the minds of Suffolk ringers, that of the new diocese, and he expressed the opinion that undoubtedly there ought to be an Association for the whole diocese, in order that ringers in Suffolk should be united and not divided.

The Secretary, later on, also spoke on the matter, and asked the members to express their opinions, urging that the matter should no longer be allowed to drift, but that a decision should be come to.

After several speeches, the unanimous decision of the meeting was, that an attempt should be made to form a Suffolk Association, and that the members in the Archdeaconry of Suffolk should be approached with a view to this. All the speeches were marked by great cordiality and sympathy towards the Norwich and Ely Associations, who undoubtedly would be weakened, should the new association be formed; but it was felt that whatever the outcome of the matter may be, it should not be allowed to drift.

The report in "The Ringing World" of the Norwich meeting at Ely was mentioned, and all present were unanimous in agreeing that it would be neither fair nor just to leave the Ely Association in order to join the Norwich, and that failing a Diocesan Association, it were better to remain as they were, for the present.

The discussion was brought to a close by the following resolution proposed by Mr. H. Turner, of Bury St. Edmund's, seconded by Mr. A. Symonds, of Lavenham, and carried unanimously, "That this meeting desires to approach all towers in East Suffolk with a view to forming a Suffolk Diocesan Association; and, further, that the secretary of this branch be instructed to take the necessary steps immediately."

The venue of the autumn meeting will be settled at a committee meeting to be held in Lavenham during the summer.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very enthusiastic and highly successful meeting of the Grimsby District of the Northern Branch was held at Thornton Curtis on Saturday week, when campanologists, to the number of 31, were present from Barrow-on-Humber, Bigby, Scunthorpe, Barton-on-Humber, Hull, Ulceby, Grimsby St. James' and Grimsby St. Andrew's, who rang, during the afternoon and evening, touches of Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles.

Through the instrumentality of the home ringers and the Vicar

(the Rev. C. V. Goodacre), an excellent tea was provided, gratis. They were heartily thanked and loudly applauded, upon the proposition of Mr. T. H. Parkin, seconded by Mr. C. Kennington for their kindness.—The Vicar responded in a few encouraging remarks.

At the business meeting, over which the Rev. C. V. Goodacre presided, two new members, namely, Messrs. F. Goodridge (Grimsby) and A. Ellerby (Thornton Curtis) were elected. Acting upon the suggestion of Mr. Seamer, a collection was taken in aid of Barton-upon-Humber (St. Peter's) bells, which realised 15s. 6d.; and that sum was handed to Mr. Daddy, one of Barton-upon-Humber's representatives. After tea, a service was held in the church, and the choir was augmented by several ringers, by request, joining them. An instructive and very interesting address was given by the Rev. H. Larken, Vicar of Brocklesby, who based his discourse upon 1 Cor. ix, 16, "Woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel." In his remarks, he referred to St. Paul and the great bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, of bells sending forth special messages to worshippers, and the duty of the ringers; compared the efficient ringing of to-day with that of many years ago, of the "go" of the bells now and then, of the old wobbling wheel and the present excellent fittings, and the rapid improvements that have been made both to the bells and in the ringing of them, and remarked that practising the art is now easier and more dignified. Ringers were officers of the church, and, as well as ringing for service, they should attend the service to which they called others.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Southern District was held on Saturday last at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, and there was a good attendance. During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going in methods from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise, making a good practice for all.—The business meeting, presided over by the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffendor) was held in the Parish Room, when several important items were discussed. The next meeting was fixed for Saturday, July 18th.—After a vote of thanks to the Rector and steeple keeper, a social was enjoyed, under the chairmanship of Mr. J. Lewis. The programme consisted of Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters, and tune ringing on handbells; songs by the following members and friends: Messrs. Brown, Habgood, Walker, Mathews, Barker, Hughes, Smith. The pianist also gave several good selections. A very enjoyable afternoon and evening was spent.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN PINFOLD.

The parish of All Saints', Emscote, Warwick, is the poorer by the death of Mr. John Pinfold, who was laid to rest on the 6th inst., at the age of 68 years. He had been a ringer and Sunday School teacher for a great many years, and his services will be greatly missed in both connections, and as leader in All Saints' belfry. It was only latterly, however, that he took up change ringing, when Mr. Adams, of St. Mary's, introduced it into All Saints' belfry, and Mr. Pinfold was one of the first members to join the Warwickshire Guild at its formation in 1907. The bells of All Saints' were his especial pride and care, and, although somewhat difficult of access, never a complaint could be made of the way he preserved this part of the Church property and catered for the comfort of the ringers. Visiting ringers could always be sure of a courteous welcome from him. The local ringers rang the bells fully muffled for the funeral ceremony, at which the members of the Warwickshire Guild were represented by Mr. E. H. Adams, and in the evening a band from St. Mary's rang a muffled touch of 800 Grandsire Triples to his memory. The deceased only rang in three peals, and last year, when he retired from active ringing, owing to failing health, he was unanimously elected as an hon. life member at the annual meeting of the Guild. It was hoped, then, that he might be spared for a long enjoyment of this privilege, but "Fiat voluntas Tua." R.I.P. C.

BEARINGS FOR BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Our efforts to eliminate friction in the bearings of bells seems to have increased friction in another direction!

First, taking into consideration ball bearings for bells, we should like to make a short statement. About four years ago, we came to the conclusion that Hoffmann's system of ball bearings might be adopted in bell bearings. After explaining to the Hoffmann Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Chelmsford, the conditions under which ringing bells worked, we asked them to supply a drawing meeting with these requirements. This Messrs. Hoffmann did, and the bearings were made by us, and tested for about six months on a bell in our foundry. Results did not meet with our approval, and we let the idea drop, as many had done before us. The original bearings are now to be seen in our drawing office. Bearings based upon this design are, however, being advocated by others, but with what results we are not prepared to say.

From the above you will see that we thoroughly believe in our own self-aligning, self-lubricating, oil-bath and oil-ring design of bearings, in preference to ball bearings or solid bearings. We propose, with your kind permission, at an early date to demonstrate to the Exercise generally, the reasons that our bearings are so made, and all about them, and also their "true" origin.—We are, yours truly,

JOHN WARNER AND SONS, LTD.

The Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London, E.

Chelmsford Cathedral Bells.

April, 1914.

Chelmsford Cathedral.

In 1913 Messrs. J. Warner and Sons, of Spitalfields, London, E.C., recast the Peal of ten Bells, added two new ones to make a Peal of 12, and re-hung them in one tier in a new steel frame.

We have much pleasure in stating that the work was carried out to our entire satisfaction.

The tone of the bells is much admired, and the ease with which they can be rung is testified to by the ringers.

HENRY A. LAKE, Rector.

THOS. N. WALLER,

ADOLPHUS G. MASKELL, } Churchwardens.

St. Mary's Lodge, Chelmsford.

February 6th, 1914.

Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd.

Gentlemen.

The new Peal of Twelve Bells installed in Chelmsford Cathedral in September last by your Firm gives the utmost satisfaction. The bells are well-tuned; the tone is mellow, and the harmonics are perfect. The ensemble effect is excellent.

I consider the Peal to be perfectly satisfactory.

Faithfully yours,

FREDERICK R. FRYE,

Mus. B. (Cantab), F.R.C.O.,

Organist, Chelmsford Cathedral.

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Dear Sirs,

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We are, Dear Sirs, yours sincerely,

WILLIAM LINCOLN,

Master for S.E. Division.

CHAS. H. HOWARD,

Master of the Essex Association.

HARRY RICHELL, Deputy Master,

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Steeple Keeper and Master of the

Cathedral Guild of Change Ringers.

Secretary of the S.E. Division, E.A.C.R.

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Dear Sirs,

I have great pleasure in stating I am perfectly satisfied with the manner in which you have carried out the work entrusted to you, of recasting the old Peal of Ten and adding New Treble and Tenor, to Chelmsford Cathedral.

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Yours truly,

HENRY F. COOPER,

Steeplekeeper and Master Chelmsford Cathedral Guild of Change Ringers.

Secretary S.E. Division, E.A.C.R.

Boreham, Chelmsford.

Dear Sirs,

In my opinion the Twelve Bells placed in the Tower of Chelmsford Cathedral by you, are a noble peal; in fact, I think they are perfect, and remind me of a beautiful wave of music floating in the air, the "go" of which is all that could be desired.

Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR EDWARDS.

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February 27th, 1914.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL MEETING AT TROWBRIDGE.

A large gathering of ringers from Wilts and Dorset assembled at Trowbridge on Tuesday of last week, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Salisbury Guild. Ringing took place at the ancient Parish Church of St. James' in the morning, and the Guild's special form of service was used in the church, and was much enjoyed, the Rector of Trowbridge (the Rev. P. A. Nash) officiating. The preacher was the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild), who, basing his remarks upon the text, "I magnify my office," gave a characteristic address, full of that practical and manly advice so much appreciated by ringers. Speaking as a ringer to ringers, he emphasised the importance of the ringers' office, the value of organised Guilds, and the essential need of ringing well when the ringing was done for Sunday services or public occasions.

Subsequently the members of the Guild sat down to dinner at the George Hotel. The Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett (Master) presided, and was supported by the Rector of Trowbridge, the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn, the Rev. A. T. Richardson (Keevil), the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (Kington Magna), secretary; the Rev. Canon Thynne (Seend), the Rev. P. W. G. Filleul (Devizes), the Rev. E. C. Alexander (Edington), the Rev. E. A. Hawkes (Bratton), the Rev. T. Roberts (Holt), the Rev. P. J. Dale (Fittleton), Major C. Hughes D'Aeth (Buckhorn Weston), etc. Ringers were present from Trowbridge, Dinton, Fittleton, Edington, Dorchester, Keevil, Okeford Fitzpaine, Seend, West Lulworth, Combe Bisset, Haselbury Bryan, Sturminster Newton, Westbury, Bradford-on-Avon, Holt, Shillingstone, Market Lavington, Devizes, Buckhorn Weston, Bechington, Kington Magna, Bridgwater, Wyke Regis, etc. There was an attendance of close upon 100.

After dinner the loyal toast was honoured.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The Master referred in sympathetic terms to the loss sustained by the Guild by the death of the Earl Nelson, their first president. The selection of a successor, he said, was placed in the hands of the committee, whose choice had fallen upon Capt. J. E. Acland, of Dorchester, who many years ago was associated with his brother in the production of one of the early treatises on ringing, the well-known "Troyte," which was formerly Capt. Acland's name. — The selection of the committee was unanimously ratified.

The Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett was re-elected Master, and the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards was unanimously re-appointed hon. secretary. Mr. Hussey (Wilts and Dorset Bank, Gillingham) was appointed auditor, and Major Hughes D'Aeth was elected to represent the Guild on the Central Council.

The hope was expressed by the Hon. Secretary that special efforts would be made in all towers to ring for the 70th birthday of Queen Alexandra, on December 1st next.

The Master's report was as follows: Change ringing is progressing in the diocese. Seventeen peals have been scored, Devizes branch heading the list with 10-4 Grandsire Triples, 1 Bob Major, 2 Bob Minor (first of the branch), and 3 Grandsire Doubles; West Dorset branch one peal of Grandsire Triples, and Dorchester branch a peal of Stedman Triples. A peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Romney. Yet, and this is regrettable, with all these peals, only eight ringers scored a first peal. To maintain progress we require more youngsters making a start. Poole St. James have scored with a local band a peal of Stedman Triples, and have a good local band of handbell ringers. Dorchester St. Peter are wrestling with Treble Bob Major; Okeford Fitzpaine with Bob Minor; and the North Dorset Nondescripts continue their Saturday missionary efforts and practice Kent, Oxford and Cambridge Surprise Minor. Trowbridge as a ringing centre is coming to the fore again. Marlborough branch has just scored its first peal—which will appear in the next report—at Wootton Bassett; the skill of the bell hanger is much needed in this branch. Warminster will soon have a ringable octave in an up-to-date frame and fittings—an important addition to the Sarum branch. Apart from peal ringing we notice a general advance, even though in some places it approaches only to better struck "Stoney" and Churchyard Bob." The best work for the Guild is done where ringers realise that their first duty as ringers is to ring for the church service, and then to ring their best.

The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £29 6s. 3d.

A donation of one guinea was voted to the proposed memorial to Earl Nelson, a similar sum towards the restoration and augmentation of the bells at Kington Magna Church (where the hon. secretary is the incumbent), and 10s. 6d. to the Aldbourne bells fund.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector of Trowbridge for the use of the bells and the service, the Rev. P. A. Nash, in replying, remarking that it was the greatest pleasure to him to have the Guild with them in Church, and to know they were making good use of the belfry (applause). He confessed that his education in the art of bell ringing had been sadly neglected. When he was a child the great thing in life was to be seen and not heard (laughter). That somehow did not apply to bell ringers, for they were always heard but not seen (applause). Bell ringers seemed to him a type of men who did the best work in the world, and did it unseen and often unknown, for although people heard and enjoyed the bells they seldom knew who were ringing them (applause). The bells sent out their messages,

as they had heard in the sermon in church that morning, and all were under a deep debt of gratitude to those who rang for them in the church towers.

The cordial thanks of the Guild were also accorded to the preacher and to the clergy and churchwardens of Trowbridge, Bradford-on-Avon, Holt, North Bradley.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Rev. W. P. Schuster, said it was hoped to make him a presentation as a token of their recognition of his services as hon. secretary.

The health of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild having been toasted, the Master's reply brought the proceedings to a close.

The arrangements for the meeting were ably carried out by Mr. H. Brownlee West (hon. secretary of the Devizes branch), who was assisted locally by Mr. S. J. Hector and Mr. C. Raison.

THE YORKSHIRE & CLEVELAND ASSOCIATIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me space to reply to Mr. Marshall's letter in your issue of May 15th. My statement at the Easter meeting of the Cleveland Association applied to what I consider, from a business point of view, as between two parties an *official* reply of the Yorkshire Association to a resolution sent to it by the Cleveland Association last September.

It is quite true that on behalf of the Yorkshire Committee, Mr. Marshall sent a reply stating certain reasons why the *Committee* did not favour the acceptance of our resolution, and Mr. Marshall's letter concluded thus: "P.S.—It will be understood that this letter is the reply of the Committee of the Yorkshire Association, and that the resolution of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association will be brought before the members at our annual meeting to be held in Leeds on February 7th."

Very good. Now, Sir, we sent our resolution not to the *Committee* but to the *Association* (to whom we were told it would be submitted). For all we know *officially* the Yorkshire annual meeting may have reversed its committee's decision on this point, and agreed to the terms of our resolution, which ran as follows: "We, the President and members of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association of Ringers, assembled at a general meeting, held at Middleham on Saturday, September 27th, 1913, request that in any sub-division of the County by the Yorkshire Association consideration be given to the existence of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, and that the North Riding be excluded from such scheme for the present at any rate."

I, therefore, hold that it is a reasonable expectation that after the Yorkshire had held its annual meeting an *official* message should have been sent to the Cleveland announcing the decision of the *Association* (not *Committee*) one way or the other. Had the decision been different, would no reply have been sent then! Of course, we know from other sources what the decision of the Association was, but not *officially*.

I do not know that the point is of any consequence, but as Mr. Marshall has brought my name in, and has felt that "in justice to himself and his brother officers of the Yorkshire Association" he ought to give some explanation of what took place, I ask permission to use his own phrase as the reason for giving my view of the case.

"HARDLY PLAYED THE GAME."

As I am writing, may I ask you to kindly make known to the Exercise what has never, so far as I know, been published in connection with this matter, and which was one of our strongest points in support of our resolution, viz., that from the foundation of the Yorkshire Association in 1875, not a single meeting was held in the North Riding till 1908, ten years after the formation of the Cleveland, and only one more since then, viz., 1910. After this absolute neglect of, and indifference to, the North Riding for *thirty-five years*, was it an unreasonable request to ask the great Yorkshire Association when re-constructing its constitution to leave the Cleveland unopposed in the North Riding where it has done and is doing such good work?

We of the Cleveland Association think that the Yorkshire has hardly "played the sporting game" this time.

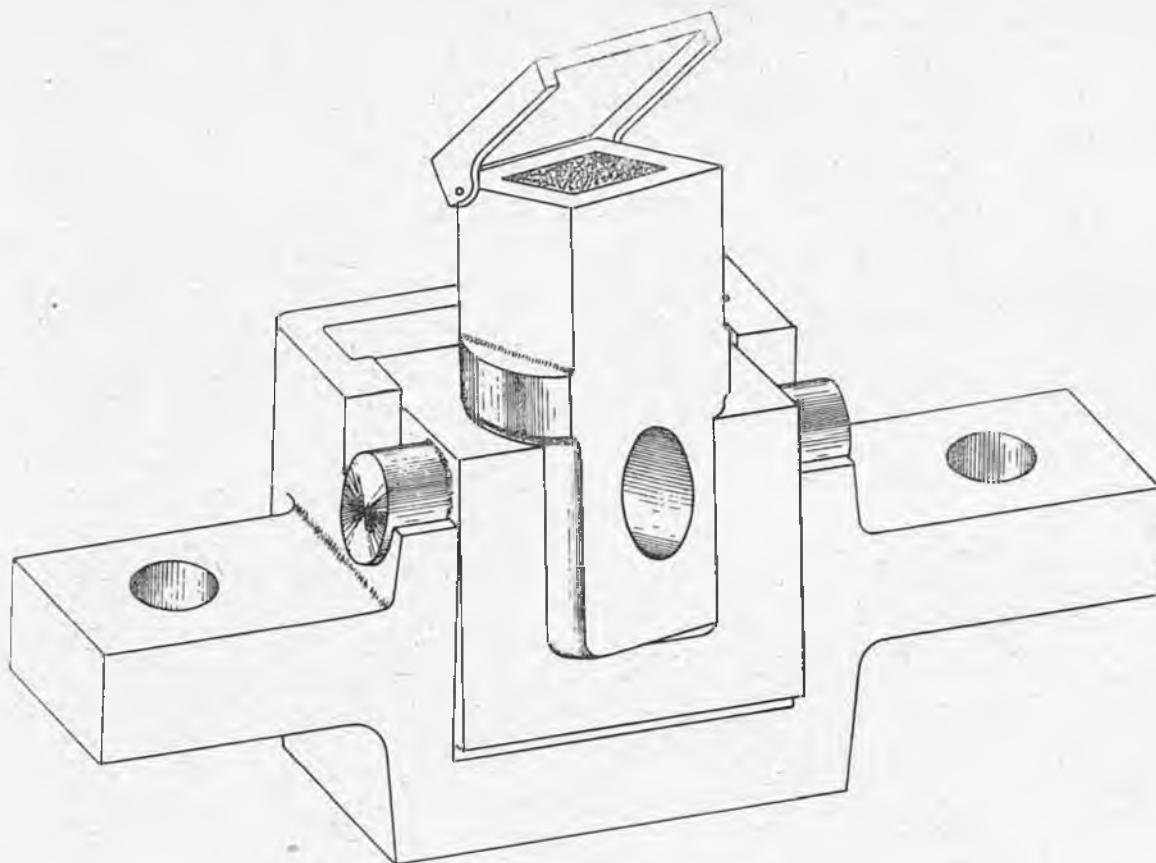
There are other reasons, of course, but time and space forbid the mention of them now.

Like Mr. Marshall, I have no desire to start a newspaper correspondence on the matter, it will do no good to either side, each of which I suppose holds its own views most strongly, and public correspondence will only embitter without changing them. Time alone will solve this unhappy condition of things. As regards myself then, I intend this to be the only letter I will trouble you with, and I thank you for kindly inserting it.—Yours sincerely,

W. P. WRIGHT,

President of the C. and N.Y.A.

SWANSEA.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: *C. H. Ewan Johns 1, *A. Hoare 2, *D. S. Peacock 3, E. Searle 4, F. Curtis 5, A. E. Morgan 6, A. Prince (conductor) 7, F. Morgan 8. * First quarter-peal arranged for A. E. Morgan.



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GUILD FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP.

—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 23rd, 1914, at Shawbury and Moreton Corbet. Ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the Vestry of Shawbury Church at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Retford on Saturday, May 23rd, 1914. East Retford (10), West Retford and Ordsall (6 bells) towers will be at the disposal of ringers from 2 to 9 p.m. Visitors heartily welcomed. Tea at Howard's Restaurant, Grove Street, at 5 p.m. Free to members, 1s. to non-residents, and 1s. 3d. to others.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary, 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.

—The next meeting will be held at Flixton, on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available at 4.30; meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly

meeting at Ottershaw on Saturday, May 23rd, meet at 4 p.m. Combined practices:—Oatlands Park, May 30th, Hersham, June 13th, both at 6.30 p.m.; Weybridge, June 27th, 7 p.m. Supporters are asked to make a note of above information.—George B. Edser, Honorary Secretary, 170, Gipsy Road, S.E.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly

meeting of this Guild will be held at Wombourne on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available at 4 o'clock, service in church at 4.30, to be conducted by the Rev. Prebendary Nicholas (Vicar). A free tea will be provided by the Vicar for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, May 26th. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

(Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 26th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A meeting will be held

at Grendon, on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Secretary, Shotton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.

—The next monthly meeting will be held at Whitworth, on Saturday, May 30th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.

—A Meeting will be held at Bennington, on May 30th. Particulars next week.—W. H. Lawrence, District Secretary, Little Munden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting

will be held at Maidstone on Whitsun-Monday, June 1st. Committee meeting in All Saints' Vestry, 11 a.m. Service at All Saints, 12 noon (preacher, Rev. T. K. Sopwith, Vicar of Aylesford). Dinner (in Boys' Schoolroom) 1 p.m. Business meeting after dinner. Towers open, Maidstone All Saints' (10) and St. Michael's (6), Aylesford (8), West Malling (8), Boxley (6), Barming (6) and Bearsted (6). It is particularly requested that members

will apply for dinner tickets by May 27th at the latest.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Honorary Secretary, Canterbury.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—The annual meeting will be held at Paignton, on Whit Monday. Service in Parish Church at 12.15, dinner in Parochial Schools at 1 p.m. Business meeting after dinner. Ringing in neighbouring towers throughout the day.—Rev. E. S. Powell, Holbeton, Plymouth.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton, on Whit Monday, June 1st. Service at All Saints' at 12 noon. Luncheon at the Peacock Hotel at 1 o'clock, 1s. each. Meeting after. The bells of All Saints', St. Peter's, St. Sepulchre's, and St. Edmund's will be available from 10 a.m.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

THE LADIES GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the above Guild will be held at Portishead, near Bristol, on Whit-Monday, June 1st. Bells available at 11 a.m. Business meeting at 2.30 p.m. in the Belfry. Members will be entertained to tea by the Portishead ringers at the "White Cot" Dairy at 4 p.m., charge for non-members 1/- each. Service in Church at 5.30 p.m.; gentlemen cordially invited. Will all who intend being present kindly notify me before May 25th.—Edith K. Parker, Honorary Secretary, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—

The Whitsuntide meeting of this Association will be held at Shildon, on Monday, June 1st, 1914. Bells available all day. Committee meeting at 1 o'clock and dinner at 1.30 p.m. in the Masonic Hall. Will all members who intend being present please communicate not later than Wednesday, May 27th, to R. Stephenson, Hon. Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Harlow, on Whit Monday. Service at St. Mary's at 11.30. Business meeting at 12.30. Dinner at 1.30. To ensure accommodation at the dinner, notice must be given to the Hon. Secretary not later than May 27th.—Henry T. W. Eyre, Hon. Secretary, Great Totham, Witham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.

—Next meeting at Long Stanton on Whitsun Monday, June 1st. Service at 5 (address by Rev. B. H. T. Drake). Tea (in schoolroom) 5.30. Bells from 2 p.m. Long Stanton (8), Swaversey (6) and Willingham (5). All ringers welcome.—Rev. H. B. Woolley, District Secretary.

CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—

The annual meeting will be held at Northallerton on Whitsun-Monday, June 1st. Committee meeting at the Rose and Crown Hotel at 11 a.m. Service at the Parish Church at 12 noon (address given by the Rev. A. J. Chambers, Northallerton). Dinner will be provided at the Rose and Crown Hotel at 1 p.m. Business meeting after dinner. It is particularly requested that those intending to be at dinner will reply to the secretary not later than Wednesday May 27th, at the latest.—T. Metcalfe, Honorary Secretary, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—

The next meeting will be held at Standish, on June 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. This being the first visit of the branch to Standish, a good attendance is requested.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Shorne, on Saturday, June 13th, 1914. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. These bells have recently been rehung in a steel frame by Howell, of Ipswich.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

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DEATH.

REEVES. — On Friday, May 15th, at 5, Fatherson Road, Reading, Eliza Mary (Minnie), the beloved wife of Albert E. Reeves, aged 50 years.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very pleasant meeting of the North and East District was held on Saturday week at Hadley, some 30 members attending during the afternoon and evening. Ringing was indulged in on the pretty peal of six bells during the afternoon, whilst a party also visited Barnet, where the bells had been placed at the disposal of the members for a short period, touches of Stedman Triples and Plain and Kent Treble Bob being rung. Tea was served in the Church House, followed by the business meeting, at which six new members were elected. — Mr. F. A. Milne proposed a vote of thanks to the Rectors of Hadley and Barnet for the use of the bells at their respective churches, and also to the former for his kindness in allowing the use of the Church House for tea. — This was seconded by Mr. H. S. Reeves, and carried with acclamation. During the evening, much use was made of the bells, touches being rung in many methods, including Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, College Single, Double Oxford, Double Court, Kent, Oxford, and Woodbine Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise.

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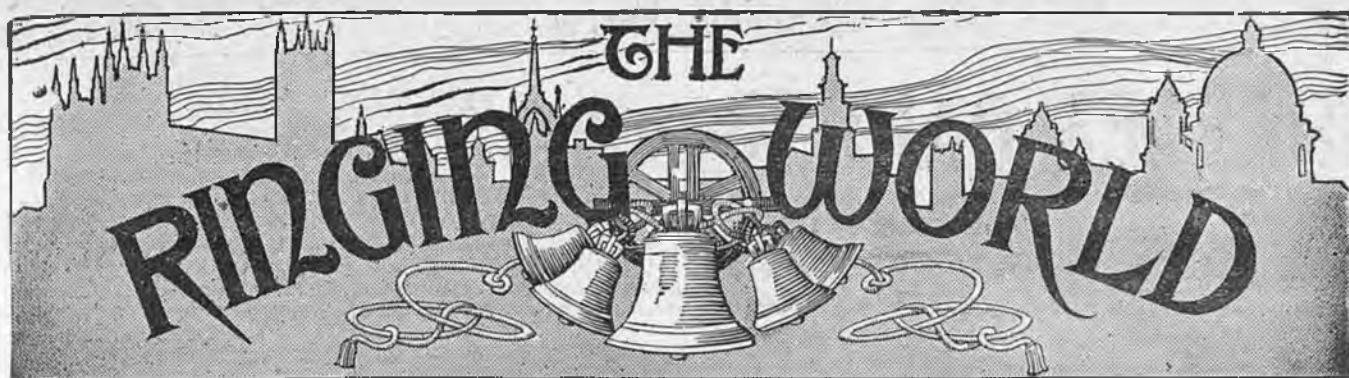


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I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

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

MODERN WORK.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

Next Tuesday's meeting of the Central Council at Winchester does not promise, so far as one can judge from the agenda, to provide the material for the lengthy discussions which have characterised the gatherings of that body in some recent years, although it is by no means safe to anticipate that the proceedings are likely to be comparatively short, for a seemingly innocent agenda not unfrequently yields the most prolific debate. The actual motions, of which notice has been given, number only three (they were published in our last issue), and those associations who, at the special request of their representatives on the Council, have been discussing the question of the admission of the Ladies' Guild will miss any form of resolution by which this matter can be re-introduced this year, as was undoubtedly intended.

The principal motion on the agenda is unquestionably that relating to inter-affiliation which for the first time is to come officially before the central body. It will be observed, however, that the resolution, as it is drafted, is of an absolutely non-committal nature, and deals with the subject in a way in which the Council have treated other questions of policy—that of giving the scheme a blessing, but leaving others to get on with the work. Inter-affiliation, as will have been seen from the reports of the meetings of the various associations by whom it has been discussed, has not been received with unanimous approval, and, when definite disagreement on a subject has already been shown, it would, of course, be useless for the Council to take the matter into its special care and attempt to force a scheme upon those organisations which are not prepared to receive it.

The motion as to Shipway's Superlative Surprise Royal will raise a question adjourned from last year, and despite the able and succinct way in which the Rev. H. Law James put his views in the letter which recently appeared in these columns, the question is one which will have to be left to the experts in method construction—and they are extremely few in number—to decide. The other motion, that of the Council issuing a national badge for ringers, may appeal to some, but unless the business is tackled in a right way the proposal may fall flat when it is put into actual operation.

Among the other matters of business will be the reception of the reports of committees. That of the Peals Analysis is already published, and we can imagine that that of the Peal Collection will be one of reporting progress. The Towers and Belfries Committee ought to have something interesting to tell us, but, as to the Literature Committee—well, we shall expect a report when we see one. It is years since anything of a practical nature was reported by that body.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

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

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

*LOUIS J. ABBOTT Treble	†TOPHAM CUTFORTH 6
HARRY THORPE 2	SIDNEY PROCTOR 7
WILLIAM G. THORPE 3	FRED TURNER 8
*LAWRENCE E. MEARS 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 9
ERNEST NIDD 5	THOMAS H. HALL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters. † First peal of Caters with a bob bell. This peal was rung in honour of the coming-of-age of William P. Turner, eldest son of the ringer of the 8th, the band being entertained to refreshments at the conclusion of the peal by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Turner.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, May 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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

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

QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN WHITING Treble	GEORGE SNELLING 5
JOHN SNELLING 2	FREDK. MANSER 6
ERNEST F. POPPY 3	FREDK. SEAGER 7
ERNEST WHITING 4	FREDK. R. BORRETT ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by EDWIN WHITING.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER,

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

CHARLES H. FOWLER ... Treble	SAMUEL COTTON 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
*HARRY BROUGHTON 3	ALFRED MARTIN 7
†HAROLD G. JENNEY, P.C. 4	JOSIAH MORRIS Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Triples in the method. One hundredth peal for the Association by C. H. Fowler and J. Morris, and the quickest peal on the bells. This was the 2nd attempt for this peal. On the first occasion the lights went out during the last four courses.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

SAMUEL WOOD Treble	BENJAMIN GILL 5
THOMAS JAKEMAN 2	HARRY HAMPSON 6
CHARLES BOWER 3	JOHN HARRISON 7
JONATHAN BROADBENT ... 4	SAMUEL BOOTH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRY LEA Treble	WILLIAM H. WEBB 5
ELIJAH WHITE 2	VICTOR WHITE 6
ALFRED HACKETT 3	GEORGE N. COCKIN 7
WILLIAM COLEY 4	MATTHEW HACKETT Tenor

Conducted by W. COLEY.

This peal was rung in honour of the 70th birthday of Elijah White.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

*HAROLD BANKS Treble	*THOMAS BLOORE 5
*CHARLES WATHMAN 2	BERT HORTON 6
EDGAR MARLOW 3	EDGAR T. SMITH 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 4	*THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor

Composed by THOMAS BLOORE, and

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

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

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

*PERCY TAYLOR Treble	THOMAS BIRCH 5
*RALPH JOHNSON 2	†WM. MYATT 6
*WM. WRIGHT 3	WM. FITCHFORD, SENR. 7
WM. ALLMAN 4	*JACK WHITEHURST Tenor

Conducted by WM. FITCHFORD.

* First peal. First peal on a bob bell. The ringers of the treble and tenor are only 15 years of age and great credit is given them for the very able way they manipulated their respective ropes. All are members of the local band with the exception of the conductor and the ringer of the fourth, who come from Wolstanton. The ringers wish to thank Mrs. Birch and Miss Plant for their kindness in providing light refreshments after the peal.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 18, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

VICAR'S. Tenor 21½ cwt.

RUFUS T. LADE Treble	*FREDERICK T. SANDS 5
*W. BASIL PAINE 2	†ARTHUR R. MILES 6
JOHN THURLOW 3	WILLIAM J. BAGLEY 7
*WILLIAM BROWN 4	TOM LADE Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR R. MILES.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples as conductor. First peal of Triples by all except the conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. All are members of the local band. Rung on the Eve of St. Dunstan's Day.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 24½ cwt.

CLEMENT GLENN Treble	WILLIAM J. THYNG 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS 2	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6
FRED DAVIES 3	WALTER ALLWOOD 7
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY 4	JOHN H. BROTHWELL Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

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LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 20, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED W. GRIMES Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
*ERNEST E. GRIMES 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 6
REUBEN SANDERS 3	†JAMES HUNT 7
FRANK I. HAIRS 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by J. PAGEIT, and

ALFRED W. GRIMES.

* First Surprise peal on an inside bell. † First peal in the method.

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

On Friday, May 22, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HENRY C. CHANDLER Treble	CHARLES S. BIRD 5
ALFRED W. GRIMES 2	BERTRAM PREWETT 6
ERNEST R. GLADMAN 3	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD 7
WILLIAM J. NEW 4	SYDNEY CARTER Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by SYDNEY CARTER.

First peal in the method as conductor.

WYE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 20½ cwt.

CHARLES W. BRETT Treble	EDWIN G. BUESDEN 5
PERCY J. PAINE 2	FREDERICK G. BRETT 6
ARTHUR A. ANDREWS 3	GEORGE G. JENKINS 7
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE 4	*GEORGE H. SIMPSON Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

* First peal. Rung in commemoration of Empire Day and as a birthday compliment to A. A. Andrews. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

SHILDON, YORKS.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*WILLIAM BROADLEY Treble	ALEXANDER MACFARLANE 5
JAMES BAXTER 2	THOMAS CLARK 6
*WILLIAM D. LISTER 3	WILLIAM H. PORTER 7
JAMES W. NEWTON 4	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Composed by J. PAGEIT, and

Conducted by WILLIAM H. PORTER.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of Empire Day, also of the 50th birthday of Mr. J. Baxter. The ringer of the 4th hails from Stockton, the 5th from Middlesbro', the 8th from Ormesby, and the rest from Darlington.

HORBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ROBERT ELLAM Treble	JOHN WILLIAM DEWS 5
JAMES COTTERELL 2	THOMAS R. HENSHER 6
WILLIAM H. SENIOR 3	JAMES SMITH 7
HEMINGWAY DRANSFIELD 4	HERBERT DRANSFIELD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*ALFRED KEEBLE... ..Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY 5
ALLEN F. BAILEY 2	GEORGE WILSON 6
JAMES M. BAILEY 3	ERNEST S. BAILEY 7
*FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY ...Tenor

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

* First peal in the method. G. Wilson's 50th peal.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS WHITE ... ..Treble	JOHN C. DICKEN 5
HERBERT DAY 2	ALEX. HUTCHISON 6
JAMES L. WRIGHT 3	PERCIVAL PRICE 7
FRED W. HILL 4	ALFRED C. WRIGHT... ..Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

Rung for Empire Day.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM DOWLER ... ..Treble	VICTOR WHITE 5
†ERNEST BOYLIN 2	ALLAN J. CARTWRIGHT ... 6
*WILFRED MUMFORD... .. 3	ALFRED HACKETT 7
WILLIAM SHILVOCK... .. 4	GEORGE PIGOTT ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by G. PIGOTT.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method inside. Rung on the tenth anniversary of Victor White's wedding day; also as a birthday compliment to J. Pigott. This was the conductor's 100th peal.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... ..Treble	CHARLES T. COLES... .. 5
FRED G. MAY 2	ERNEST PYE 6
WILLIAM MILLER 3	HARRY FLANDERS 7
ARTHUR J. NEALE 4	WILLIAM PYE ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

BUCKINGHAM.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

*THOMAS BEST ... ..Treble	*ALBERT J. GREEN 5
*JOHN MEAD 2	*WALTER SEAR 6
*EDMUND J. HOBBS 3	CECIL A. VALENTINE ... 7
HORACE H. SMITH 4	HARRY SEAR ... ..Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS, and
Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells. Rung in honour of Empire Day, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Valentine, father of the ringer of the 7th.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

PERCY J. LANGSTON ... ..Treble	JOHN SADLER 5
ERNEST NEWMAN 2	*ARTHUR SAUNDERS 6
WALTER SADLER 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM... 4	DAVID ELLIOTT ... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First Surprise peal. Rung in honour of Empire Day. The band wish to thank the Dean (Canon Brownrigg) for the use of the bells, "especially as an effort was made to prevent the peal being attempted."

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lbs.

ALBERT D. STONE ... ..Treble	ALBERT HARMAN 5
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 2	ALFRED W. GROVES 6
RICHARD STREDWICK 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
ROBERT W. GREEN 4	KEITH HART ... ..Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt., in A.

ARTHUR EDWARDS ... ..Treble	*PERCY R. ALMOND 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	JOSEPH BOWELL 6
HENRY F. COOPER 3	GEORGE JENNION 7
HENRY W. KIRTON 4	GEORGE E. ANDREWS ...Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung to celebrate Empire Day.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*HENRY BRIGGS... ..Treble	*ERNEST STONE 5
FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 2	HARRY ARGYLE... .. 6
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 3	JOSIAH MORRIS 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	CHARLES H. FOWLER ...Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by CHARLES H. FOWLER.

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

WARFIELD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lbs., in E.

WILLIAM HENLEY ... ..Treble	*JOHN BRANT 5
GEORGE MARTIN... .. 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
WILLIAM A. GARRAWAY ... 3	ERNEST LAMBERT 7
THOMAS SMITH 4	JOHN H. CROPLEY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

* First peal on eight away from the tenor. First peal in the method on the bells.

DIAMOND WEDDING PEALS.

The three following peals were rung in honour of the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Greenwood, of Streatham, Mr. Greenwood having been a ringer for 64 years:

STREATHAM, SURREY.**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, May 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE BARRINGTON Treble	JOHN LEE 5
JAMES RUMBLE 2	ABRAHAM G. FREEMAN ... 6
JOHN S. DANIELS 3	LOUIS ATTWATER 7
ISAAC J. ATTWATER 4	*HERBERT W. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by L. ATTWATER.

* First peal. J. Rumble's 50th peal.

STREATHAM, SURREY.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

On Thursday, May 14, 1914, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IMMANUEL,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT Treble	HARRY R. PASMORE ... 5
JAMES D. DREWETT 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 6
JOHN N. OXBORROW 3	C. W. ROBERT GRIMWOOD 7
JOHN S. DANIELS 4	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN C. JACKSON, and

Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	WILLIAM H. CORBETT ... 5
FREDERICK J. HARDY 2	ALEC. S. MILLER 6
ARCHIBALD T. MILLER ... 3	HERBERT LONDON 7
HAROLD J. WALTON 4	THOMAS W. WELBOURNE Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. HARDY.

SIX BELL PEALS.**GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, May 6, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

*W. SHIPP Treble	C SHIPP 4
T. GREENACRE 2	B. M. TARGETT 5
W. MITCHELL 3	G. HAWES Tenor

Conducted by G. HAWES.

* First peal.

GRENDON, WARWICKSHIRE.**THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

In seven methods, viz.: London, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent and Oxford

Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST STONE Treble	GEOFFREY J. STONELEY ... 4
REV. R. P. FARROW 2	ERNEST TIGWELL 5
WALTER J. HORTON 3	E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ST. WERBOROUGH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven 720's, called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*ARTHUR B. STONE Treble	JOSEPH FLOWER 4
JOHN W. GLEW 2	ARTHUR OVERTON 5
*BART. MITCHELL 3	JOSEPH LORD Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. B. Stone.

LITTON CHENEY, DORSET.**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores.

Tenor 16 cwt., in F.

†F. DENNETT Treble	T. HERVEY BEAMS 4
†G. W. GREENING 2	*A. GLADWYN 5
*C. TREVETT 3	*R. PEACH Tenor

Conducted by T. HERVEY BEAMS.

* First peal. † First peal away from tenor. † First peal away from treble. All except the conductor are members of the local band.

STAUNTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

(NORTH FOREST BRANCH.)

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*HARRY AWFORD Treble	EX-SERG. J. WILLIAMS ... 4
WILLIAM J. ROBERTS ... 2	*JOHN BARNFIELD 5
ALBERT MARTIN 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

* First peal of Minor. The first four ringers hail from Newent, the fifth to the local band, and the conductor to Cheltenham. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also Mr. T. H. Hayes and the local men for their hospitality.

BURSTOW, SURREY.**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt., in G.

CHARLES VARO Treble	WILLIAM CHEESEMAN ... 4
FRANK HAWKINS 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 5
FREDERICK BASHFORD ... 3	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to O. Sippetts. First peal in seven methods on the bells. First peal in seven methods as conductor. It was also the quarterly peal of the above Branch.

MERSTHAM, SURREY.**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

F. BASHFORD Treble	O. GILBEY 4
W. CHEESEMAN 2	E. SNELLING 5
E. WOOD 3	F. HAWKINS Tenor

Conducted by F. BASHFORD.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VIGOR AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford
Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

EDMUND WEBB Treble	WILLIAM SCOTCHER 4
HENRY BADCOCK 2	JOSEPH PAGE 5
JOHN STALLEY 3	BASIL D. BUTTRESS Tenor

Conducted by BASIL D. BUTTRESS.

First peal in seven methods by a local company, and rung at the second attempt. Rung in honour of Ascension Day.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR DYE Treble	CHAS. WYBROW 4
CHAS. S. TUTHILL 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON 5
ARTHUR W. BALDWIN 3	*ROBERT COOKE Tenor

Conducted by R. COOKE.

* First peal as conductor. All the ringers belong to Fakenham. First peal on the bells. It was rung as a compliment to the Rev. Canon Arnold, M.A., Rector of North Creak, on the 60th anniversary of his birthday.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Friday, May 22, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES AYLETT Treble	GEORGE H. KETTLE 4
*ALFRED WILSON 2	ROBERT GREEN 5
JOHN TAYLOR 3	JOSEPH H. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. WHITE.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a farewell to R. Green, who was to sail on May 27th for Yonkers, New York, the band wishing him every success.

WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

ARTHUR FAIRY Treble	WILLIAM J. GILBERT 4
WILLIAM HAYO 2	JAMES HUDSON 5
HORACE COPPERWHEAT 3	*WALTER GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by WALTER GILBERT.

* Fiftieth peal.

THORPE MALSOR, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

HORACE W. SHARMAN Treble	DAVID J. NICHOLS 4
FREDERICK KILBORN 2	ROBERT G. BLACK 5
PERCY J. LENTON 3	FREDK. W. SAWFOOT Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Bloxwich, Staffordshire, on April 18th, should be credited to the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

ESSEX DISSENSION.

EX-DISTRICT SECRETARY'S COMPLAINT.

We have received from Mr. A. Shuffeleboham, of Braintree, formerly a district secretary of the Essex Association, a lengthy letter protesting strongly against what he states to be the interference of the Master of the Essex Association in endeavouring to prevent a peal being rung at Bocking, under the auspices of the Ely Association. Having got permission for the peal from the Dean of Bocking, Mr. Shuffeleboham says he invited a company, which included three of the local band, to go there for a peal of Superlative. He alleges, however, that the Master of the Essex Association, hearing that the peal was to be attempted, tried to persuade the Dean to stop the peal, but the latter, finding that such action was likely to cause a rupture in his own company decided to consider his own ringers first and allow the peal to take place. Owing to a misunderstanding three of the company failed to turn up, but the attempt was again arranged for Saturday last. Mr. Shuffeleboham points out that no attempt is made to prevent London societies ringing peals in Essex, and threatens "drastic measures" if any further interference takes place in regard to peals in which he is concerned.

REASONS FOR WITHDRAWAL.

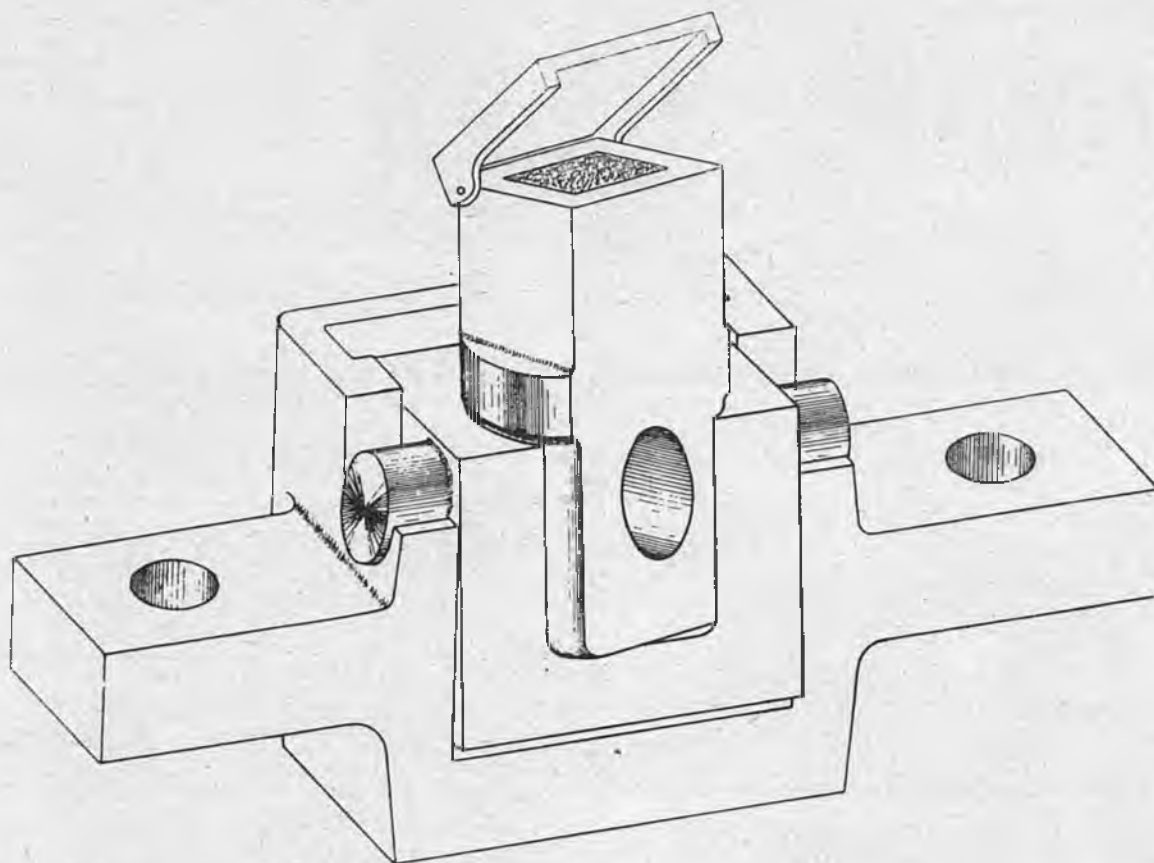
He proceeds: May I take this opportunity of giving the Exercise a few of the reasons why myself and others withdrew from the Essex Association. Going back to the annual meeting at Kelvedon, in 1912, a resolution was carried that all the old members, after being in the Association a certain number of years, should become hon. members, without any further payment, and it was left to the committee to put the matter into workable form and bring the scheme before the annual meeting in 1913, but this was not done. In 1912 also, four brakes were allowed (one in each district) with the idea of assisting in the then "craze" of missionary work, but last year not one brake was allowed out of the funds. Again, a notice was sent from Colchester to bring before the annual meeting of 1913 a proposal to allow something out of the funds towards defraying the debt on the Colchester bells (£50), which had recently been recast and rebung. This was refused as being likely to cause unnecessary argument, and because it was too late to be put on the agenda. The rule states that a week's notice must be given, and yet this nine days' notice was too late. Will someone kindly inform me how many days there are in a week! These and other proposals were set back to give preference to the suggestion to provide a treble bell for Chelmsford out of the funds. This, we were informed, would cost £25, but it now turns out to be £36. The proposal was carried by 37 votes to 17, 54 members thus voting out of an eligible 652, a motion that the voting should be by referendum to every tower being defeated. I may here explain that the meeting being at West Ham, it was beyond reasonable distance for those in the Eastern district to attend, although it is from the Eastern district that the Association draws more than half of its income. The Master assured us that he had not promised that the Association would give the treble, yet at the opening at Chelmsford on September 27th, Canon Lake said Mr. Howard promised them, if they would go in for twelve bells, that the Association would give the treble, thus proving the correctness of what was published in the local papers that the Essex Association were giving the treble—and this before any of the other officers or members were consulted. I would like to make it clear that our grievances are not with the Association, but with those officers who are allowed to spend what they like, while the district officers who do all the hard work are tied down to every penny.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of this Association was held at Frome recently, when fifty members were present, representing fourteen towers. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung on the bells before tea, which was provided at the Union Jack Restaurant, and was followed by the business meeting, over which the Rev. C. C. Parker, Master of the Association, presided, supported by the Rev. Preb. W. F. H. Randolph (Vicar of Frome), the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill (Vicar of Leigh-on-Medip), and others.—On the proposition of Mr. D. G. Taylor, seconded by Mr. I. B. Holmyard, nine honorary and 50 performing members were elected, including the members of two new towers.—The next meeting, being the annual meeting, will be held at Bath.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Frome for the very kind welcome he had given to the members, for arranging the service and for the use of the bells, was proposed by the Master, seconded by the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill, and carried with acclamation.—Preb. Randolph, in responding, again said how pleased he was to welcome the members of the Association, and hoped they would pay another visit to Frome on some future occasion.—A short service was then held in the Parish Church, where Preb. Randolph gave a very appropriate address. During the evening further touches in various methods were rung.

HARBORNE, STAFFS.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins.: G. Hitchman 1, A. Beauchamp 2, W. H. Keys 3, H. Gresvener 4, A. Pratt 5, W. J. Cartwright 6, A. T. Hyland (conductor) 7, J. Such 8



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THE OLDEST PEAL BOARD.

ST. PETER MANCROFT'S CHERISHED RECORDS.

In our illustration last week of the painting of Samuel Thurston, we referred to the old peal board, which had been restored; recording the ringing of Garthorn's peal of Triples at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, in 1718. This tablet, of which we give a picture on this page, is not the only ancient and interesting board in that famous belfry. The tower is, indeed, famous for its early achievements in the art of ringing, and the tablets recording these early peals still hang on the belfry walls: "Grandsire Bob" (Plain Bob) Triples in 1715; Grandsire Triples (Garthorn's) in 1718; and Stedman Triples in 1732. Of these three records, the former and latter came to grief some years ago, the 1715 tablet falling from the wall, and both were unfortunately restored to the extent of being remade. The 1718 tablet, however, remains in its original condition, and has recently been very carefully cleaned and repaired.

On the bells which surmount the board are inscribed, "Now let all contention cease," "Wee must own truth," "Deserves the place."

The actual record of the peal is as follows: "On the 26th of August, 1718, was Rung the Harmonious Peal Called Gransire Triples which have been ye study of ye most Ingenious men of this Age who delight in ye art of Variations, but all their Projections have proved errors until it was undertook by JOHN GARTHORN who with long Study and Practice have perfectly discovered those intricate methods which were hidden from the eyes of all the Ringers in England; the extent of this Peal being 5040 Changes have often times been Rung with Changes alike but the first time that ever it was Rung true was in three hours and a half without any Changes alike or a Bell out of Course by these men whose names are under written against their Bells as they Rung:—

James Brooke	Treble	Henry Howard	5
John Briggs	2	Wm. Callow	6
Wm. Palmer	3	The Melchior	7
Robt. Crane	4	The Barret	Tenor

Of the six other peal tablets only one is modern, the remaining five dating from the 18th and early 19th centuries. It may here be remarked that these nine tablets are of such ample dimensions that they practically fill all the available wall space, thus having made it impossible for this later generation to run riot with its records since frequent peals have become the fashion.

At the same time as the restoration above referred to was carried out to the 1718 boards, much-needed attention was given to these other five old tablets which were becoming illegible. They have been similarly cleaned and given a coat of flat varnish, and the result is a great improvement to the tablets and to the belfry. It was found possible while this work was in progress to bring down to a lower level the tablet recording the peal of "Norwich Court Bob" Maximus in 1817, which had for years been "skied" at a height of about 30 feet from the belfry floor. The record on this board, in which some of the words are curiously divided, is:—

ST. PETER'S MANCROFT, NORWICH.

Monday 20th January 1817 were rung in this Steeple 5016 changes of that most ingenious and intricate Peal, Norwich Court Bob Maximus in Four Hours and two Minutes, without the misplacing of a Bell or the repetition of a single change. This Peal very much resembles Norwich Court Roy at Ten: there being short dodging on the bells before and behind and tenths place at the Bob. The ingenuity of its Composition and the bold and regular Striking reflect great credit on the Company and are allow'd by Judges to be a Performance which if ever equal'd can never be surpassed: It is the first Peal ever accomplished in England in that intricate method on Twelve Bells, was conducted by Mr. Robert Chesnutt and rung by the following Persons. This TABLET was erected at the expense OF a few Gentlemen of the Parish in commemoration of the above Display of Genius in the extensive Science of Ringing:

Robert Chesnutt	Treble	John Trowse	8
Peckover Hill	2	Joseph Lubbock	9
John Giddens	3	Thomas Hurry	10
Charles Gittings	4	Nathaniel Beales	11
Samuel Havers	5	Samuel Thurston and	
Charles Kelf	6	Matthew Smith	Tenor
George Hames	7		

HERE AND THERE.

CENTRAL COUNCIL PEAL ARRANGEMENTS.

Mr. George Williams, hon. general secretary of the Winchester Guild, asks us to say that the following towers have been secured for peals for ringers attending the Central Council meeting at Winchester on Whit-Tuesday: Saturday evening, May 30th, North Stoneham, 5.30 p.m.; Sunday afternoon, May 31st, Dibden, 1 p.m.; Monday morning, June 1st, St. Thomas', Portsmouth, 9.30 a.m.; Monday afternoon, June 1st, St. Mary's, Portsmouth, 3 p.m.; Monday evening, June 1st, Winchester Cathedral, 5 p.m.; St. Michael's, Southampton, are also available on Monday if wanted. A sufficient number has been secured for Surprise Methods at the first four towers, and a band assured for the Cathedral. Should there be others wishing to attempt a peal at Southampton they should communicate with Mr. H. W. Wilkes, 9, Avenue Road, Itchen, Southampton.

HEAVY HANDBELLS.

The peal rung recently at Guildford on handbells (size 22) was not the first on bells of that size, 5040 Grandsire Triples having been rung on bells of similar dimensions at Ipswich on April 20th, 1888, in 2 hrs. 35 mins. This information comes through Mr. A. H. Pulling, of Guildford.

LADY CONDUCTOR.

Conducted by a lady, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Rumney, Monmouthshire, on Wednesday week, as a welcome home to Mr. and Mrs. Haines after their honeymoon, the bride's mother, Mrs. Cubitt, being churchwarden at Rumney Church. The ringers were: W. Stanaway, junr., 1, A. Cossom, 2, W. Stanaway, 3, J. Clutterbuck, 4, Miss Ethel M. Pacey (conductor) 5, H. Pacey 6.

LADIES' GUILD MEETING.

In connection with the Ladies' Guild meeting at Portishead on Monday, it should be noted that there are cheap trains (return fare 1s. 3d.) from Bristol (Temple Meads) at 9.45, 10.25, 11.15, 12.27 and 2.18. Anyone with an hour to spare should visit St. Mary Redcliffe (five minutes from Temple Meads), and then take car to Ashton Gate, whence numerous trains depart for Portishead. The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, start for a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Mary Redcliffe, at 1 o'clock, and have been granted permission to ring at St. Nicholas' Church from 11 to 12.

MR. I. G. SHADE.

We are glad to be able to state that Mr. I. G. Shade, who met with an accident on Easter Tuesday and fractured some of his ribs, is now well on the way to recovery, and hopes to be in harness again shortly.

SOMERTON BELLS TO BE RESTORED.

The heavy ring of six bells (tenor 20 cwt.) of St. Michael's Church, Somerset, have been sent to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Southfields Bell Foundry, to be retuned and to be augmented into eight, and to be hung in one of Messrs. Warner's special design of steel framework.

REPORT OF THE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

In presenting our report for the year ending December 31st, 1913, we are glad to be able to state, in the first place, that accounts of peals seem to be sent to the ringing papers with greater care than in the past, for which we are grateful. We do not have to call attention to peals published without a conductor's name, though in some cases the conductor's name has been an afterthought. This may be due to the innate modesty of conductors, but such modesty is really misplaced, and gives the Analysis Committee a certain amount of trouble. We would ask for a little more consideration still, occasionally, and especially that the reports of peals sent to the two ringing papers should be identical. We would also call attention to the long delay, which now and then occurs, between the ringing of a peal and the publishing of the report. There can be no reason why the report should not be sent to the papers immediately, especially towards the end of the year. Belated reports, appearing when the Analysis is approaching completion, are very trying to the patience of the committee, the constant alteration of totals being troublesome in the extreme.

It will be seen that the total number of peals rung in 1913 shows an increase of 30 upon the huge total of last year. On examining the details we find a decrease of 53 in peals upon seven or more bells, an increase of 55 in Minor peals, and an increase of 28 in peals of Doubles. The total was abnormally swollen last year by the 308 handbell peals, a number which has dropped this year to 217, showing a decrease of 91. On tower bells there has been an increase of 45 in the case of peals on seven or more bells, of 49 in the case of Minor peals, and 27 of Doubles, making a total increase of peals on tower bells of 121, or very nearly 6 per cent. Of the 118 peals of Doubles, no less than 68 were rung with a covering bell, and it is much to be wished that, where there are six bells in a tower, ringers should not be content with ringing Doubles.

There is a considerable increase in the number of methods which require a separate column in the Analysis. Surfleet Treble Bob Caters, Guildford and Brighton Surprise, Washbrook, Dublin Complex and Double Yorkshire Court Bob Major, Double Grandsire and St. Clement's Triples have to be provided for; while Little Albion Treble Bob Major has to be added to the "Little" methods. The last has occasioned some difficulty, and we have placed it, not without some hesitation, in the same class with Kent Treble Bob. We find that some difference of opinion exists among experts as to the classification of Little Bob. Our own view inclines to the belief that the difficulties which present themselves in Little Bob Major are hardly sufficient to take it out of the category of Plain Bob Major; and in Little Albion Treble Bob, in like manner, there is hardly enough difficulty to lift it above Kent or Oxford Treble Bob. The other methods fall into their place according to the scale adopted by the Council.

With regard to the points for Minor peals, we have received, and will study carefully, a most exhaustive and illuminating analysis of Treble Bob Minor Methods, sent us by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, from which it appears that the classification of the methods might well be revised in a few cases. Coming as it does from a first class Minor ringer, who looks at the matter from a practical as well as a theoretical point of view, his treatise merits very careful attention. We hope to be able to give this; and, with the sanction of the Council, to make such alterations as seem to us necessary before the production of the next Analysis.

INTERESTING POINTS FROM FOOTNOTES.

The footnotes to the peals contain, as usual, some interesting information, though we are not always sure that they convey the meaning intended by the sender; so that the following figures can only be regarded as approximate. One footnote, for example, to a name in a peal of Bob Major, states: "First peal in the method, and first peal as conductor," but we find that a peal of Grandsire Triples was conducted by the same ringer last year; so that the words "in the method" evidently belong to both parts of the footnote.

Advanced age was no bar to peal ringing in 1913. We find three ringers of 70, one of 71, three of 72, one of 74, and one of no less than 86 (Mr. W. Gosling, senr., who rang the 4th bell in a peal of Grandsire Triples on the 26th of March for the Midland Counties Association), engaged in peals; while one who is quite blind (Mr. W. Charlwood, of Pershore), rang the tenor to a peal of Doubles on June 7th for the Worcestershire and Districts Association at the age of 67! Youth is not left behind, however, and we find peal ringers of all ages from 13 upwards, while on handbells they begin to ring peals at the early age of 11 years. But, perhaps, the most noticeable performance in this connection is in the case of a ringer who was not 15, but yet took part in a peal of London Surprise Major. It will not be a "surprise" to learn that his name is L. A. Pye.

No less than 118 peals are reported as being the "first on the bells," and 31 the first since restoration or augmentation. Ninety-six peals were rung for Church Festivals, which is a gratifying increase, and 18 for Harvest Thanksgivings. Eight peals were rung for "golden weddings," and others for 51st, 57th and 59th anniversaries, together with a large number of other wedding peals; and 64 muffled peals were rung.

We find 710 ringers scoring their first peal, 87 first with a bob bell, and 30 first away from the tenor; 104 rang their first peal as conductor, and 28 peals were the first by the local band.

Three peals were rung unaccompanied, viz., in seven Surprise Minor methods at Oswaldtwistle and at Walton, Liverpool, by members of the Lancashire Association; and a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill, by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, this being, we believe, the first on record on tower bells.

"Farewell" peals numbered 49, "Welcome" 6; quarterly association peals, 9. Then we have peals on the appointment of, or to welcome Bishops, Canons, Rectors and Vicars; laying the foundation stone of a new church, completion of a church, dedication of a village cross, confirmations, etc.; peals in celebration of Royal weddings and birthdays, and to commemorate the anniversaries of the battles of Balacava and Trafalgar. Peals were also rung by members of the Central Council, the C.E.M.S., the Navy and Army, ten ringers employed at a bell foundry, etc. Two peals were in connection with the demonstrations against Welsh Disestablishment, and one for the settlement of the railway dispute. There was the usual large number of birthday peals, and we must also notice the performance of four peals of Minor in one day by six members of the Kent County Association, in four different towers, the first performance of such a feat.

CLERICAL AND LADY RINGERS.

Ringers depend so much for opportunities of peal ringing upon the goodwill of the clergy, that it must be of interest to note that 29 clergy are to be found ringing peals in 1913, seven of whom were also conductors, and that the number of peals in which they took part was 145, consisting of Cinques 4, Royal 8, Caters 21, Major 52, Triples 28, Minor 29, and Doubles 3. The details are as follows: The Rev. A. T. Beeston rang in 40 peals, of which he conducted 9; Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (16 on handbells), 24; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (conducted 6), 20; Revs. H. L. James (conducted 9) and W. C. Pearson, 14; Rev. B. Tyrwhitt-Drake (H.B. 4), 13; Rev. C. J. Sturton, 12; Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (H.B. 3, conducted 3) 9; Revs. E. V. Cox (conducted 1) and E. S. Powell, 8; Rev. E. B. James (H.B. 3), 7; Revs. C. C. Cox (conducted 5) and W. P. Wright, 5; Revs. G. F. Coleridge and H. B. Woolley, 4; Revs. V. A. Creswell, H. J. Elsec, R. P. Farrow, J. F. Hastings, F. J. O. Helmore, R. L. B. Oliver and W. M. K. Warren, 2; Revs. W. W. C. Baker (conducted 1), R. Bond, H. Bowen, W. E. Colchester, B. H. D. Field, C. C. Marshall and E. J. Teesdale, 1.

With regard to the ladies, we find not only an increase in the number of peals in which they have taken part, but also in the number of lady ringers. The names of 30 ladies appear in the records of 114 successful peals in the past year, compared with 20 ladies and 96 peals in the year before. Miss Margery Sampson has earned the distinction of ringing her first peal of Stedman Cinques on tower bells, and Miss Elsie Bennett has distinguished herself by being the first lady to ring in a successful peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells. Miss Edith Parker has also continued her brilliant career by ringing peals in a great variety of methods both in the tower and on handbells. The Misses C. E. Banks, E. Belcher, A. Hick, O. Lumley, E. Matthews (H.B.), E. Pacey, E. Read (H.B.), C. Sparshott, B. Stillwell, B. Symonds (H.B.), F. E. Thatcher and K. C. Thatcher rang one peal; the Misses N. Gillingham, M. Pigott, O. Playle, L. Willson and Mrs. Whittington, two peals; the Misses E. Goodship, E. M. Johnson (H.B. 3) and R. Johnson (H.B. 3), three peals; Miss D. Steel, four; the Misses M. Chillingworth and K. Holifield, six; the Misses W. Hague (H.B. 4), and H. Willson, seven; Miss S. Pigott, eight; Miss M. F. Sampson, 10; Miss E. Steel, 13; Miss E. K. Parker (H.B. 7), 16; and Miss E. L. Bennett (on handbells), 18. The peals were: Cinques 3, Royal 3, Caters 8, Major 40, Triples 38, Minor 17 and Doubles 5. Two ladies rang in four of the peals of Major and Triples, in one of the Minor peals, and in three of the peals of Doubles.

E. W. CARPENTER, Routhby Rectory, Grantham.

J. GRIFFIN, 77, Shobnall Street, Burton-on-Trent.

ARTHUR T. KING, 7, Cavendish Road, Southsea, Hants.

GEO. WILLIAMS, West End, near Southampton.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

Officials of the Winchester Guild have made capital arrangements for the social entertainment of members of the Central Council who visit Winchester for the meeting next Tuesday. Peals have been arranged for many, and after the meeting there is to be a social gathering at the Guildhall.

The Standing Committee of the Council meet at 9.45 a.m. on Tuesday in St. Thomas' Parish Room, where the general meeting of the Council will open at 11 o'clock. The principal business to be dealt with appeared in our last issue.

Visitors desirous of joining a walking party through part of the New Forest on Whit-Sunday afternoon to Rufus Stone and Lyndhurst, should communicate with the Rev. C. E. Matthews, Titchfield, Hants (leave Winchester at 1.12 p.m.).

CATERPHILLY, GLAM.—On March 17th, in honour of St. Patrick's Day, 350 Grandsire Triples was rung, after losing a quarter-peal: E. Phillips 1, H. Broughton 2, D. Stephens 3, D. Grimes 4, W. Drape 5, G. Cooke 6, W. Kathro 7, S. Tucker 8.

Chelmsford Cathedral Bells.

April, 1914.

Chelmsford Cathedral.

In 1913 Messrs. J. Warner and Sons, of Spitalfields, London, E.C., recast the Peal of ten Bells, added two new ones to make a Peal of 12, and re-hung them in one tier in a new steel frame.

We have much pleasure in stating that the work was carried out to our entire satisfaction.

The tone of the bells is much admired, and the ease with which they can be rung is testified to by the ringers.

HENRY A. LAKE, Rector.

THOS. N. WALLER,

ADOLPHUS G. MASKELL, } Churchwardens.

St. Mary's Lodge, Chelmsford.

February 6th, 1914.

Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd.
Gentlemen.

The new Peal of Twelve Bells installed in Chelmsford Cathedral in September last by your Firm gives the utmost satisfaction. The bells are well-tuned; the tone is mellow, and the harmonics are perfect. The ensemble effect is excellent.

I consider the Peal to be perfectly satisfactory.

Faithfully yours,

FREDERICK R. FRYE,

Mus. B. (Cantab), F.R.C.O.,

Organist, Chelmsford Cathedral.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL BELLS.

Dear Sirs,

We, the undersigned, representing important Towers in the Essex Association of Change Ringers, wish to place on record that we consider the new ring of 12 Bells (Tenor 34cwt. 2qrs. 22lbs.) in the Key of C, which you have just installed at Chelmsford Cathedral to be a triumph of musical perfection, coupled with engineering skill.

The Tenor Bell, which has been "going" perfectly since she was first dropped into her bearings, and the Treble Bells, are extremely worthy products of your well-known Foundry.

The whole peal is exceedingly well balanced, and the tuning upon Canon Simps's Five Tone Principle is a vast improvement upon the old Bells, whose overtones were in such a hopeless tangle.

Your new design of Independent Steel Framework fully merits the greatest praise, inasmuch as there is not the slightest movement when the Bells are ringing, and moreover, we appreciate the very great difficulty of arranging the 12 Bells to hang on one level in so small an available space.

Wishing you every success in the future,

We are, Dear Sirs, yours sincerely,

WILLIAM LINCOLN,

Master for S.E. Division.

CHAS. H. HOWARD,

Master of the Essex Association.

HARRY RICHELL, Deputy Master,

Chelmsford Cathedral.

JAMES MOTTS,

25, Orchard Street, Ipswich.

ARTHUR EDWARDS,

Ringing Master of Boreham Tower

Eight Bells.

HENRY F. COOPER,

Steeple Keeper and Master of the
Cathedral Guild of Change Ringers.

Secretary of the S.E. Division, E.A.C.R.

County Offices, Chelmsford.

Messrs. Warners, London.

Dear Sirs,

I have great pleasure in stating I am perfectly satisfied with the manner in which you have carried out the work entrusted to you, of recasting the old Peal of Ten and adding New Treble and Tenor, to Chelmsford Cathedral.

The Steel Frame constructed to carry the Twelve Bells all on one level, is a masterpiece of work, no movement or friction whatever. The tone of the bells is beautiful, the "go" is such that a youth could ring any one of them, in short I am opinion our Peal of Twelve cannot be beaten.

Yours truly,

HENRY F. COOPER,

Steeplekeeper and Master Chelmsford Cathedral Guild of
Change Ringers.

Secretary S.E. Division, E.A.C.R.

Boreham, Chelmsford.

Dear Sirs,

In my opinion the Twelve Bells placed in the Tower of Chelmsford Cathedral by you, are a noble peal; in fact, I think they are perfect, and remind me of a beautiful wave of music floating in the air, the "go" of which is all that could be desired.

Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR EDWARDS.

66, Duke Street, Chelmsford.

February 27th, 1914.

Messrs. Warner and Sons,

I am very pleased to say that the New Ring of Twelve at Chelmsford have proved such a great success. They are a magnificent Peal, and I'm sure that the "go" of them from Treble to Tenor is most excellent, and great credit is due to the Firm for the able way in which the work has been carried out.

H. RICHELL,

Deputy Master to the Cathedral Guild.

MESSRS. JOHN WARNER & SONS, LTD.,

Bellfounders to His Majesty King George V.,

THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY, LONDON, E.

BELLS AND FRAMES.

INFORMATION WANTED FOR ARCHITECTS' COMMITTEE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed an opportunity, through the medium of your valuable paper, to lay a few facts before those connected with ringing, especially such as are interested in the technical side of it, which, I see, has received some notice in your columns from time to time recently. It occurs to me that probably many of our bell-hangers may have very pronounced and definite views as to which direction the bells should be hung in a tower. Having had occasion to look into the matter lately, I venture to place the following notes forward for consideration, and if any care to send me such comments as may occur to them, I am sure that myself and other members of a committee investigating this; before whom I shall be happy to lay such notes, will be greatly obliged.

I observe that in arranging the position of bells in a frame they are sometimes hung all one way, and again a portion one way and the remainder at right angles, and in both these cases sometimes square with the tower and sometimes diagonally. Of course, a tower may vary considerably upon plan, it may be a square, rectangle, circle, octagon or some other shape. The question is, do the above arrangements of hanging have some definite relation to these various plans. In the majority of cases I am rather inclined to think that they do not, and I believe it will be found that they are governed largely by rule of thumb. For instance, when we examine the strength of a tower there would appear to be, as far as regards the stress on the structure, no gain in splitting up the bells to two portions swinging at right angles to one another, which we all know to be a favourite practice.

The late Lord Grimthorpe some 60 years ago, speaking before a body of architects, expressed the opinion that all the bells should swing one way, presumably towards the strongest walls if any. I observed, too, that this led to a simple and strong design being arrived at for the frame, and was under the impression, till Mr. E. H. Lewis was good enough to revise my notes, that it was preferable to swing about quarter of the bells at right angles to the remainder, but it would appear that in a square tower, no matter whether the whole of the bells or a portion only swing square to one face, the stress on the tower masonry is practically the same. It would appear still more advisable never to place the bells diagonally, as is sometimes done, in a square or rectangular tower, but to arrange them all one way, so far as a straightforward designing of the bell frame itself, or the doing away of unnecessary "drawing" of the bell ropes will allow. It would also appear that in the case of a rectangular plan it would be wiser to arrange the bells to swing to the direction of the long length, and not as would at first sight seem more plausible, viz., across the shorter span.

I feel that amongst those who have had a large practical experience in bell hanging, there are many who can throw considerable light on this question. I should be happy to hand on any notes, which I may receive, to my committee, together with many valuable notes on the theory of the subject to which I am already indebted to our friend Mr. Lewis.—Yours faithfully, E. ALEXANDER YOUNG, A.R.I.B.A.

WINCHESTER GUILD.

"Steady work has been done in most directions, regular Sunday ringing and regular practices being a marked feature." This sentence was the keynote of the very satisfactory report of the Ringing Master (Mr. W. Shepherd) presented to the quarterly meeting of the Yorktown District of the Winchester Guild on Saturday at Ottershaw, a little Surrey village, whose church, perched high upon a pine-clad hill contains a capital peal of six bells. It was only cyclists who could reach the venue, but there was nevertheless a good attendance. The ringing during the day included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob on tower bells, and Stedman Triples, Grandsire Cutters and Bob Royal on handbells. Mr. A. Woodrow presided at the business meeting, in the unavoidable absence of the Rector. Mr. Poulter, of Yorktown, was elected a member, and the election in the tower of Mr. A. Smith was confirmed. Future arrangements were discussed, and in connection with the next quarterly meeting of the district at Hawley, on August Bank Holiday, it was decided to ask permission for the use of the two Wokingham towers in the morning. The report of the ringing master, in addition to the above-mentioned gratifying statement, recorded two peals during the quarter, and continued improvement by the new band at Otlands. — A vote of thanks to the Rector concluded the meeting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association held a very successful meeting at St. Michael's, Flixton, on Saturday. Mr. J. Barratt (vice-president) presided, and five members of the local band were elected to the Association (Messrs. J. H. Collier, J. Carter, A. W. Whitnall, J. Potter, R. Dyson and A. Johnson). It was decided to hold the next meeting at Miles Platting in July, and thanks were accorded the Rector and local ringers on the motion of Mr. H. Chapman, who expressed regret at the absence of Churchwarden Shaw, and hope for his speedy recovery. — Some useful practice was had on the bells.

SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS.

One of the ringing organisations which carries on the work without any ostentation is the Society of Framland Ringers, which claims the allegiance of a number of towers in the East Midlands. That the society is, nevertheless, a veritable one, is proved by the fact that its membership is over a hundred, and that at its annual meeting at Melton Mowbray last week, a company of over 90 was present, the towers represented being Melton Mowbray, Waltham, Wymondham, Long Clawson, Hese, Eaton, Croxton Kerrial, Harley and Bottesford. Ringing took place on the Parish Church bells throughout the day and at the dinner, held at the White Lion Hotel, the Rev. Cecil Holmes, of Kington, the newly appointed hon. secretary, presided, supported by the Revs. J. S. Gardner (Long Clawson), C. J. Sturton (Orston), B. H. Smith and T. B. Cooney (Melton Mowbray), and Messrs. H. Toll and J. E. Goodacre (hon. members). A delightful service, at which the organist and choir boys gave their assistance, was afterwards held, and the Hon. Secretary preached an extremely appropriate sermon, full of practical advice, from the words, "Do all to the glory of God" (1 Cor. x, 31). Subsequently a company of over 90 sat down to tea, and at the business meeting which followed, the hon. secretary presided.

The balance sheet which was presented showed that the year was begun with £12 9s. 2d. in hand, and that the receipts had brought the total up to £33 14s. 8d. The expenditure was £24 8s. 2d., leaving a balance of £9 6s. 7d. The Chairman pointed out that the decreased balance was due to the large attendance at the annual meeting. He regretted to say that they had lost one or two of their annual subscribers, including The Hon. H. R. Scott, whose death they all deeply deplored. — The balance sheet was adopted.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Canon Blakeney, who regretted that he was unable to be with them, for the use of his very fine church and beautiful bells, and to the organist and choir.

It was reported that during the past year four peals had been rung, by the society—two by the Bottesford band and two by the Wymondham company.

The Chairman referred with regret to the loss Bottesford had sustained by the death of one of their members, Mr. Charles Lamb, and the company testified their sorrow by rising in their places. — The following new members were elected: Bottesford: A. Jallands, A. Mackears, S. Proctor, T. H. Hall, Rev. C. H. Hill, J. Jutson and F. Turner; Wymondham: E. Tysoe and R. Watchorn; Long Clawson: B. Tucker; Melton Mowbray: R. Hinman and four new members from Croxton Kerrial. — This brought the total membership up to 101. — It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Croxton Kerrial, and the half-yearly meeting at Eaton. — A hearty vote of thanks was accorded, with musical honours, to the hon. secretary for his services and for his sermon. Thanks were also accorded the hon. members for their support.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Walmer on Saturday week, the towers of Deal and Great Mongeham being open, in addition to that of Walmer, where the 7th and tenor have just been rehung, and now "go" very well. Divine service was conducted by the Rector, who spoke a few encouraging words on the responsibility of life, especially applying the subject to ringers who, he said, are doing a great work for the church. Mr. C. H. Drake, of Ospringe, presided at the organ. Tea was provided at the Hare and Hounds, to which 45 sat down. — The short business meeting afterwards was presided over by the Rector. — Much discussion took place over rule 10 (a), and it was decided unanimously that the district secretary should send word to all local secretaries of bands in union respecting the payment of their subscriptions to him in accordance with that rule. — The representative and secretary were re-elected. — Lynginge was chosen for the next autumn meeting, Margate for the spring, and Canterbury for the annual meeting in 1915. — It was decided to arrange an extra meeting at Wickhambrooke during the summer. — The Rector was thanked most heartily for the use of the bells, for arranging the service, and for presiding. — The vote was suitably acknowledged with the hope of another visit of the Association before very long.

BELL RESTORATIONS.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnson, of Croydon, have in hand the following restorations and additions:—

- East Bridgford (Notts).—Ring of eight rehung in a new frame.
- Ringstead (Northants).—Just completed. Ring of six rehung in a new frame and two of the bells recast.
- Robin Hood's Bay (Yorkshire).—Ring of eight to be recast and rehung in a new frame.
- Woodston (Peterborough).—Three bells to be recast, and three added; all to be hung in a new frame.
- Bagshot (Surrey).—Ring of six to be augmented to eight and hung in a new frame.
- Barton-on-Humber (Lincs).—St. Peter's Church. Ring of six to be hung in a new frame.
- Barton-on-Humber, St. Mary's Church.—Four bells to be hung in new frame.
- Yenington (Devon).—Ring of six to be rehung in new frame.
- Culmstock (Devon).—Ring of six to be augmented to eight.

CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKS ASSOCIATION.

THE CLEVELAND SECRETARY'S REPLY TO DR. PAULI.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Although I do not in any way advocate a correspondence being carried on through the Press (always having held the view that it is not the best way of settling any matter in dispute), I feel that the general opinion will be that it is up to me to make a few remarks in reply to the letter over the name of Dr. Pauli, which appeared in your issue of the 8th inst.

Firstly, the doctor points out that I have not acknowledged his communication. I hope he will accept my apology (which I herewith tender) for not doing so, and also the information that his resignation was placed before the committee and accepted. I might here also state that Dr. Pauli will have an opportunity of substantiating his charges at the annual meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association to be held at Northallerton on Whit-Monday, as I have sent to him a copy of a resolution passed at our last committee meeting.

With regard to the three reasons which he gives for his resignation, I should like to deal with these as they arise:—

1.—If the doctor took part in any peals which have been credited by the Cleveland Association, and which he knew to be untrue, he should have objected at the time. If on the other hand he did not take part in any of the peals to which he refers, a better plan would have been for him to bring the matter before the Committee of the Association.

2.—The principle of the doctor's objection is perfectly sound, but I do not know of any instance where the actual objection can be safely applied.

3.—The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association is not in the habit of causing dissension in any tower by 'mischievous interference.' The doctor does not say what form the dissension has assumed, but I think he is going a great deal out of his way in laying such a charge at the door of the Cleveland Association.

Now, Sir, I think you will agree that Dr. Pauli's somewhat vague letter has been fully replied to, and I hope he will accept our invitation—above referred to—to come before our committee on Whit-Monday next.—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS METCALFE.

Hon. Secretary, Cleveland and North Yorks Association.

"MYSTERIOUS CHARGES."

Dear Sir,—At present occupying the position of vice-president of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, I wish to deal briefly with Dr. Pauli's letter published in the "Ringing World," containing statements of a vague and indefinite nature, and bringing charges against this Association, which have so far proved as mysterious as they appear unwarrantable. Taking into consideration the strained feelings that now prevail in the Cleveland district, some of us who are members of the County Association, and enjoying the friendship of persons in both these Associations, think it most regrettable that Dr. Pauli should publish at this particular moment such indirect and misleading statements, especially as we are already dealing with the matters referred to in his letter.

My colleagues, as myself, are jealous for the good reputation of our Association, which all admit has done a great deal of good work in the Cleveland territory, where previous to the formation of this Association, change ringing was, with a few exceptions, a thing unknown.

For my own part, I am at a loss to understand what good purpose Dr. Pauli had in mind by giving these charges publicity at the present time?—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE F. ALEXANDER.

The Bolts, Robin Hood's Bay.

DR. PAULI INTERROGATED.

Dear Sir,—As a member of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, I regret very much to hear of a split in the camp, and the sinuous encroachment of the Yorkshire Association into the territory of the former. Until the advent of the C. and N.Y. Association, the district covered by it had been altogether without assistance, help, or even encouragement from the Yorkshire Association, and now, owing to one individual not getting his own way in the C. and N.Y., he has asked for the help of the Yorkshire Association to crush the former.

I would ask Dr. Pauli the following questions in reply to his reasons for leaving the C. and N.Y.: (1) Which Association has helped him and his tower most to attain to their present standard of change ringing? (2) Was the 1st peal Dr. Pauli took part in a true peal? (3) Was he not put through touches to help him forward to his first peal, and where would he have been had he not been put through either touches or peal? (4) Can Dr. Pauli strike his bell properly even now with the assistance of the individual above referred to? I've never met Dr. Pauli, so cannot say. As regards "mischievous interference," I think were the truth to come out, it would be found that the inter-

ference came from the individual above referred to, and not the C. and N.Y. Association.

Before concluding, I would like to ask Dr. Pauli whether he is not "relinquishing the substance for the shadow." I enclose my name and address, but subscribe as,

PLAIN BOB.

AMPLE SCOPE FOR BOTH.

Dear Sir,—If the Rev. W. P. Wright means territorially, he is not quite correct in saying the first meeting of the Yorks Association in the North Riding was held in 1903, as they had a very successful gathering here in 1904 on the invitation of the late Bishop Blunt, then Vicar, and the local ringers. I may say that this meeting raised a good deal of enthusiasm locally, and the many subsequent visits of several good friends from York, Leeds, and Hull did much to cement together the band of change ringers that had been formed some few years previously, and was doing good work until dissolved. I think the division of the Yorkshire Association a step in the right direction, and need not in any way adversely affect the Cleveland Association, as I am sure there is ample scope for both in the North Riding, especially for missionary work. I know five towers within a twenty mile radius (two peals of eight and three of six) where change ringing is never heard of, and I take it that this is the state of affairs the formation of districts will be a means of altering.—Yours truly,

Scarborough.

H. FERGUSON.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GETTING TO WORK IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

The first meeting of the Southern district was held jointly with the general May meeting of the Association at Rotherham and Eastwood on Saturday week. The bells of the Parish Church and St. Stephen's were available, there being thus ample facilities for everyone to have a good ring. The attendance of between 50 and 60 may be considered excellent for a district meeting, but small for a general meeting. No doubt the fact of Rotherham being situated at the extreme southern point of the county, necessitating in many cases a very long railway journey, affected the general attendance, but this is only another proof of the wisdom of the step taken of dividing the county into districts.

A capital meat tea was partaken of in St. George's Hall, after which the business meeting was held. The Rev. C. C. Marshall, President of the Association, occupied the chair, being supported by the Rev. W. Dyer, Vicar of Eastwood, the secretary, treasurer, vice-presidents, etc. In proposing votes of thanks to the Rev. Canon Goodall, Vicar of Rotherham, and the Rev. W. Dyer, Vicar of Eastwood, for the use of the bells, the Chairman made reference to the newly-formed diocese of Sheffield, and the activity in Church work which it would create. No doubt the ringers of the district, as Churchmen, would do their part, both as change ringers and in other ways. He was quite in agreement with the leading article in the "Ringing World" as to the improvement in the status of ringers having been brought about more by the ringers themselves than by outside influence.—The vote of thanks was heartily carried, and the Rev. W. Dyer responded. He thanked the members for the honour they had done to him by electing him an honorary member. He could manage a bell in rounds, and had hoped to qualify for ringing membership, but ill-health and pressure of parochial duties had up to the present prevented this. However, he could venture to say that he did take a lively interest in his own ringers, and concluded by wishing the Association God-speed in the good work they were doing, particularly those within the boundary of the new diocese.

The following officers were elected for the district: Vice-president, C. H. Hattersley; Ringing Master, G. Halksworth; secretary, A. Hague; committee, Messrs. Rew, Ash, D. Brearley, Willey, Potter, Eason, Cockey, Dronfield and Panther. Of these, Messrs. Rew and Brearley were elected to serve on the Central Committee with the three principal officers.

In wishing the district every success, the Chairman said he was voicing the opinion of all the members in reciprocating the good feeling expressed by the Sheffield District Society at their recent meeting, and felt sure that the two would work together side by side.

A vote of thanks to the chair concluded a very pleasant and useful meeting.

Will members of the Southern District please note that new and renewal subscriptions, applications for reports, etc., should be sent to the District Secretary, Mr. Arthur Hague, 20, Gerard Road, Rotherham.

BIRMINGHAM.—On March 1st, for evening service, at St. Chad's Cathedral (R.C.), on the occasion of a visit of Archbishop Isley, the late Henry Johnson's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: J. H. Filter 1, A. T. Scrivens (conductor) 2, E. Large 3, T. Miller 4, C. Mackenzie 5, W. F. Webb 6, J. B. Collett 7, S. Coley 8. It was also rung as a compliment to S. Coley, on the eve of the fortieth anniversary of his marriage. The band offered their heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Coley.

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.).

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Grendon, on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Secretary, Shottery.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Whitworth, on Saturday, May 30th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Bennington, on May 30th. A free tea will be provided by the Rector (Rev. Canon Mills) at 5.30. The business meeting will follow. All members and friends will be made welcome. Bells open during afternoon and evening.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Secretary, Little Munden.

RINGSTEAD CHURCH, NORTHANTS.—The dedication, after restoration, of the ring of six bells will take place to-morrow (Saturday), May 30th, at 2.30 p.m.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Maidstone on Whitsun-Monday, June 1st. Committee meeting in All Saints' Vestry, 11 a.m. Service at All Saints, 12 noon (preacher, Rev. T. K. Sopwith, Vicar of Aylesford). Dinner (in Boys' Schoolroom) 1 p.m. Business meeting after dinner. Towers open, Maidstone All Saints' (10) and St. Michael's (6), Aylesford (8), West Malling (8), Boxley (6), Barming (6) and Bearsted (6).—Fred J. O. Helmore, Honorary Secretary, Canterbury.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—The annual meeting will be held at Paignton, on Whit Monday. Service in Parish Church at 12.15, dinner in Parochial Schools at 1 p.m. Business meeting after dinner. Ringing in neighbouring towers throughout the day.—Rev. E. S. Powell, Holbeton, Plymouth.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton, on Whit Monday, June 1st. Service at All Saints' at 12 noon. Luncheon at the Peacock Hotel at 1 o'clock, 1s. each. Meeting after. The bells of All Saints', St. Peter's, St. Sepulchre's, and St. Edmund's will be available from 10 a.m.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

THE LADIES GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the above Guild will be held at Portishead, near Bristol, on Whit-Monday, June 1st. Bells available at 11 a.m. Business meeting at 2.30 p.m. in the Belfry. Members will be entertained to tea by the Portishead ringers at the "White Cot" Dairy at 4 p.m., charge for non-members 1/- each. Service in Church at 5.30 p.m.; gentlemen cordially invited.—Edith K. Parker, Honorary Secretary, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The Whitsuntide meeting of this Association will be held at Shildon, on Monday, June 1st, 1914. Bells available all day. Committee meeting at 1 o'clock and dinner at 1.30 p.m. in the Masonic Hall.—R. Stephenson, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Harlow, on Whit Monday. Service at S. Mary's at 11.30. Business meeting at 12.30. Dinner at 1.30.—Henry T. W. Eyre, Hon. Secretary, Great Totham, Witham.

CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Northallerton on Whitsun-Monday, June 1st. Committee meeting at the Rose and Crown Hotel at 11 a.m. Service at the Parish Church at 12 noon (address given by the Rev. A. J. Chambers, Northallerton). Dinner will be provided at the Rose and Crown Hotel at 1 p.m. Business meeting after dinner.—T. Metcalfe, Honorary Secretary, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on June 2nd and 16th, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 4th and 18th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 9th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 16th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 23rd; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30; the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Standish, on June 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. This being the first visit of the branch to Standish, a good attendance is requested.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Shipley, on Saturday, June 6th, 1914. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting will be held at the Sun Hotel, at 7 p.m. There is also a committee meeting at 5 p.m.—F. Hopwood, 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Dore, on Saturday, June 6th. Christ Church, eight bells, tenor 11½ cwt. Available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Hon. Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 6th, 1914. Bells open at 2 p.m., service at 3 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—Thos. Best, Jun., Secretary, Bletchley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Shorne, on Saturday, June 13th, 1914. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. These bells have recently been rehung in a steel frame by Bowell, of Ipswich.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The first meeting will be held at Heptonstall on Saturday, June 13th. Bells available for ringing:—Heptonstall (8) all day, and Mytholmroyd (6) from 1 p.m. Tea in the Schools (near the Church), 5 p.m., at 1/- per head will be provided for those who notify Mr. F. Robertshaw, 3, Coop Terrace, Heptonstall, not later than Tuesday, June 9th. Business meeting afterwards for the election of district officers: Vice-president, ringing master, secretary and Committee.—Clement Glenn, Hon. Gen. Sec., 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—An interim meeting of the above will be held at Aldington (6 Bells) on Saturday, June 13th. Bells available at 3 o'clock.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

SAFFRON WALDEN.—Dedication of four new bells on Saturday, June 27th, 1914, at 3 p.m., by the Bishop of Chelmsford. Cheap tickets will be issued by the G.E.R. from Broxbourne, Colchester, Ely, Sudbury and intermediate stations by any train. Free luncheon at 1 p.m., to all ringers who give notice of attending to the Secretary on or before Tuesday, 23rd June. The bells will be available from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—Robt. A. Strong, Honorary Secretary, Saffron Walden.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

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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.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mrs. J. Smith, late of 41, Hornby Road, Blackpool, has removed to Warman Villa, Palatin Road, Blackpool.

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

RINGERS and visitors to Matlock will find every comfort and convenience at Mrs. H. Paulson's, Beech House, Church Street (private house).

CLERGY AND ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have been reading your comments on the absence of clergy from the annual meeting of the Sussex County Association. It is true that the large amount of apathy still existing among the clergy with regard to ringing is deplorable in the extreme. The clergyman, who never so much as visits his belfry, is to me an incomprehensible anomaly. At the same time, the fact that almost all ringers' meetings are held on a Saturday, militates strongly against the attendance of the clergy. It is of all days least convenient for them. I belong myself to several Guilds, but can very seldom attend any meetings by reason of this "Saturday tyranny." An occasional variation of the day would be a boon to ringing parsons.—Yours truly,

F. LI. EDWARDS.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

The last quarterly meeting of the Society's year was held at Wednesbury recently, and proved to be a successful one. Between 40 and 50 members assembled to have a pull on the fine ring of ten, recently recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

A short service was held in the church, attended by a goodly number, when the Vicar (the Rev. L. A. Pritchard) gave an address and a warm welcome to the visitors. The preacher's text was "For the edifying of the body of Christ" (Eph. iv, 12), and he dwelt upon the necessity of all doing their best in all things to imitate the Saviour.

At the committee meeting, Mr. W. W. Worthington (vice-president) being in the chair, the election and ratification of belfry elections of five new members took place. The questions of inter-affiliation and the representation of the Ladies' Guild on the Central Council were touched upon, but time did not allow of a full discussion, with the result that nothing definite was settled.

The annual meeting will take place at Penkridge, on Saturday, June 20th. Cycle runs to outlying towers are to be arranged for during the summer months, notice of which will be published.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for his address, and the use of the bells, and to the organist for assisting at the service, were passed unanimously.—Touches in a variety of methods were rung on the bells during the afternoon and evening.

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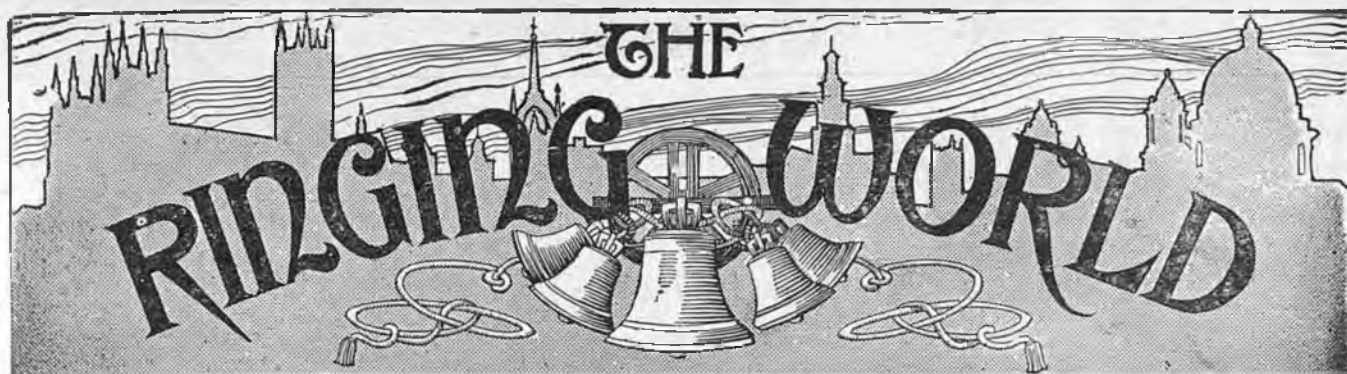


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Gentlemen.

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 COUNCIL MEETING.

The Central Council meeting at Winchester, on Tuesday, was, from all points of view, a very successful one. There was an excellent attendance—few of the meetings held outside London have attracted a greater number of members—and the business, although the agenda did not promise great things, produced some interesting subjects. Socially, of course, these gatherings are always most pleasurable, and this year's meeting was no exception. One missed some of the older faces, but there was still a good sprinkling of those who have been the backbone of the Council throughout its four and twenty years' existence. At the same time it is noticeable that the younger men are readily taking up the work—and some of them, too, with uncommon ability—so that there is every promise of this link, which binds the associations throughout the country, retaining the purpose which the founders had in view and have sought to keep before them during the past quarter of a century. It is not every ringer who can see the utility of the Council, but those who, by membership or otherwise, are able to observe how it serves to weld the Exercise into something like a homogeneous whole, fully realise the importance of retaining a central body and appreciate that the Council really has done no inconsiderable work in raising the standard of ringing.

In this one article it is impossible to touch upon, much less to attempt to deal with, the various subjects which came under the notice of the Council on Tuesday in the course of a meeting which lasted, altogether, close upon five hours. The amount of discussion that took place during that time renders it necessary to spread our report over more than one issue, but in order that our readers may know without delay what was done, we have followed our usual custom of giving to-day a brief summary of all the business that there is not room to report fully. The value of our reports of these proceedings lies in the fact that they are done by a member of our own staff, and are not entrusted to writers, good as they may otherwise be, who have no technical knowledge of ringing. As a matter of fact "The Ringing World" was the only paper devoted to the Exercise which was represented at the meeting, and the report which we begin in this issue will be the only full record of what transpired. Several of the subjects proved very debatable, and the discussions will, we believe, be read with interest by the members of the Exercise throughout the country.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, May 30, 1914, 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.

*JOHN RAY Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... 6
ISAAC PURSER 2	THOMAS HUGHES 7
WILLIAM FISHER 3	GEORGE HUGHES 8
BENJAMIN GOUGH 4	WILLIAM A. COOPER ... 9
ALBERT LITTLE... .. 5	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD, and
Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Thomas Hughes.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5,320 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

FRED DAVIES Treble	JOHN HOLMAN 6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2	FREDERICK E. SMITH ... 7
WILLIAM LAMBERT 3	THOMAS W. GORE 8
SAMUEL WESLEY 4	WILLIAM J. THYNG 9
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 5	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Thursday, May 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FRANK MONTFORD Treble	JOSEPH CLARKE... .. 5
THOMAS WILLIAM PEAKE... 2	*HOBSON TYLER... .. 6
WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 7
THOMAS TUDOR 4	GEORGE HALL Tenor

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

* First peal. With the exception of the conductor all the above belong to the local company. Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Doris Walker, of Pell Mall Hall, to Capt. Kirby, of the 12th (Prince of Wales Royal) Lancers.

HORWICK, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HARRY JONES Treble	†P.C. PETER CROOK... .. 5
*WILLIAM H. HUNTER ... 2	*RICHARD P. WEALD ... 6
*JOHN H. GARTSIDE 3	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 7
JOHN WELSBY 4	REGINALD L. INCE Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLAS, and
Conducted by P.C. CROOK.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to celebrate Empire Day. The ringers of the treble, 2nd and 3rd hail from Chorley, tenor from Whittle-le-wood, 4th from Walkden, 5th, 6th and 7th from Bolton. First peal in the method on the bells.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thursday, May 28, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK W. PERRENS Treble	BERT HORTON 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 2	THOMAS BLOORE 6
CHARLES WALTHMAN 3	EDGAR T. SMITH 7
EDGAR MARLOW 4	THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and
Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 29, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS Treble	FREDERICK BRUNNING ... 5
HUBERT J. DAY 2	GEORGE E. DAY 6
FREDERICK DAY 3	FRANK R. COPEMAN ... 7
FREDERICK J. WHITHAM ... 4	WILLIAM STEELE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by WM. STEELE.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 30, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT Treble	JOHN HOLMAN 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	CHARLES MASON 6
JOE MORTON 3	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7
FRED BENROSE 4	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART, Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM BURGESS Treble	DAVID G. WIGHTMAN ... 5
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 2	ALFRED T. WIGHTMAN ... 6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to William Burgess.

DARLINGTON.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

WM. BROADLEY Treble	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ... 5
CHAS. TODD 2	ALFRED F. HILLIER ... 6
JAS. BAXTER 3	WM. H. PORTER 7
G. J. LENGLEY 4	ERNEST E. FERRY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WM. H. PORTER.

This is the first peal of Double Norwich, and is only the second peal of Major rung during the last 20 years on the bells. Rung in connection with the Empire Day celebrations at Darlington.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THOMAS DAY'S SIX-PART, Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM THORNLEY Treble	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 5
JOHN H. GARTSIDE 2	P.C. PETER CROOK 6
HARRY JONES 3	REGINALD L. INCE 7
RICHARD P. HEALD 4	*WALTER BLACKLEDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by P.C. CROOK.

* First peal. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and tenor hail from Chorley, 5th from Whittle-le-Wood, the remainder belonging to the local band.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART, Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM HUGHES Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5
GEORGE WOODHALL 2	ERNEST J. OLIVER ... 6
REV. A. T. BEESTON 3	THOMAS MURRAY 7
EDWARD CAUNCE 4	ALBERT WOOSNAM Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a memorial peal to all who so sadly lost their lives in the river St. Lawrence owing to the sinking of "The Empress of Ireland"—a local ship that passed this tower on every trip, and whose passengers and crew contained so many Mersey-side men.

HADLOW, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART, Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY RABBITT Treble	† JOSEPH MILNER 5
TOM SAUNDERS 2	WILLIAM LATTER 6
HARRY GOODWIN 3	* HORACE SELLER 7
ARTHUR T. VERRELLS ... 4	GEORGE W. MANSER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM LATTER.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung on the Eve of the Festival of Whitsun.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK BENNETT Treble	WILLIAM HILEMAN 5
GEORGE GATLAND 2	ALFRED CRIPPS 6
JOHN H. PAICE 3	EDMUND H. LINDUP ... 7
HORACE TULETT 4	ARTHUR ARNELL Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs.

HARRY CHAPMAN Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 5
ERNEST PYE 2	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	KEITH HART 7
BERTRAM PREWETT 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD T. WIGG Treble	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	REUBEN SANDERS 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ERNEST PYE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

MITCHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT Treble	ALBERT CALVER 5
JAMES D. DREWETT 2	FREDERICK TILLY 6
WILLIAM STATES 3	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7
ROBERT GRIMWOOD 4	WILLIAM H. JOINER Tenor

Conducted by W. S. SMITH.

DIBDEN, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit-Sunday, May 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	KEITH HART 6
BERTRAM PREWETT 3	JAMES PARKER 7
ERNEST PYE 4	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal of London on the bells.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

T. REGINALD DENNIS Treble	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 5
KEITH HART 2	BERTRAM PREWETT 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	JAMES PARKER 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First Surprise peal on the bells and first peal of Bristol in Hampshire.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lbs.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 5
ERNEST PYE 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
BERTRAM PREWETT 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
*T. REGINALD DENNIS 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal in the method.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

CECIL R. CHAMBERLIN Treble	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 5
ARTHUR SOWDEN 2	FRANK R. COPEMAN 6
GEORGE H. CROSS 3	ALBERT G. WARNES 7
GEORGE ARCHER 4	JOHN SOUTER Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by ALBERT G. WARNES.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 7 cwt.

CECIL R. CHAMBERLIN Treble	GEORGE ARCHER 5
ALBERT G. WARNES 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 3	ELLIS HAYWARD 7
FRANK R. COPEMAN 4	CLEMENT J. MORE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by CLEMENT J. MORE.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt., in E.

ALLEN F. BAILEY Treble	FREDERICK W. BAILEY 5
JAMES M. BAILEY 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6
GEORGE WILSON 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY 7
*GORDON F. THOMPSON 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY Tenor

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

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

CARSHALTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT Treble	WALTER G. ROWE 5
JAMES D. DREWETT 2	HENRY L. GARFATH 6
WILLIAM STATES 3	ROBERT GRIMWOOD 7
DAVID WRIGHT 4	WILLIAM S. SMITH Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and
Conducted by W. S. SMITH.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
*EDWARD T. WIGG 2	WILLIAM MILLER 6
WILLIAM PYE 3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor

Composed by JAMES PAGETT, and
Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ST. AUGUSTIN, KILBURN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 5
WILLIAM PYE 2	REUBEN SANDERS 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES 3	CHARLES T. COLES 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	WILLIAM THEOBALD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Charles Crews, of Portland Square, donor of the bells and for many years churchwarden.

SIX BELL PEALS.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM J. WOOD Treble	FREDERICK HOLLANDS ... 4
EDWARD SPICE 2	WILLIAM SPICE 5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS... 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS ... Treble	JOHN CLARK 4
WILLIAM POSTON 2	CAMPBELL KINGS 5
*ALBERT MARTIN 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

*Elected a member before starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Clark. Illness near Ross church made it inadvisable to ring there, but a last minute application for Bridstow bells was made, and, by the kindness of the Vicar, was granted.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores with 9 different callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lbs.

LEONARD H. STEVENS ... Treble	LUKE VERRAL 4
FREDERICK J. MARTIN ... 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... 5
ALBERT E. ANSCOMBE ... 3	ALBERT MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Rung to celebrate Empire Day, also as a compliment on the 86th anniversary of his birthday, to Mr. J. S. Reed, Deputy Chairman of the Parish Council and Overseer of the parish, who was for over 30 years churchwarden of Barcombe, from which office he retired about 19 years ago. It was also rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

UPPINGTON, SALOP.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Sunday, May 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 8 cwt., in A.

*EDWARD V. RODENHURST Treble	*EDWARD WOODVINE... .. 4
CHARLES R. LILLEY 2	*WILLIAM E. MERRINGTON 5
*RICHARD J. GARBETT ... 3	ALBERT WOODVINE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Minor, and rung at the first attempt. Rung on Empire Day. First peal on the bells.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 26, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Newcastle, Canterbury, Lincoln, London, Wells, York and Durham.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM TRUSS Treble	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 4
GEORGE A. BLACK 2	JOHN MOULE 5
WILLIAM MILLER 3	HARRY TORBLE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MOULE.

All the above methods are Class IV. This is the first peal on the bells. The thanks of the band are due to the Vicar for permission to ring, and to the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1914, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

REN. T. BUSWELL Treble	WALTER T. WILSON ... 4
FREDERICK KILBORN 2	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY ... 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

The peal was rung half muffled in memory of those who went down in the "Empress of Ireland." It is the conductor's 25th peal on the bells. This is the first occasion on which a lady has rung on these bells.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILFRED SHARPE Treble	FRANK ROLLINGS 4
ROBERT RICHARDSON 2	WILLIAM ALLEN 5
THOMAS LAW 3	FRED HOPPER Tenor

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

Specially arranged for Rupert Richardson, of Surfleet.

WHITBOURNE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit-Sunday, May 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

H. WARMAN Treble	W. POSTON 4
G. SOLEY 2	J. P. HYETT 5
G. JONES 3	W. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

This peal was arranged for J. P. Hyett who hails from Hay, Hereford, the others being members of the local band. The Rector kindly entertained the ringers to tea at the Rectory after the peal.

HORNSEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

*HENRY J. ROSS Treble	*FREDERICK FENSOM ... 4
CHARLES H. ROSS 2	THOMAS LANGDON ... 5
ALFRED HOWELL 3	†JAMES HUNT Tenor

Conducted by J. HUNT.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor; also first of Minor as conductor. The ringer of the treble is 16 years of age, and has only taken up change ringing during the last five months.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs., in A flat.

ALBERT E. AUSTIN Treble	ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 4
L. GEORGE MALLION 2	FREDERICK DENCH ... 5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS 3	BASIL D. BUTTRESS ... Tenor

Conducted by BASIL D. BUTTRESS.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 27, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

WASHEROOK'S VARIATION. Size 18 in G.

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

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. E. Maulden, this being the nearest date possible for a peal.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 28, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. H. F. CROSS, 39, WINTER ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 1—2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 5—6
ALBERT G. WARNES ... 3—4	ALBERT ROUGHT ... 7—8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and

Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

The ringer of the 7—8 has now rung each pair to a peal in this method.

KENT ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Ashford District was held at Saltwood, and was attended by 25 members, representing Ashford, Aldington, Brabourne, Cheriton, Dover, Folkestone, Hythe, Headcorn, Mersham, New Romney, Sellindge, Stone Tenterden and Willesborough. — Tea was served on the lawn at the Castle Hotel, and had the weather been a little kinder, it would have been most enjoyable. A special service was held in the church, and a very appropriate address given by the Rector (Canon Galpin), who also presided at the meeting which was held in the Vestry. — Nine new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Aldington on June 13th. — A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for his permission to hold the meeting, and his address, and for presiding over the business, to which he suitably replied. Touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and Grandsire Minor, and Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles were rung, the earlier arrivals having the pleasure of ringing with Mrs. Gatchouse, of Headcorn.

OXFORD GUILD.

On a recent Monday, a most successful combined practice in six-bell methods was held by the East Berks and South Bucks band at St. James', Fulmer, Bucks. Ringers were present from Farnham Royal, Stoke Poges, Beaconsfield, Chalfont St. Peter, and the 'coal company, the methods practised being Grandsire Doubles (in which Miss Daisy Webb, of the local band, rang the treble), Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Oxford Bob; also a 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor, by: J. Stone 1, W. Henley 2, J. J. Parker 3, H. Cox 4, G. H. Gutteridge (conductor) 5, J. Blackmore 6, this being the first 720 of Surprise Minor by this branch of the Guild, and in South Bucks.

RESTORATION OF CHART SUTTON BELLS.

The grand ring of six bells, with a tenor of 16 cwt., at Chart Sutton, Kent, have just been quarter-turned and rehung with steel headstocks and all new modern fittings by Mr. Alfred Howell, of Ipswich. The Vicar, writing in the "Parish Magazine," makes the following very satisfactory comments: "Our bells are at last rehung and ready for ringing. After completing his work, Mr. Howell was naturally anxious to see how the bells worked, and after an hour and a half's ringing, when they had a thorough test, it was the unanimous opinion of all the ringers present that they 'went' beautifully. It was delightful to watch the happy faces of our ringers as they pulled merrily at the ropes, and it gave one the impression that a long-lost friend had been restored to them. It has been a fine piece of work, and it does great credit to Mr. Howell and his men. They tell me that the bells work so easily and smoothly now that it will be possible to revive the once famous band of lady ringers. I feel sure that some of our ringers will be only too pleased to come to the rescue and give them a few hints. The tone of the bells has in no way suffered through the new method of rehanging: in fact, the peculiar vibration which was so noticeable before in one of the bells has entirely disappeared. The generous response we have received and the entire satisfaction which the rehanging has given have been a source of comfort to those of us who felt we were taking the right course in adopting the new method of rehanging our bells."

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

ANNUAL MEETING AT PAIGNTON.

The annual meeting was held in Paignton on Whit-Monday. A short service was held in the Parish Church at 12.15, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. R. Fuller), who in his address impressed upon ringers the need for earnest perseverance, for self-sacrificing unity and the importance of attending the services to which they summoned others by the ringing of the bells.

The President (the Rev. Maitland Kelly) presided at the dinner which followed immediately after, at which 20 of the 34 affiliated bands were represented, among those attending being the Vicar of Paignton; Rev. G. E. F. Molyneux, Colyton (hon. treasurer); Rev. E. S. Powell, Holbeton (hon. secretary); Rev. H. L. Pigot, West Down; Rev. T. Kendall, Holsworthy; Rev. E. V. Cox, Walsall. In all 166 sat down to dinner, being within a very few of the record number which attended the annual meeting at Barnstaple a few years ago.

At the business meeting which followed, the treasurer was able to point to a small, but steady increase in the funds of the Guild, the balance in hand amounting on Lady Day, 1914, to £59 3s. 10d. At the same time this did not represent the true excess of assets over liabilities, which was not more than £25, owing to the system by which subscriptions were not collected until the close of the financial year, while, of course, there was a steady drain on the resources of the Guild in meeting current expenses and arranging meetings. The officers were all re-elected.

In the annual report it was stated that there are now affiliated 34 bands, with 245 performing members and 78 associates, and 61 hon. members. The past year had been one of regular steady work on the part of bands rather than of striking advance in any new direction. Sunday duties have been faithfully carried out, and weekly practices have been in general regularly attended. It was satisfactory to note that two or three six-bell towers had progressed in Minor methods, an example that might well be followed in other cases. Of peals during the year the number, and at the same time the variety and complexity, of methods rung formed a record in the history of the Guild, but it had to be confessed that this was chiefly due to the visit of the party organised by Mr. W. Pye, who rang the first peal of Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise for the Guild. A Plymouth band rang the first peal of Erin Caters west of Bristol. Attention was called to the fact that the jubilee of change ringing in Devon and Cornwall would be attained in 1915, and it was suggested that the occasion should be marked by the Guild in some special way.

During the day ringing was kept up in the towers of the Torquay Churches: Cockington, Newton Abbot, Brixham, Dartmouth, Totnes and Berry Pomrey, as well as at Paignton Parish Church.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION AND QUARTERLY PEALS.

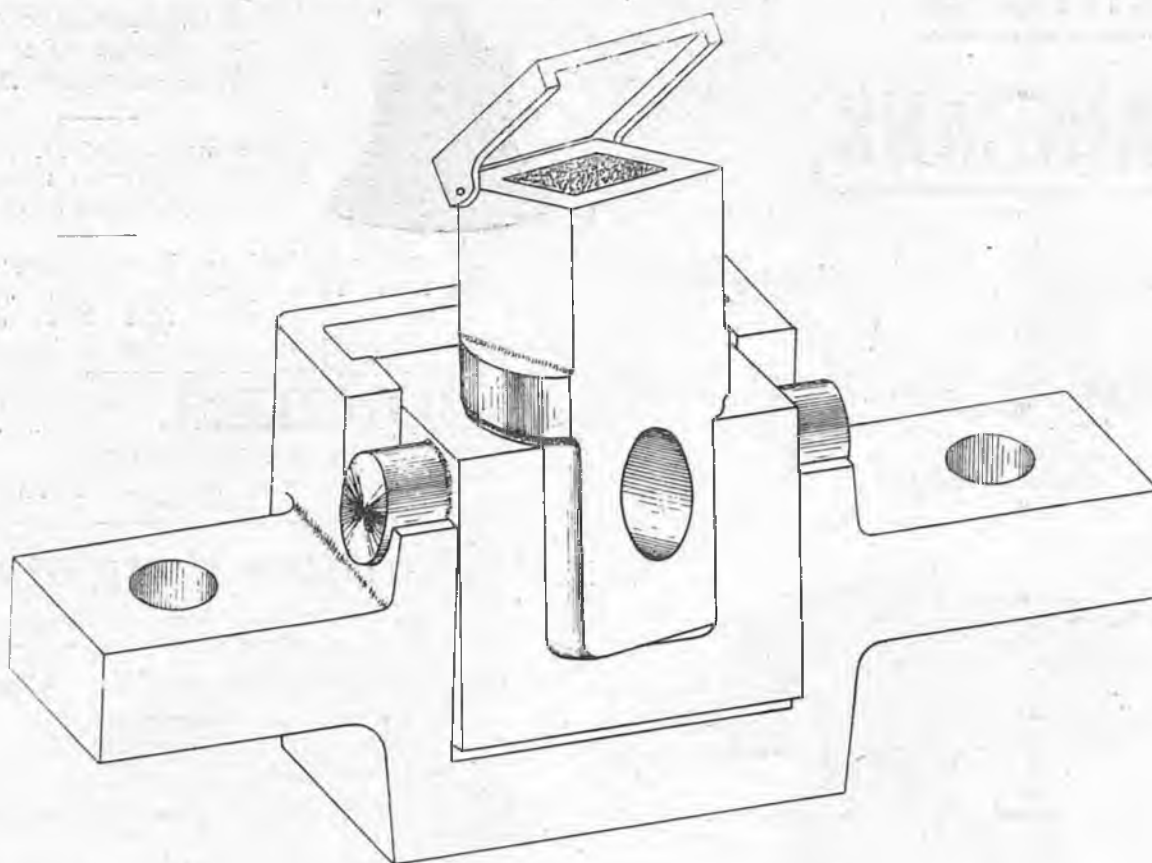
A well attended meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex Association took place on Saturday last at Heathfield. The following towers were represented: Buxted, Mayfield, Chiddingfold, Warbleton, Christ Church, and All Saints', Eastbourne, Uckfield, Salehurst, Battle, etc., the local band being present in force to welcome the members to their tower. Good practice was had in various Minor methods, both before and after tea.

Mr. Walter Franks, of Battle, was voted to the chair, and two new members were elected (Messrs. Champion, of Christ Church, Eastbourne, and N. E. Allcorn of Hyke). — A discussion took place as to quarterly peals, the Secretary explaining that he had been instructed at the annual meeting not to use the funds of the Association for these peals. — The Chairman said he would use his best endeavours to get this altered at the next annual meeting, for, as he understood it, only local bands could have a conductor at the expense of the Association. He did not consider this at all fair, for it might happen that at the last moment a local man could not stand in, and an outside member would be wired for to fill the gap. If the peal was scored who was to pay the conductor's fee? Surely not the outsider who had had to pay his own railway fare? But according to the rule he was the one who was liable, for they could not expect the locals to meet this expense. — The meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Pennefather for the use of the bells, and a similar vote to Mr. Franks for presiding.

WALTHAMSTOW. — Ancient Society of College Youths. — At St. Mary's Church, on March 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1251 changes), in 49 mins.: R. Maynard, senr., 1, F. Rumens 2, G. Grimwade 3, H. J. Maynard 4, H. Rumens 5, J. C. Adams 6, J. H. Wilkins 7, R. Maynard, junr. (composer and conductor) 8, F. C. Maynard 9, A. Chapman 10. Rung on the anniversary of the birthday of the late Mr. Harry Turner, an old resident of Walthamstow.

BENTLEY, SOUTH WEALD. — On Easter Sunday, for morning service, 720 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: G. Sewell 1, F. Ottley (conductor) 2, E. Farbank 3, A. Rainbird 4, J. Dodson 5.

TUNSTALL, KENT. — On Easter Day, for evening service, in 1 hr. 5 mins., a date touch of Minor, viz., six changes Double Stedman, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 468 Plain Bob: S. J. Spice 1, E. H. Spice 2, W. E. Spice 3, G. H. Spice 4, P. J. Spice 5, W. Spice (conductor) 6.



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A RINGER'S DIAMOND WEDDING.

Last week we recorded the performance of three peals rung in commemoration of the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Saml. Greenwood, of Streatham. To very few couples is given the blessing of sixty years of married life, and the Exercise will join in congratulating one of their members upon celebrating such a unique event. The occasion, needless to say, was marked by a happy family gathering, when Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood were surrounded by children, grand-children, and many friends who assembled to do honour to the rare event.

Even longer than the period of his married life has been Mr. Greenwood's association with ringing. The veteran, born on January 6th, 1830, at Charlton Kings, near Cheltenham, took his first lessons in ringing in 1846 in his native place, while later he went to Ombersley, Worcestershire.

Settling at Streatham in 1850, Mr. Greenwood soon associated himself with the ringers and tower of St. Leonard's (which then possessed six bells, but increased in 1836 to eight) and later, with the new tower and Church of Immanuel. This was but a step to his acquaintance with the ringers of Mitcham, Beddington, Carshalton, Croydon, and



MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL GREENWOOD,
who have just celebrated their diamond wedding.

in several other parishes. Those who remember those pioneer days of change ringing, will be most ready to acknowledge the valuable kindly help and assistance which Mr. Greenwood was always so willing and ready to extend to those needing it, in their endeavour to master the intricacies of change ringing. Although a complete list of the peals which Mr. Greenwood has rung is not at the moment available, the total is a goodly number, many of which he conducted. He has, however, rung in about 94 different church towers. His Surrey Association peals number 26, eleven of which he conducted.

He has been a member of the College Youths for about 34 years, and a member of the Waterloo Society, while he was a regular and valued member of the Mitcham Society for over 20 years. Mr. Greenwood was one of the nine Streatham men, out of a total gathering of 51, who founded the Surrey Association of Change Ringers on May 21st, 1880. His name appears in the first circular report of that date as fiscal secretary for Streatham. A letter in "The Ringing World" of April 17th, 1914, mentioned a meeting in the parlour of the King's Arms, Carshalton, and later in the School Room at Beddington in 1880 (Canon Bridges in the chair), and Messrs. Greenwood, Peel, Springall, Streatham ringers, being present, and at which the Surrey Association proposal was outlined and commenced. The growth and usefulness of this organisation has more than realised the hopes then expressed.

The facilities of travel to-day are in no way comparable with those of 60 years ago, and when we recollect that the ringers often had to hurry off after leaving work, and walk long distances, to take part in

some peal or practice, our appreciation must be real indeed for those who, like Mr. Greenwood, laid the foundations upon which has been based the remarkable progress of recent years.

In addition to the peals rung in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood, a peal of Grandsire Caters at Cheltenham was unfortunately lost two leads from home. A very interesting gathering took place in St. Leonard's Parish Hall in connection with the diamond wedding celebration. After tea, the Rector, in well-chosen and happy words, and on behalf of their many friends, presented to Mrs. Greenwood a beautifully inscribed silver tea-pot and purse of money, and to Mr. Samuel Greenwood a handsome silver chain suitably inscribed, and purse of money. After the presentation touches were rung on the handbells and tower bells.

HERE AND THERE.

TOUCHES FROM ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

Although the doings of the ringers in Vancouver, British Columbia, have not been much heard of lately, the band is still, we hear, practising with more or less regularity, and we record with pleasure a quarter-peal of Bob Major rung at the Pro-Cathedral on March 1st for evening service, by: A. C. Limpus 1, W. Judd 2, R. J. Carrier 3, F. Taylor 4, J. G. Pearce 5, M. Bennett 6, A. Thomson 7, G. W. Foster (conductor) 8.—On March 8th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples was rung: A. C. Limpus 1, W. Judd 2, R. J. Carrier 3, F. Taylor 4, J. G. Pearce 5, A. Thomson 6, G. W. Foster (conductor) 7, F. Jones 8. Another 504 in the same method was rung on St. Patrick's Day, as well as 168 on handbells, the latter by G. Foster 1—2, R. J. Carrier 3—4, J. G. Pearce 5—6, A. C. Limpus 7—8, and another 168 with F. Taylor ringing 3—4. These touches were rung on the occasion of a visit for a few weeks of Mr. R. J. Carrier, from Vancouver Island, and it was with much regret that the band parted with him, when he returned to his home there.

AT BOSTON.

On the other side of the Continent the Boston Guild rang 720 Grandsire Doubles at the Perkins' Institution, Watertown: P. J. Alfrey 1, George Moore 2, Gordon Mackman 3, E. E. Randall 4, Wm. Bashford 5, Richard Newton 6.

WARMINSTER BELLS.

There is a possibility, we hear, of Warminster (Wilts) bells being rehung, for an effort is being made to collect funds for the purpose.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AS RECTOR.

In connection with the commemoration of the Rev. F. Parrett's association with the parish of St. Ann, Denton, Manchester, as Rector, he and his wife have been presented with a handsome silver salver by the patrons of the living, and a substantial cheque by the parishioners. The presentation took place at an "at home" recently, and prior to the gathering the local ringers brought round a date touch of Minor on the bells of the Parish Church, the 1914 changes being made up of 114 of Kent, and 600 each of Oxford, Woodbine and College Exercise. The ringers were: W. Wright 1, A. E. Marshall 2, J. Pollitt 3, W. Wilde 4, E. Walters 5, J. Heckingbottom (conductor) 6.

LADIES IN A PEAL BAND.

A peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted at Aldermaston, Berks, under the auspices of the Oxford Guild, the band including no fewer than four ladies. All went well until the fifth part of Holt's peal, when "third's place was missed, and caused collapse. Afterwards a quarter-peal was rung by the same band: Miss D. Hopgood 1, Miss Alice White 2, J. Abery 3, Miss E. Belcher 4, W. Clark 5, W. Lawrence 6, C. Giles 7, Miss M. Chillingworth 8. This was the first quarter-peal by Miss Hopgood, who is only fifteen years of age.

DERBY DISTRICT MEETING.

A monthly meeting of the Derby District of the Midland Counties Association was held at All Saints', Derby, and was attended by between 20 and 30 members. Some useful practice was obtained in various methods. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Wirksworth, and to advertise future meetings a fortnight in advance.—A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar, churchwardens and steeple-keeper.

AUTHORSHIP.

Mr. A. C. Wright, who, on May 16th, conducted a peal of Superlative at Darley Dale, and published it as the composition of Mr. James Martin (having taken it from a recent issue of "The Ringing World") writes that he has since found the same figures against peal No. 2325 of the M.C.A. 1913 report as "by J. W. Washbrook."

NEW CLOCKS.

Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, have just completed the erection of a large chiming clock in Cannington Church, near Bridgwater, and a large Westminster quarter clock and bells for a Church in Australia is now being shipped to Sydney. They have also erected the new clock with four dials for the Bacup Co-operative Stores.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

The Bolney Society (Sussex) had a most successful outing on Saturday week, when Hastings was visited. Leaving Bolney at 6.15, the six-mile journey to Hayward's Heath Station was accomplished in waggonettes, and Hastings was reached at 8.30, when a substantial breakfast at the Clarence Hotel was thoroughly appreciated. Arrangements had been made to have a pull at Christ Church, Blacklands, where the party found Messrs. J. Livermore, senn, and junr., waiting to welcome them. The bells had been kindly got up in readiness, and touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were brought round. Before leaving the tower a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. W. A. Armstrong (Vicar) for the use of the bells, and to Messrs. Livermore for the warm welcome extended. The party then returned to the Clarence Hotel, where a capital hot luncheon awaited them. This was presided over by Mr. G. Walder (hon. secretary and captain), and was done full justice to. No programme had been fixed for the afternoon, members being free to enjoy themselves in their own way. The return journey was commenced at 9.30, and Bolney was reached about 12.35 on Sunday morning, after what was unanimously described as one of the best outings the society has undertaken.

SUSSEX RINGERS IN LONDON.

The Hensfield (Sussex) band had a very enjoyable day in London for their annual outing. Facilities for ringing were provided for them at Fulham and Putney, Stedman Triples and Bob Major being rung, and a course of Stedman Caters (the first by two of the band) at the former church. At Fulham the visitors were met by Mr. Driver, and at Putney they were welcomed by Messrs. Bottom and Honeyball, to whom the thanks of the party are accorded for making arrangements for the ringing and for meeting them. The Vicar of Hensfield (Rev. R. J. Lea) presided at the dinner which followed, and subsequently kindly defrayed the cost of a visit to the Military Tournament at Olympia. Altogether a most enjoyable day was spent. The visitors desire to thank the Vicars of Fulham and Putney for the use of the bells.

A TRIP TO BLACKPOOL.

A most enjoyable trip to Lytham and Blackpool formed the annual outing of the Chorley (Lancs) Parish Church ringers. At Lytham Church they were met by Mr. J. Miller, the genial leader of the local band, who had everything in readiness, and several short touches of Grandsire were rung. Car was then boarded to Blackpool, where tea was partaken of, and in the evening various places of amusement were visited. The party wish to thank the Vicar and ringers of Lytham for the use of the bells, and the splendid arrangements made.

WEST SUSSEX VISITED.

The ringers of St. Mary's Church, Barcombe, Sussex, and a few friends, held their annual outing on Wednesday week, when they paid a visit to the western end of the county. Reaching Angmering by train, a pair-horse brake took them to Lymminster, where a few touches of Grandsire and 120 Bob Minor were rung on the bells of the Parish Church. A move was then made for Arundel, and a visit paid to the belfry of Holy Trinity Church. A touch of Grandsire was rung on this lovely peal of bells, but unfortunately, shortly after starting for another touch, the 4th rope broke, and ringing had to be abandoned. A lovely drive then took the party to the beautiful old village of Burpham, which was visited at the express wish and kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. C. Toogood, late curate of Barcombe), and his mother, Mrs. Toogood, who both very warmly welcomed the party, and provided them with an excellent lunch at the Vicarage. Subsequently the party were shown over the lovely old church and village by the Rev. Toogood. After thanks to their kind host and hostess, the party started for Angmering, where tea was partaken of at the Lamb Inn, followed by a short ring on the bells of the Parish Church. The homeward journey was broken at Brighton, where a visit was paid to the Hippodrome, and Barcombe was reached about 11.50 p.m., after an excellent day's outing.

UNVEILING A PEAL BOARD.

The Hawkhurst branch of the Kent Association held an unveiling ceremony in their belfry on Tuesday evening in last week. The peal board, beautifully lettered in gold leaf, recorded the first peal—Grandsire Triples—ever rung by a local band in the parish. In addition to the ringers attached to the church, Mr. C. Tribe (Tenterden), hon. secretary, Ashford district, and Messrs. C. Perry, H. Edwards and W. Hoad (Salehurst) were present. The Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Walbrand-Evans) and Mrs. Walbrand-Evans favoured the company with their presence. Mrs. Walbrand-Evans, in performing the unveiling ceremony, congratulated the band on their achievement, and wished them success in their ringing in the future.—On the proposition of Mr. T. Ashenden she was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

The Vicar and his wife stayed and witnessed some of the ringing which afterwards took place, and expressed their appreciation of the improvement made during the last twelve months.

Mr. T. Ashenden kindly gave, prepared and painted the wood for the board. During the evening several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, and a 120 of Stedman Doubles, being one of the local ringers' first in the method.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTH EASTERN DIVISION.

A very successful meeting of the North Eastern Division of this Association was held at Earl's Colne. Despite the unfavourable weather, members were present from Rayne, Colne Engaine, Gestingthorpe, Halstead, Great Yeldham, Great Bentley, Braintree, Sible Hedingham, and the local company. A short service was held in the Parish Church, at which prayers were said by the Rev. J. W. Bishop (assistant curate), the Vicar (the Rev. D. Methuen) officiating as organist, and giving an excellent address. The tea and meeting took place at the Red Lion Hotel. The Vicar presided, supported by his curate, Mr. C. H. Howard (Master), Mr. G. Punnell (District Master), and Mr. B. Redgwell (District Secretary).—One new member from Earl's Colne was elected.—In reply to a vote of thanks proposed by the Master for the use of the bells and arranging the service, the Vicar asked to be allowed to defray the cost of the tea, and spoke in very complimentary terms of the ringers of the present day compared with those he had come in contact with in his younger days, when a curate, and attributed it to the excellent work by the various ringing associations throughout the county. He concluded by saying that whenever the Association felt disposed to hold another meeting in his parish they would be heartily welcomed.

It was decided to hold meetings at Gestingthorpe in July, and at Ardleigh in September.—Touches of Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich, Treble Bob and Bob Major were rung during the evening.

SEVENTY YEARS A RINGER.

Wordsley has lost one of its oldest inhabitants by the death of Mr. William Lawrence, who died in his 86th year. He had lived in the same house for 84 years, and had been connected with bell ringing for the past 70 years. He, however, had only rung one peal, and that was in 1869, when he rang the fifth through a peal of Grandsire Triples at Stourbridge. He was interred at Wordsley Church, and the bells were rung half-muffled in the evening. 720 of Bob Minor was rung by: J. Slater 1, H. Jones 2, F. Caldwell 3, W. J. Bretherton 4, J. Bass (conductor) 5, R. Matthews 6; and 720 Grandsire Minor by: W. C. Cooper 1, C. E. Perkins 2, W. J. Bretherton 3, H. Jones 4, J. Bass 5, R. Matthews (conductor) 6; 120 Bob Doubles was also rung.

On the occasion of the funeral of Mr. William Jones, one of the Olney ringers, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at the Parish Church with the bells muffled, by: C. Boswell 1, A. Robinson 2, W. Robinson 3, B. Fisher 4, H. Fowler 5, F. Boswell 6, W. Freeman (conductor) 7, S. Smith 8. Mr. Jones had been a ringer at the church for 38 years.

GEORGE PIGOTT'S 100 PEALS.

Doubles, in eleven Methods, 1; Minor, in seven Methods, 1; Grandsire Triples, 9 (conducted 3); Union Triples, 1; Oxford Bob Triples, 3; Oxford Bob Major, 1; Bob Triples, 1; Bob Major, 9 (conducted 2); Bob Royal, 3; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 2; Double Norwich Major, 12; Double Yorkshire Court Major, 2; Double Oxford Bob Major (including 10,176 Records), 3; Double Oxford Bob Royal, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 9; Cambridge Surprise Major, 6; Norfolk Surprise Major, 1; Bristol Surprise Major, 4; London Surprise Major, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2; Kent Treble Bob Major, 6 (conducted 2); Kent Treble Bob Royal, 2; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Stedman Triples, 14; Stedman Caters, 3; Stedman Cinques, 2; total, 100 (conducted 7).

PRACTICAL WORK AT SLOUGH.

A successful meeting of Oxford Guild members for combined practice was held at Slough by kind permission of the Rector (Canon H. P. Elliot). About 30 ringers attended, including the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkun (Master of the Oxford Guild), Mr. A. E. Reeves (secretary), and Mr. T. Hibbert, of Reading, while ringing friends were present from Beaconsfield, Chalfont St. Giles, Farnham Royal, Fulmer, Iwer, Leatherhead, Maidenhead, Windsor (including two ladies), Old Windsor, Stoke Poges, Staines, and several of the local band. The following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major. The tone and "go" of the bells were found to be exceedingly good, and reflect great credit upon their founders, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Thanks are due to Canon Elliot for granting the use of the bells, and to Mr. G. T. Leader (foreman of the belfry) for having everything in readiness.

THE DR. CARPENTER MEMORIAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reference to the letter in the "Ringing World" of April 17th, signed "A voice from Ireland" suggesting a combined memorial to the late Dr. Carpenter and Edgar Bennett: this matter being now in the hands of a committee, I do not doubt the suggestion will receive due consideration. In respect of the inquiry for several ringers in this district, I should be pleased to send your correspondent any available information of them if he will write to

Yours truly,
FRANK HOLDER.

8, Mill Lane, Carshalton.

Chelmsford Cathedral Bells.

April, 1914.

Chelmsford Cathedral.

In 1913 Messrs. J. Warner and Sons, of Spitalfields, London, E.C., recast the Peal of ten Bells, added two new ones to make a Peal of 12, and re-hung them in one tier in a new steel frame.

We have much pleasure in stating that the work was carried out to our entire satisfaction.

The tone of the bells is much admired, and the ease with which they can be rung is testified to by the ringers.

HENRY A. LAKE, Rector.

THOS. N. WALLER,

ADOLPHUS G. MASKELL, } Churchwardens.

St. Mary's Lodge, Chelmsford.
February 6th, 1914.Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd.
Gentlemen.

The new Peal of Twelve Bells installed in Chelmsford Cathedral in September last by your Firm gives the utmost satisfaction. The bells are well-tuned; the tone is mellow, and the harmonics are perfect. The ensemble effect is excellent.

I consider the Peal to be perfectly satisfactory.

Faithfully yours,

FREDERICK R. FRYE,

Mus. B. (Cantab), F.R.C.O.,

Organist, Chelmsford Cathedral.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL BELLS.

Dear Sirs,

We, the undersigned, representing important Towers in the Essex Association of Change Ringers, wish to place on record that we consider the new ring of 12 Bells (Tenor 34cwt. 2qrs. 22lbs.) in the Key of C, which you have just installed at Chelmsford Cathedral to be a triumph of musical perfection, coupled with engineering skill.

The Tenor Bell, which has been "going" perfectly since she was first dropped into her bearings, and the Treble Bells, are extremely worthy products of your well-known Foundry.

The whole peal is exceedingly well balanced, and the tuning upon Canon Simpkins Five Tone Principle is a vast improvement upon the old Bells, whose over-tones were in such a hopeless tangle.

Your new design of Independent Steel Framework fully merits the greatest praise, inasmuch as there is not the slightest movement when the Bells are ringing, and moreover, we appreciate the very great difficulty of arranging the 12 Bells to hang on one level in so small an available space.

Wishing you every success in the future,

We are, Dear Sirs, yours sincerely,

WILLIAM LINCOLN,
Master for S.E. Division.CHAS. H. HOWARD,
Master of the Essex Association.HARRY RICHELL, Deputy Master,
Chelmsford Cathedral.JAMES MOTTS,
25, Orchard Street, Ipswich.ARTHUR EDWARDS,
Ringing Master of Boreham Tower
Eight Bells.HENRY F. COOPER,
Steeple Keeper and Master of the
Cathedral Guild of Change Ringers.
Secretary of the S.E. Division, E.A.C.R.

County Offices, Chelmsford.

Messrs. Warners, London.

Dear Sirs,

I have great pleasure in stating I am perfectly satisfied with the manner in which you have carried out the work entrusted to you, of recasting the old Peal of Ten and adding New Treble and Tenor, to Chelmsford Cathedral.

The Steel Frame constructed to carry the Twelve Bells all on one level, is a masterpiece of work, no movement or friction whatever. The tone of the bells is beautiful, the "go" is such that a youth could ring any one of them, in short I am opinion our Peal of Twelve cannot be beaten.

Yours truly,

HENRY F. COOPER,

Steeplekeeper and Master Chelmsford Cathedral Guild of
Change Ringers.

Secretary S.E. Division, E.A.C.R.

Boreham, Chelmsford.

Dear Sirs,

In my opinion the Twelve Bells placed in the Tower of Chelmsford Cathedral by you, are a noble peal; in fact, I think they are perfect, and remind me of a beautiful wave of music floating in the air, the "go" of which is all that could be desired.

Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR EDWARDS.

66, Duke Street, Chelmsford.

February 27th, 1914.

Messrs. Warner and Sons,

I am very pleased to say that the New Ring of Twelve at Chelmsford have proved such a great success. They are a magnificent Peal, and I'm sure that the "go" of them from Treble to Tenor is most excellent, and great credit is due to the Firm for the able way in which the work has been carried out.

H. RICHELL,

Deputy Master to the Cathedral Guild.

MESSRS. JOHN WARNER & SONS, LTD.

Bellfounders to His Majesty King George V.,

THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY, LONDON, E.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

TUESDAY'S MEETING AT WINCHESTER.

The 24th annual meeting of the Central Council was held at Winchester on Tuesday, and proved one of the best attended ever held in the provinces, over 60 members being present, representing 28 societies, of which 14 sent their full quota of members, and 14 were partly represented. Fourteen of the affiliated associations were unrepresented. Sir Arthur Heywood (President) occupied the chair, and the members present were:—

College Youths: Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, T. Faulkner and A. Hughes.
Cumberland Youths: Messrs. J. D. Matthews and J. Parker.
Bath and Wells: Mr. A. E. Coles.
Bedfordshire: Canon W. W. Baker.
Cambridge University: Mr. E. H. Lewis.
Chester: Rev. A. T. Beeston and Mr. W. Bibby.
Devon: Rev. M. Kelly, Rev. E. S. Powell and Mr. A. W. Searle.
Ely Diocesan: Mr. T. R. Dennis.
Essex: Mr. W. J. Nevard.
Hertford County: Mr. B. Prewett.
Kent: Rev. F. J. O. Helmore and Mr. E. Barnett.
Lancashire: Rev. H. J. Elsee, and Messrs. J. H. Banks, H. Chapman and T. Redman.
Lincoln Diocesan: Rev. H. Law James and Mr. R. Richardson.
Llandaff Diocesan: Mr. J. W. Jones.
London County: Mr. E. A. Young.
Middlesex: Messrs. J. H. B. Hesse, A. T. King and J. R. Shurman.
Midland Counties: Messrs. E. C. Gobey, J. Griffin and J. W. Taylor.
Central Northants: Messrs. D. J. Nicholls and F. Wilford.
Norwich Diocesan: Mr. G. P. Burton.
Oxford Diocesan: Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Messrs. J. Evans and F. W. Hopgood.
Peterborough and District: Mr. R. Narborough.
Salisbury Diocesan: Rev. F. L. Edwards, Major C. C. H. D'Aeth and Mr. A. F. M. Stewart.
Staffs Archidiaconal: Mr. R. Cartwright.
Surrey: Messrs. C. Dean and C. F. Johnston.
Sussex: Messrs. K. Hart, F. B. Tompkins and G. Watson.
Warwickshire: Messrs. H. Argyle and A. Roberts.
Winchester Diocesan: Rev. C. E. Matthews and Mr. J. W. Whiting.
Worcestershire: Mr. J. R. Newman.
Hon. members: Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Rev. H. A. Cockey, Canon Papillon, Mr. J. A. Trollope, Mr. G. Williams and the Hon. Secretary (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies).
Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, the Rev. A. H. F. Bonghey, Messrs. C. E. Borrett, G. Bolland, J. Carter, G. Chester, H. Dains, R. A. Daniell, H. Haigh, C. H. Hattersley, P. J. Johnson, J. W. Parker, J. S. Pritchett, S. Reeves, W. Snowden, W. Storey, H. White, H. W. Wilde, the Rev. W. P. Wright.

VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

Before proceeding to the business of the meeting, the President said he was sure the members would like to express their sense of the great loss that the Exercise had sustained by the death of their good and faithful friends, Dr. Arthur Carpenter and Mr. Nathan Pitstow, two of their members, who had been with them from the first—during the 24 years the Council had existed. No two members had done more for the Council, both by their extraordinary kindness of nature and the persuasive way in which they had managed to bring forward the subjects committed to their charge. They would be missed very much, and he suggested that the hon. secretary should be instructed to express the sincere sympathy of the Council with the families of those two gentlemen.

The motion was adopted by the members rising in their places.

THE COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL POSITION.

The Hon. Secretary presented the financial statement which showed that the year began with a balance in hand of £77 13s. 6d. The receipts included affiliation fees, £12 10s.; sale of publications (two years), £7 8s.; and interest on deposit account, 19s. 5d. The expenses amounted to £25 15s. 9d., leaving a balance of £92 15s. 2d. to be carried forward, of which amount £50 is on deposit. The value of the publications in hand is £186 9s. 5d.

The Hon. Secretary explained that the amount received from sale of publications was made up of £4 0s. 11d. from sales by the publishers for 1912-13; and £3 7s. 1d. from sales by the Hon. Librarian (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) for 1913-14.—The statement of accounts which had been audited by the Standing Committee was adopted on the motion of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

The President pointed out that the retiring hon. members were the Rev. E. W. Carpenter and Mr. H. W. Wilde, who were eligible for re-election. The Standing Committee hoped that the Council would see their way to re-elect those gentlemen, because both were not only valuable members of the Council, but were engaged on special committee work in connection with the Council. If they were re-elected it would leave the Council with 14 out of 15 possible honorary members. It was eminently desirable they should not altogether fill up their list,

as, at any moment, through some gentleman being thrown out from his county or diocesan representation, or some other cause, it might be very important for the Council to annex his services by making him an hon. member. He hoped the Council would be content to leave the vacancy at present.—This step was agreed to, and the Rev. E. W. Carpenter and Mr. Wilde were re-elected.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members were introduced to the President: The Rev. E. S. Powell (Dewon Guild), Major D'Aeth (Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Mr. A. Roberts (Warwickshire Guild), Mr. T. R. Dennis (Ely Diocesan Association).

PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

Mr. J. A. Trollope reported on behalf of the Peal Collection Committee. He said they were now ready with the five-part, two-part and three-part peals, and, as they had already had permission, they intended to put the printing of it in hand. Mr. Trollope read the draft preface, which showed the lines upon which the work had been carried out. It was hoped that the Collection would be out by the next Council meeting. The committee deeply felt the loss of Dr. Carpenter, who was a member of the committee.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews asked if it was intended to replace Dr. Carpenter on the committee.

The Hon. Secretary pointed out that Dr. Carpenter did no end of work in the early stages, but in this particular period the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mr. Trollope and Mr. Wilde had done what was necessary, so that Dr. Carpenter would not, therefore, be missed in that sense.

The President said it was extremely desirable that the committee should have all the assistance they wanted, but not any more than they wanted at the moment, because it involved an extra amount of correspondence. The fewer members on the committee to do the work, the better.

The Council decided to leave the printing of the report in the hands of the committee, with instructions to get the work well executed.

The President said the Council felt very greatly indebted to those who did such a great amount of work for them, for there was no doubt the work was extremely valuable, and would be still more valuable to their successors.

LITERATURE COMMITTEE'S REPORT STILL MISSING.

The Hon. Secretary said with regard to the Literature Committee he called on Mr. Daniell, who informed him that the work was going on. In the letter in which Mr. Daniell expressed regret that he was unable to attend the meeting, he said he was much disappointed that he had not been able to finally revise the MS., and had not, therefore, been able to submit it to his colleagues, and in its present state it would not be of much good to the Council.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews said he had been to see Mr. Strange, at South Kensington Museum, and asked him whether he could find some rather important documents of bibliography which their President gave him some years ago.

The President: Twenty years ago.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews said Mr. Strange told him that he had the papers somewhere, but afterwards wrote to say he could not find them.

Mr. King said Mr. Daniell had shown him some of the MS., and he could not understand why in the world he should withhold it from them. Mr. Daniell intimated that this year would find it completed, and he (Mr. King) was sorry to find it was not.

LEGITIMATE METHODS COLLECTION.

In presenting the report of the Legitimate Methods Committee, the Rev. H. Law James read the draft preface of the second volume of methods, which would include Plain Major, and which it was hoped would be ready for printing within the next three or four months.

The Hon. Secretary pointed out that if they printed both the collection of Treble Bob peals and the collection of Legitimate Methods, it would entail a serious expense, and be a drain on the Council's funds.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter: Is there any particular object in hoarding up the money? We have got it, and it seems to me we may as well spend it usefully.

The Rev. H. L. James: What we have spent on the Minor Methods has certainly done good in the country, and we hope these Plain Major Methods will spread in eight-bell towers as the Minor Methods have in the six-bell towers.

On the motion of Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by Mr. R. Cartwright, it was decided to print the collection when ready, the matter being left to the committee, with the addition of the hon. secretary.

CLASSIFICATION OF MINOR METHODS.

Mr. King read the following further report of the Peal Analysis Committee: The committee stated that they have now examined the Rev. A. T. Beeston's "Classification of Methods in the Central Council's Collection which have a Treble Bob Hunt," and beg to report as follows: We wish first to express our admiration of the very thorough way in which Mr. Beeston has gone into the matter, and wish that the whole of his work could be seen by the Council. Such labour demands very careful consideration on the part of the committee, and that we have endeavoured to give. Mr. Beeston's plan has been to

divide the work of a method into two parts: (a) above the Treble, (b) below the Treble. In each of these parts in a plain course there will be five separate pieces of work, to each of which he gives a class value. Adding these together, and dividing by 10, the number of pieces of work in a plain course, he arrives at the class value. But this is not all. Mr. Beeston takes into account other considerations, which he describes under the head of (1) Quickness and (2) Irregularity. The former causes the work to be "chopped up into little bits, and requires greater mental concentration (e.g., No. 12 T.B.)." The latter "increases memory work, and may consist of an odd dodge in the midst of several places in one or more positions, or a dodge or dodges on one side of a place only. These characteristics may supply the fractions wanted to raise a method into a higher class." Mr. Beeston adds the important note: "The Class Value should be fixed with the competent change ringer in view. Less competent ringers should not be encouraged to rest at anything short of perfection."

Mr. Beeston has drawn diagrams of all the pieces of work which can occur in "Legitimate" methods, and has assigned each to one of the four classes. He has also added five Legitimate Treble Bob methods—25. Trowell, 26. Overton, 27. 28. 29; Seven Fourth's Place Delight Methods—29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. Poynton, 35. Grove; and three Third's Place Delight Methods—40. 41. 42.

It is right to say that last year we received an analysis on somewhat similar lines, but not in such detail, from Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, and, as a result of the careful examination of the work of both these gentlemen, we propose to amend the Classification of Treble Bob Minor Methods as follows:—

Treble Bob.—Class I: 1, 2, 4, 7, 13, 14, 18. Class II: 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 19, 26, 28. Class III: 12, 17, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27. Class IV: 21, 29.

Fourth's Place Delight.—Class I: None. Class II: 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28. Class III: 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 22, 23, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35. Class 5, 6, 29.

Third's Place Delight.—Class I: 11, 13, 25. Class II: 1, 2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 23, 26, 27, 28, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 42. Class III: 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 20, 21, 22, 23, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 39. Class IV: 15, 16, 17, 18, 19.

Surprise.—Class I: None. Class II: 18, 26, 27, 28, 29, 40, 41. Class III: 10, 11, 12, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 36, 37, 38, 39. Class IV: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 17, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35.

Mr. Parker has also made an examination of the Plain Methods, from which he disagrees in a few instances from the Council's classification. We propose on reconsideration to change No. 25 from Class II to Class I, No. 14 from Class I to Class II, and Nos. 18, 19, 22, 27 from Class II to Class III.

It remains for us only to express our admiration of the work of the two gentlemen we have named, and to offer our very sincere thanks to them both, for the help they have given us in our endeavour to arrive at a satisfactory solution of a very difficult problem.

E. W. CARPENTER,
JOSEPH GRIFFIN,
ARTHUR T. KING,
GEORGE WILLIAMS.

BUSINESS SUMMARISED.

The reports of the Peals Analysis Committee were adopted.

The President reported upon the position of the matters relating to towers and belfries, on behalf of which committee he has prepared a bulky volume dealing exhaustively with the subject.—Mr. E. H. Lewis, another member of the committee, gave an exhaustive and extremely interesting report upon his researches into the question of strains and stresses, and a lengthy debate took place, in the course of which the Hon. Secretary stated that the committee had already opened up negotiations with the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge, on behalf of the Oxford Guild, moved: "That the Central Council approve and issue a national badge for ringers." After discussion, the subject was adjourned for a year, in order that the feeling of the Associations might be taken.

The subject of inter-affiliation was introduced by Mr. J. W. Jones, and after considerable debate was defeated.

The Rev. H. L. James' motion that: "The Superlative Surprise Royal as given by Shipway is the same as the Major," was eventually withdrawn by the mover, after an amendment had been suggested by the Hon. Secretary to the effect that the Council did not feel competent to decide the question.

The question of the representation of the Ladies' Guild was discussed, and it was decided, with one dissentient, to admit them on the same terms as any other society. Representation is given to any society with a minimum of 75 members, and it was stated that the Ladies' Guild now numbers 80.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the President.

In the evening, a social gathering was held at the Guildhall.

We shall continue the full report of the debates in our next issue.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At St. Andrew's Church on Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1260 changes), in 52 mins.: F. Lavis 1, J. Gluyas 2, H. Bennett 3, A. Mithelmore 4, G. E. Parr, junr., 5, W. Hamlyn 6, J. Woodley 7, W. S. Linnell 8, G. H. Myers (conductor) 9, G. E. Parr, senr., 10.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

TILE ADMISSION OF PROBATIONERS.

The 27th annual meeting of the North Notts Association was held at Retford on Saturday week. The weather was very unpropitious during the early part of the day, and prevented many ringers who cycle from the villages from attending. Nevertheless there was a good attendance of members from Anston, Everton, Norton Cuckney, Worksop, East and West Retford, Ordsall, Tuxford, East Markham, Gainsborough and Misterton.—The Rev. Canon Gray (Rector of West Retford) presided at the business meeting, and said he felt that it would be a good thing if in future the annual meeting were always held at East Retford. There they had the Parish Room close to the church, it was only a short distance from Howard's Restaurant, where the tea was generally held, and it was more convenient in every way.—Mr. H. Haigh (the hon. secretary), in recommending the alterations of rules 3 and 9, mentioned that the committee had always agreed that the change was desirable. It was thought that the present rules required a more advanced stage of qualification than was possible, especially with young ringers. It was proposed, therefore, to admit probationers as members, and their qualification would be to be able to ring well in rounds. There was no doubt that the Association had lost a great many members in the past, because it was impossible in scattered agricultural districts to find the requisite instructors to teach the art. It was hoped by admitting probationers they would get them sufficiently interested to follow up the art, and he hoped the Association would go further and provide instructors. At present the expense fell on the individual towers, but with a larger reserve at their command, he hoped the Association would bear half of the expense. It might be necessary to curtail the expenses somewhat in other directions, but he hoped the day was far distant when members would be asked to pay their tea at the annual meeting. He thought, however, the members generally would agree to pay some contribution towards the cost of tea, in order that a larger reserve fund might be established to help to defray the cost of instruction to the probationary members who were in need of it.—Mr. G. R. Winter seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

All the officers were re-elected, patrons, presidents, vice-presidents, secretary and treasurer and working committee.

At the subsequent service at West Retford (the preacher was the Rev. A. Rose (Vicar of Everton), who gave an excellent address on bells.

Afterwards, 57 members and friends sat down to a bountiful tea at Howard's Restaurant presided over by the Vicar of East Retford.—Twenty-six new members were elected, ten from Norton Cuckney, including the Rev. J. W. Smith (Vicar), and Mr. R. Evers (churchwarden) as vice-presidents; Worksop 6, West Retford 4, Ordsall 3, East Retford 1, Tuxford 1 and Gainsborough 1.

The bells of Ordsall (6), West Retford (6) and East Retford (10) were at the disposal of ringers by the kind permission of the incumbents. At the six bell towers some good Minor ringing was done in various methods, whilst at East Retford, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal, Stedman Triples and Caters and Grandsire Caters were rung. Ringing ceased at 9 p.m., and all returned to their destinations, after having spent a most enjoyable day, and with deep feelings of gratitude to all those who had contributed to make the meeting such a success.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Castle Cary Deanery branch of this Association was held at Bruton, when between 30 and 40 members were present, representing Castle Cary, Batcombe, Ditcheat, Blackford, Templecombe, Bridgwater, Midsomer Norton, Buitshorn Weston, North Cheriton, and Bruton. A short service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Vicar (the Rev. D. L. Hayward) delivered a very appropriate address. The choir were also in attendance, and enlivened the service by rendering some excellent music. Tea was partaken of in the Church School, and at the business meeting, which followed, the Rev. D. S. Hayward presiding, several new members were elected, and Queen Camel was chosen for the next place of meeting to be held in October.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for presiding at the meeting, and for the use of the bells, and also to Mr. Hughes, the choir-master, for the excellent music which his choir had rendered at the service.—Some good touches of Minor were brought round on the bells before the tea, but owing to serious illness occurring close to the church, the bells were not heard again during the evening.—A good many of the ringers made their way to Ditcheat where some touches of Minor and Doubles were tapped off on the bells.

"AMPLE SCOPE FOR BOTH."

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—Kindly correct a mistake in your issue to-day in a letter under the above heading. Scarborough is not in the North Riding but in the East, therefore it is not I, but Mr. Ferguson, who "is not quite correct." The facts as stated in my letter a week ago remain "quite correct."—Yours faithfully,

29th May, 1914.

W. P. WRIGHT.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on June 16th, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 18th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 9th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 16th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 23rd; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30; the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Standish, on June 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. This being the first visit of the branch to Standish, a good attendance is requested.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Dore, on Saturday, June 6th. Christ Church, eight bells, tenor 11½ cwt. Available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Hon. Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Shorne, on Saturday, June 13th, 1914. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. These bells have recently been rehung in a steel frame by Howell, of Ipswich.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The first meeting will be held at Heptonstall on Saturday, June 13th. Bells available for ringing:—Heptonstall (8) all day, and Mytholmroyd (6) from 1 p.m. Tea in the Schools (near the Church), 5 p.m., at 1/- per head will be provided for those who notify Mr. F. Robertshaw, 3, Coop Terrace, Heptonstall, not later than Tuesday, June 9th. Business meeting afterwards for the election of district officers: Vice-president, ringing master, secretary and Committee.—Clement Glenn, Hon. Gen. Sec., 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—An interim meeting of the above will be held at Aldington (6 Bells) on Saturday, June 13th. Bells available at 3 o'clock.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Cottenham on Saturday, June 13th. Tea at 5.30. All ringers welcome.—P. Webb, Ickleton, Saffron Walden, District Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, June 13th. Bells ready 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Subscriptions are due.—J. H. Haydock.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Huyton on Saturday, June 13th. Bells ready at 4. Service at 5.30. Meeting at 6.—Walter Hughes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, June 13th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guildford District will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (10) available 3 till 9 p.m.; service 5 p.m.; tea at the Institute 6 p.m. There will be a combined practice at Bentley on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (6) available from 6 p.m.—John J. Jones, Hon. Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, June 13th, 1914. Bells (6) ready at 3 o'clock.—H. Wakley, District Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Hawkhurst on Saturday, June 20th, 1914. Further particulars will be announced next week.—W. Latter, Hon. District Secretary, 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Welland on Saturday, June 20th, 1914. Service in church at four o'clock, prompt. Business meeting afterwards. Tea provided for those sending their names to me by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—A meeting of the above District will be held at All Saints', Edmonton, on Saturday, June 20th, 1914. Ringing from 4 p.m. till 8 p.m., and business meeting to follow. All ringers and friends will be welcome.—Lawrence B. Porter, Honorary Secretary, 1, Canonbury Mansions, Canonbury.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Penkridge on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available at 2.30. Service in church at 5; address by the President, the Archdeacon of Stafford. Tea and general meeting at the Hatherton Arms at 5.30. Notification of attendance not later than Tuesday, the 16th inst.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SAFFRON WALDEN.—On Saturday, June 27th, 1914, Augmentation of peal of 8 bells to 12. Dedication of four new bells at 3 p.m. by the Bishop of Chelmsford. Cheap tickets will be issued by the G.E.R. from Broom's Barn, Colchester, Ely, Sudbury and intermediate stations by any train. Free luncheon at 1 p.m., and tea will be provided for all ringers who give notice of attending to the secretary on or before Tuesday, 23rd June. The bells will be available from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—Robert A. Strong, Honorary Secretary, 3, West Road, Saffron Walden.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

PEAL BOOKS.—Price 3s., post free 3/6. Peals written in at 3d. per page. Prices for entering peals in Association official peal books upon application.—J. Beams, West Ewell, Epsom.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mrs. J. Smith, late of 41, Hornby Road, Blackpool, has removed to Warman Villa, Palatin Road, Blackpool.

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ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

This society, for their May meeting, visited Stone-in-Oxney, a six-bell tower, and the result of the evening's labours was very satisfactory indeed. Two 720's—Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob—were rung, as well as a touch of Kent Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, and a course of Grandsire Triples, on handbells double-handed. Messrs. G. Billewess, C. W. Player and H. S. Humphery had charge of the conducting. No breakdown occurred and the striking was good. At the business meeting, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

As regards the June meeting it was agreed to assemble at Benenden. This, however, may not be advisable owing to Kent Association gatherings at Aldington and Hawkhurst, and probably the meeting will be held at Aldington, in conjunction with the Kent Association, on the 15th June.

The Guild were to have attempted a peal of Bob Major at Rye last Saturday, but owing to a death near the church, the ringing could not take place. The members met for the peal, and the band included Private Gibbs, "King's Own," who had been stationed at Lydd Camp recently. The company, however, thanks to the Rev. G. L. Bates, were granted permission to ring at Iden, where a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, 360 of Plain Bob and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung. Several of the local band were present, and the ringing was much enjoyed.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The members of the Gainsborough District held a very successful meeting at Lea the other day, when ringers attended from Gainsborough, West Stockwith and Willingham. Several touches were brought round during the afternoon and evening on the bells of St. Helen's Church in various methods, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Double Oxford Bob Minor. At the Rectory, through the kind forethought of the Rector (the Rev. R. G. Fookes) and his good lady, an excellent tea was provided for the members. Subsequently the business meeting was held, at which the Rector presided, and votes of thanks were accorded to the Church authorities for the use of the bells, the Rev. and Mrs. R. G. Fookes for their kind hospitality, and the captain of the local company for making the necessary arrangements. At the conclusion, some of the party enjoyed a walk round the garden, while others indulged in cricket and handbell ringing on the lawn.

"NEWHALL" OR "BRAINTREE."

When the Central Council published the classification of methods in "The Ringing World," writes Mr. A. Hurdman, of Newhall, all methods previously named were given, and of those unnamed, the numbers were given: No. 11 was given as Braintree, No. 10 unnamed. We had been thinking of giving the name of Newhall to No. 11, but, of course, when we found it had already been named, we changed it to No. 12. The methods are exactly alike, until the backstroke lead of treble, second's place being made in Newhall instead of sixth's.

I have taken note of every method named since, and named the collection, to make it as comprehensible as possible. If the numbers were changed in classification surely someone should have corrected the mistake. As it was allowed to pass, I took it for granted that it had not been named. Hence our claim to the name.

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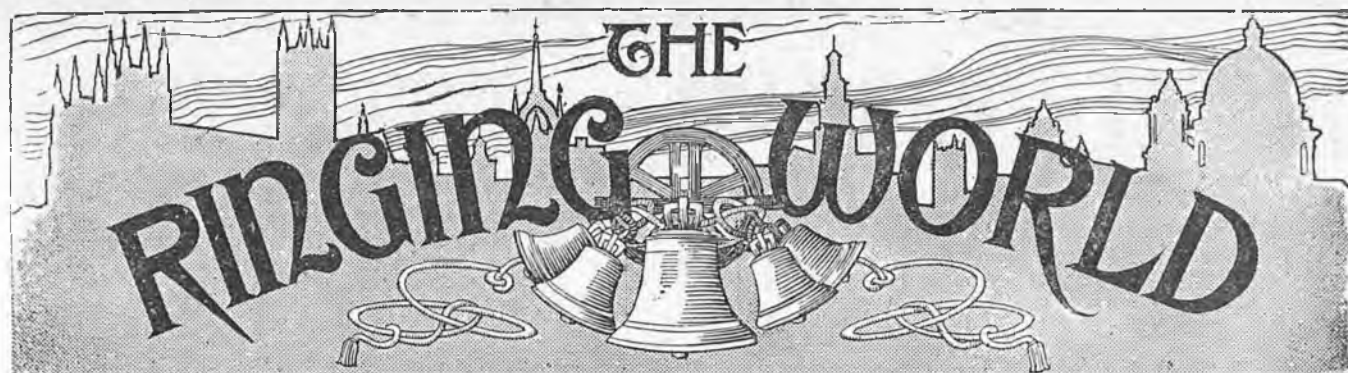


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REVOLUTIONISING DISCOVERIES.

It was agreed on all hands after the Central Council meeting had concluded at Winchester last week, that the one thing that lifted the proceedings out of mediocrity was the speech by Mr. E. H. Lewis on the question of the stresses and strains on towers caused by the ringing of bells. Really the subject is a highly technical one, and entirely past the comprehension of the average lay mind, but those who had the pleasure of listening to Mr. Lewis at the Council meeting had the whole subject made as plain as daylight to them by a dissertation which treated a most abstruse subject in a way that enabled everyone to grasp its meaning. But the importance of it lay not only in the fact that Mr. Lewis was able to place the matter with such lucidity before the members, but chiefly for the reason that the speech made public for the first time certain principles which, as the result of research and investigation, will, we are told by no less an authority than Sir Arthur Heywood, absolutely revolutionise bell hanging. Hitherto the generally accepted principles have been those laid down by Lord Grimthorpe, but the problems which Mr. Lewis has successfully solved have completely knocked the bottom out of many preconceived notions as to the relation of the bells to the frame and the tower. In this matter valuable information, hitherto unknown, is now at the disposal of both architects and bellhangers.

Beyond this, however, Mr. Lewis has rendered an invaluable service to the cause of ringing. In the firm belief that iron frames were detrimental to the stability of old towers, the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings have frequently used their influence to prevent metal frames being erected in ancient structures, and one of their alternatives has been the recommendation of a "spring" frame. The advice of the society, let us at once admit, has always been given with a genuine desire to preserve the ancient fabrics, but Mr. Lewis's experiments have in this matter, also, destroyed the society's arguments in favour of spring frames. He has proved that the energy of a bell in a rigid frame is increased three fold in a spring frame, and that as the force is bound eventually to find its way to the masonry, no matter what type the frame may be used, a rigid frame must obviously be best for the tower, apart altogether from the ringer's point of view. The result of Mr. Lewis's researches, we think, cannot but convince the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings that iron frames are theoretically and practically best for any tower, and that in future there need be no ban on this type of bell cage. We would recommend all who have anything to do with bells—church authorities as well as ringers—carefully to study what Mr. Lewis had to say to the Central Council.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, REDCLIFFE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 51 cwt. 2 qrs., in B.

THOMAS RUSSAM Treble	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
WILLIAM SHORT 2	JAMES GEORGE 8
ALBERT WALKER 3	SAMUEL GROVE 9
HERBERT KNIGHT 4	JOHN NEAL 10
BERNARD W. WITCHELL 5	JAMES E. GROVES 11
THOMAS MILLER 6	SIDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANCES;

Tenor 28½ cwt., in C.

FRED HAYES Treble	*ALFRED PYE 7
JOHN GRANSBURY 2	*ROBERT H. YOUNG 8
RALPH COLES 3	JOSEPH J. PRATT 9
JOSEPH E. SYKES 4	HARRY FLANDERS 10
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 11
FRANK BENNETT 6	HUGH T. SCARLETT Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Cinques. † First peal of Stedman Cinques.
Arranged as a welcome to country members by Mr. J. D. Matthews,
the Master of the Society.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
ALFRED DAVIES 2	SAMUEL GROVE 8
JOHN NEAL 3	WILLIAM PAGE 9
GEORGE SWANN 4	JAMES E. GROVES 10
ROBERT MATTHEWS 5	JAMES GEORGE 11
WILLIAM FISHER 6	SIDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
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First peal of Cinques on the bells, for the use of which the ringers
wish to thank the Dean and Chapter.

TEN BELL PEALS.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE BELL TOWER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANCES;

Tenor 31 cwt., in C sharp.

† WILLIAM WORKMAN Treble	THOMAS BLOORE 6
HERBERT JORDAN 2	JAMES HENNING 7
† JAMES D. HARRIS 3	HENRY J. PHIPPS 8
FRANK MOSS 4	HARRY MIDDLETON 9
FRANK COOK 5	*ALBERT COLLEY Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by HARRY MIDDLETON.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal on ten bells away from the
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arranged for them. The composition has the 6th the extent wrong
and right.

GLOUCESTER.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT H. BAKER Treble	*ARTHUR K. HARRISON ... 6
ERNEST E. DAVIS 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
ARTHUR S. BOAR 3	EX-SERG. J. WILLIAMS... 8
*WILLIAM SHERCLIFF ... 4	*SAMUEL J. HECTOR... 9
*GILBERT H. HARDING ... 5	THOMAS J. WHITING ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal on ten bells and first attempt. † First peal and first attempt. A. H. Baker was elected a member before starting.

WINCHESTER.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

HARRY ARGYLE Treble	REV. H. LAW JAMES ... 6
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... 2	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD ... 7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 3	CHARLES H. RUSSELL ... 8
*WILLIAM BIBBY 4	HARRY CHAPMAN 9
FRANK HOPGOOD 5	GEORGE NOICE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

* First peal of Stedman.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, June 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD Treble	FRANK STOBBS 6
FRANK JACOBS 2	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 3	WILLIAM J. THYNG 8
FREDERICK E. SMITH ... 4	GEORGE A. THOMPSON ... 9
FRED. DAVIES 5	THOMAS W. GORE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Eva, eldest daughter of Mr. James Mansell, head master of the Chesterfield Grammar School, to Dr. F. A. Sharpe, of Chesterfield; also on the King's birthday.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CONDOVER, SHROPSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, May 30, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

E. R. TREVOR CORBETT ... Treble	WILLIAM PEARSON ... 5
JAMES COTTERELL 2	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 6
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... 3	GEORGE NAYLOR 7
FRED W. DIXON 4	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal in the method on the bells, and in the county during the past 100 years.

GREAT MILTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

HUMPFREY R. COOPER ... Treble	ALBERT E. LOCK 5
MISS KATHLEEN HOLIFIELD 2	FREDERICK WEBB 6
HARRY HOLIFIELD 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUNR. 7
WILLIAM STONE 4	JOHN E. ALLEN Tenor

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUNR.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM BURGESS Treble	DAVID G. WIGHTMAN ... 5
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 2	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... 6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to William Burgess.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT Treble	ALBERT CALVER 5
JAMES D. DREWETT 2	FREDERICK TILLEY 6
WILLIAM STATES 3	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7
ROBERT GRIMWOOD 4	WILLIAM H. JOINER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... Treble	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON... 5
ARTHUR SYMONDS 2	*WALTER GOODAY 6
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 3	THOMAS W. GARRARD ... 7
*HARRY CATTERWELL ... 4	THOMAS PRYKE Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. From the C.C. Collection, second peal of No. 17, Section II.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, May 30, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE R.C. ABBEY OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

JAMES E. GROVES Treble	BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... 5
J. HERBERT BENFIELD ... 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
GEORGE GARRISON 3	GEORGE PARSONS 7
*WILLIAM G. ANKER 4	BERTRAM LEADHAM Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

* First peal of Stedman inside.

UPTON ST. LEONARD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*ARTHUR K. HARRISON ... Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 5
ARTHUR S. BOAR 2	*ALBERT P. WAKLEY... .. 6
CHARLES H. AUSTIN 3	EX-SERG. J. WILLIAMS... 7
JOSEPH T. DYKE 4	†GILBERT H. HARDING ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and

Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

* Elected members of the Association before starting. † First peal in the method as conductor and first attempt. This composition was published in the "Ringing World," May 30th, 1913, and contains the full combination of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6 and the 6th the extent home. The ringers of the treble and 5th hail from Trowbridge, the 2nd from Ipswich, the 3rd from London, the 4th from Cheltenham, the 6th from Burton-on-Trent, the 7th from Newent and the tenor from Bath

CARSHALTON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT... ..	Treble	WALTER G. ROWE	5
JAMES D. DREWETT... ..	2	HENRY L. GARFATH	6
WILLIAM STATES	3	ROBERT GRIMWOOD	7
DAVID WRIGHT... ..	4	WILLIAM S. SMITH	Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and

Conducted by WM. S. SMITH.

* First peal in the method.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ARTHUR SYMONDS	Treble	FREDERICK A. POULSON	5
THOMAS REED	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS	3	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON	7
WALTER GOODAY	4	PETER LAFLIN	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Taken from the Norwich Report, 1901, No. 992. Rung to celebrate the birthday of the Rev. R. L. Gardner, which occurred on the day previous.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr., in E flat.

GEORGE WILSON	Treble	FREDERICK W. BAILEY	5
ALLEN F. BAILEY	2	GORDON F. THOMPSON	6
JAMES G. RUMSEY	3	CHARLES F. BAILEY	7
JAMES M. BAILEY	4	ERNEST S. BAILEY	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BRIDLINGTON.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Priory Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES' No. 3. Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lbs., in D.

FRANCIS W. DALE	Treble	ERNEST CUTSFORTH... ..	5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS	2	HARRY RODMELL... ..	6
DANIEL MEADLEY	3	LEONARD RODMELL... ..	7
GEORGE DOWLING	4	GEORGE HARE	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew the Great,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6336 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM B. KEMPTON	Treble	L. GEORGE MALLION	5
G. HOWARD R. FREEBORN... ..	2	ABRAHAM WILKERSON	6
YORK GREEN	3	FRANK E. KEMPTON... ..	7
ERNEST G. HIBBINS... ..	4	FREDERICK DENCH	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. DENCH.

Longest peal by the Association, on the bells, and by all the band except the conductor. The band wish to thank Mr. J. Taylor for kindly giving up his rope to oblige Mr. Y. Green, from London, who was on a visit to his native district. Mr. Green was elected a member previous to starting.

EARLSHEATON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN DIVISION.)

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT ELLAM	Treble	HERBERT DRANSFIELD	5
W. H. SENIOR	2	JOHN F. CLAYTON	6
W. CLARKE	3	EDWARD CROWTHER	7
HEMINGWAY DRANSFIELD	4	HERBERT PEEL... ..	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by JOHN F. CLAYTON.

COLERNE, WILTS.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOSEPH W. BELL	Treble	RICHARD J. COUSINS	5
FREDERICK C. RICH... ..	2	CHARLES DENSLEY	6
THOMAS HOGSFLESH	3	CHARLES W. BELL	7
ALBERT E. ALEXANDER	4	LUTHER P. SMITH	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. BELL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Frederick C. Rich. Great credit is due to the ringer of treble, son of the conductor, for the excellent way he managed his bell throughout the peal.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt., in G.

JAMES G. RUMSEY	Treble	ALLEN F. BAILEY	5
ERNEST S. BAILEY	2	FREDERICK W. BAILEY	6
GORDON F. THOMPSON	3	CHARLES F. BAILEY	7
GEORGE WILSON	4	JAMES M. BAILEY	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

TITCHMARCH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ARTHUR SMEATHERS	Treble	ALFRED MARTIN	5
E. MAURICE ATKINS	2	WILLIAM FAREY	6
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN	3	WILLIAM J. ALLEN	7
CHARLES W. BIRD	4	JAMES HOUGHTON	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and

Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON.

First peal in the method on the bells. Charles W. Bird's 50th peal.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At Christ Church,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDK. W. WADE	Treble	HENRY B. BURT	5
ALFRED E. REEVES	2	GILBERT WILTSHIRE	6
ALBERT STOWELL	3	FRED G. MAY	7
JOHN BURFORD	4	ISAAC LONG	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

First peal in the method on the bells and by the ringers of 1, 5, 6 and 8.

SHENSTONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, June 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

EDGAR MARLOW Treble	CHARLES WAITHMAN ... 5
THOMAS HILL 2	THOMAS BLOORE 6
FREDERICK J. COPE 3	EDWIN J. TYLER 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	JAMES H. GALLIMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BLOORE.

IRTHLINGBORO', NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

JOHN J. MAWBY Treble	*MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 5
JAMES HOUGHTON 2	ARTHUR SMEATHERS ... 6
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN 3	JAMES T. WARD 7
ALFRED H. MARTIN 4	WILLIAM J. ALLEN ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. First peal of Surprise for the Association in which a lady has taken part. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... 5
REV. H. LAW JAMES 2	JOHN EVANS 6
FRANK W. HOPGOOD 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... 7
*CHARLES H. RUSSELL 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal of Superlative; also first in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

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

On Wednesday, June 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

RALPH NARBOROUGH Treble	AMBROSE W. OSBORNE ... 5
MISS ETHEL M. GOODSHIP ... 2	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 6
WALTER A. WEBB 3	CHARLES GILES 7
LEONARD T. OSBORNE 4	ALFRED WATMORE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

Mr. Narborough, who hails from Wisbech, was elected a member before starting for the peal. It was also his first peal on eight bells. The peal was arranged for him on his return from the Central Council Meeting at Winchester. Rung on the birthday of King George V.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 4, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HALEY'S VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE POVEY Treble	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ... 5
JOHN WHEADON 2	EDWIN BARNETT, JUNR. ... 6
REGINALD BROUGH 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SENR. ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	WILLIAM AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SENR.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 4, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

CECIL R. CHAMBERLAIN ... Treble	ALFRED FUNNELL 5
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
ALBERT G. WARNES 3	WILLIAM STEELE 7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 4	FRANK R. COPEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and
Conducted by WM. STEELE.

First peal in the method on the bells, by all the band, in the county and for the above Association. It was also the conductor's 50th peal on these bells.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, June 4, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor about 14 cwt.

*JOSEPH WILKINS Treble	ALFRED J. MAWBY 5
GEORGE T. HANDSCOMB ... 2	WILLIAM STURGES 6
WILLIAM R. PARKER 3	WALTER H. AUSTIN ... 7
WILLIAM H. SIELEY 4	†WILLIAM HARRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED J. MAWBY.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. Rung in honour of the marriage of Dr. William Forsyth Gibb, of Irtlingboro', to Nurse Margaret J. Dutton, late of the Northampton General Hospital.

HAWLEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt. 0 qr. 7 lbs.

CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... Treble	HARRY BONGAY 5
BARZILLAI HAWKINS 2	CHARLES GILES 6
WALTER A. WEBB 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 7
JOHN J. JONES 4	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung on the eve and in honour of Trinity Sunday.

ROTHERHAM.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, June 6, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

CLEMENT GLENN Treble	*THOMAS WHITWORTH ... 5
MISS WINIFRED M. HAGUE ... 2	*REV. R. L. B. OLIVER ... 6
JOHN W. J. COTTAM 3	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 7
ARTHUR HAGUE 4	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	WILLIAM E. WILSON ... 5
EMMANUEL DUTESON 2	J. H. RIBBYARD, JUNR. ... 6
EDWARD MALLINSON 3	WILLIAM MALLINSON ... 7
GEORGE PINCOTT 4	JOHN WATSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WM. MALLINSON.

Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of J. Watson. The ringers of the 3rd and 7th hail from Colne, 4th from Bolton, and 6th from Worsley, the rest belong to Blackburn.

AYLESFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

SERG. F. A. HOLDEN,		*MUSICIAN V. JARRETT, R.E.	5
R.M.L.I.	Treble	FRANK BELSEY...	6
RICKS PAINE... ..	2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ...	7
CHARLES WINNER	3	*LCE. SERGT. J. BENNETT,	
THOMAS MANNERING	4	R.M.L.I.	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 6, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THE REV. H. LAW JAMES'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt.

FREDERICK W. STOKES ...	Treble	HARRY GREEN	5
WILLIAM GREEN	2	ROBERT FINCHAM	6
FRANK DAWSON	3	JESSE DAWSON	7
GEORGE H. COOKE	4	JOSEPH FOSTER	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

First peal in the method by all and by the Guild.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1914, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDWARD T. WIGG	Treble	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	5
GEORGE R. PYE... ..	2	ERNEST PYE	6
ISAAC G. SHADE... ..	3	*JOHN DALE... ..	7
REUBEN SANDERS	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

BOREHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 20 lbs.

*WILLIAM R. THRIFT ...	Treble	JOSEPH ROOTE	5
ARTHUR EDWARDS	2	†WILLIAM ALLEN	6
HIRZEL EDWARDS	3	JOHN WOOD	7
HENRY W. KIRTON	4	*FREDERICK BURGESS ...	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

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

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr.

EDWIN WHITING	Treble	WILLIAM STEELE	5
*FRANK R. COPEMAN... ..	2	FREDK. SEAGER	6
FRED. R. BORRETT	3	GEORGE SNELLING	7
ERNEST WHITING	4	JOHN SNELLING	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and

Conducted by EDWIN WHITING.

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

ROTHWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 8, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

*THOMAS WELLS	Treble	FREDERICK KILBORN ...	5
THOMAS W. YORK	2	*WILBURN WELCH	6
ALBERT E. YORK	3	†HARRY PEET	7
BEN. W. YORK	4	*HARRY GAMBLE	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PEET.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by a local band. Wilburn Welch was proposed a member of the Association in the belfry, this being his first attempt for a peal.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, called differently.

WILLIAM DUNCAN	Treble	FREDK. C. BURROWS ...	4
WILLIAM MEARS... ..	2	JAMES FULCHER	5
ALFRED NEWSON	3	OLIVER BULLMAN	Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER BULLMAN.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In three methods, viz., St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob, called in 14 different ways.

*JOHN KINGSBURY	Treble	†VICTOR CORNELL	3
*HARRY CORNELL	2	*WALTER HEAD	4
		JAMES MARTIN	Tenor

Conducted by W. HEAD.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells. Rung to celebrate the birthday of the conductor.

MONEWDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Wells, London, York, Durham, Ipswich, Nether-seale and Cambridge.

*HORACE BEDJINGFIELD ...	Treble	ALFRED T. WIGHTMAN ...	4
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN	2	*WILLIAM BURGESS... ..	5
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN ...	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

* First Surprise Minor peal. Rung in honour of Empire day.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Friday, May 29, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5,040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*ERNEST LEATHERBARROW Treble		EDWIN LEATHERBARROW...	4
GEORGE POWNALL	2	JOHN YATES	5
†THOMAS GRIMSHAW	3	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW...	Tenor

Conducted by J. LEATHERBARROW.

* First peal. † First peal away from Treble. Rung with the bells muffled, as a tribute of respect, on the first anniversary of the funeral of Charles Crofton Black, the late Rector's son.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Double Bob, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

HERBERT TURNER Treble	ARTHUR FREEMAN 4
WILLIAM HALFORD 2	EDWARD C. GOBEY 5
JOSEPH HALL 3	WILLIAM THORNLEY Tenor

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

First peal on the bells. This is the lightest ring of six in the county of Nottingham.

BENTLEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Oxford Single Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lbs., in E.

WILLIAM ELKINS Treble	CORPL. G. GILBERT 4
HUBERT CHAFFEY 2	*ALFRED R. ELKINS 5
CHARLES EDWARDS 3	ERNEST NEWELL Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal in seven methods.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, May 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being six 720's of Plain Bob called differently, and one 720 of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

*HARRY GOULD Treble	JOSEPH ROBBINS 4
*HARRY GROVE 2	HERBERT JORDAN 5
EDMUND ROBBINS 3	FREDRICK JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by FREDRICK JORDAN.

* First peal. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. R. Cook, a member of the local band, who was married on Whit Monday to Miss V. Teece, a much respected teacher at the infant school for the past seven years.

MINSTERWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(NORTH FOREST BRANCH.)

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALFRED AYLAND Treble	FREDERICK ALLEN 4
FREDERICK PRESTON 2	THOMAS HART 5
JOHN GIBSON 3	GEORGE BELCHER Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS HART.

* First peal.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN WALTER Treble	WILLIAM WILCOX 4
HAROLD ROGERS 2	SMITH WOOD 5
GEORGE R. ROGERS 3	THOMAS MURRAY Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS MURRAY.

Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a memorial peal to those who lost their lives by the sinking of the "Empress of Ireland." A large number belonged to the Borough of Wallasey.

BRAMLEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM ELKINS Treble	ALFRED R. ELKINS 4
HUBERT CHAFFEY 2	ERNEST NEWELL 5
CHARLES EDWARDS 3	CORPL. G. GILBERT, R.E. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal on the bells, which go very heavily and require the immediate attention of the bellhanger.

SOUTHBROOM, DEVIZES, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores, called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

CECIL RADDON Treble	*REGINALD RADDON 4
*W. J. BOLWELL 2	TOM RADDON 5
SIDNEY HILLIER 3	*G. W. ENGLAND Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY HILLIER.

* First peal.

DIDBROOK, GLOS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 7½ cwt.

ALBERT COLLEY Treble	ARTHUR KEYTE 3
FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 2	*CHARLES LAURENCE 4
	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON Tenor

Conducted by J. D. JOHNSON.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of those who went down in the "Empress of Ireland."

LIVERPOOL.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-six 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 9 cwt.

THOMAS W. GILMOUR Treble	JAMES MARTIN 4
*JOHN WILKINSON 2	HERBERT H. BARKER 5
HENRY FYLES 3	†THOMAS MURRAY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WILKINSON.

* First peal as conductor. † First peal of Surprise Minor. Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of deepest sympathy with those who lost their dear ones, and as a memorial peal to those who went down, in the "Empress of Ireland."

ELDERSFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 21 cwt.

ALBERT P. WAKLEY Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE 4
WILLIAM SHERCLIFF 2	EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS 5
ARTHUR K. HARRISON 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR Tenor

Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

This is believed to be the first peal on the bells. Messrs. Williams and Hector were elected members previous to starting for the peal.

PATTISHALL, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH C. DEAN Treble	*J. WILLIAM UNWIN 4
J. WILFRED SHARP 2	*CHARLES S. FAULKNER 5
THOMAS LAW 3	FRED HOPPER Tenor

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

* First peal in five methods with a bob bell.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, June 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent, Oxford,
Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

OSCAR GILBEY Treble	WILLIAM CHESSMAN 4
FRED BASHFORD 2	EDWARD SNELLING 5
ALBERT E. WOOD 3	FRANK HAWKINS Tenor

Conducted by F. HAWKINS.

Rung to celebrate the King's birthday; also in honour of the
wedding of Mr. F. Josh, one of the local band, to Miss E. Norrington,
of Hornchurch, Essex.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canter-
bury Pleasure, College Single, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt., in A.

*ERNEST OLIVER Treble	CHARLES EDWARDS 4
CORPL. G. GILBERT, R.E. 2	*WILLIAM FISHER 5
GEORGE FISHER 3	ERNEST NEWELL Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal in seven methods.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1914, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores with ten different callings.

*HARRY MARLOW Treble	*F. JOSEPH LANCASTER 3
FRED HOPPER 2	*WILLIAM T. LAW 4
THOMAS LAW Tenor	

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

* First peal.

SEALE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 8 cwt.

ERNEST OLIVER Treble	ERNEST NEWELL 4
*SAMUEL PETTER 2	CHARLES EDWARDS 5
HUBERT CHAFFEY 3	†CORPL. G. GILBERT, R.E. Tenor

Conducted by CORPL. G. GILBERT.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal as conductor.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

WILLIAM J. GILBERT Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE 4
ALFRED H. MARTIN 2	REGINALD LOVEDAY 5
MISS EVELYN STEELE 3	FRED. WILFORD Tenor

Conducted by FRED. WILFORD.

This is the first peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs.
Gillett & Johnston, the "go" and tone of the bells being excellent.
Ringstead was the birthplace of the Conductor, and it had been his
desire for some time to ring in a peal on the bells of his native place.

FOXTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's of Oxford and four of Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDERICK KILBORN Treble	MATHIAS HOEBBS 4
BEN. W. YORK 2	HARRY PEET 5
ALBERT E. YORK 3	HORACE W. SHARMAN Tenor

Conducted by HORACE W. SHARMAN.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 6, 1914, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5030 CHANCES;

Consisting of 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Grandsire
Minor, and two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure and Bob Minor.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

LIONEL HAMMOND Treble	ARTHUR H. TOOK 4
FREDK. C. LAMBERT 2	JAMES HOWARD 5
JAMES SPALDING 3	JOHN LARTER Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of the Rev. J. F. Hughes
(curate of Halesworth and Chediston) to Miss E. M. Morgan, which
took place on that day at St John's Church, Lowestoft. First peal
in five Minor methods on the bells

HANDBELL PEALS.

TEWKESBURY GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. F. S. WILSON, SOUTHWOOD HOUSE,
TEWKESBURY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

JOSEPH T. DYKE 1—2	ALBERT P. WAKLEY 5—6
WILLIAM SHERCLIFF 3—4	FRANCIS S. WILSON 7—8

Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

Umpire: MR. JOSIAH WATHEN.

This is the first handbell peal ever rung in the town of Tewkesbury,
and was rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. H. Ewart Botting and
Miss Lasham, of Guildford. First handbell peal of Triples by all
except the ringer of the tenor.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 4, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT ST. MICHAEL'S ROOMS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

GEORGE E. SYMONDS 1—2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 5—6
*HOBART E. SMITH 3—4	WILLIAM FLORY 7—8

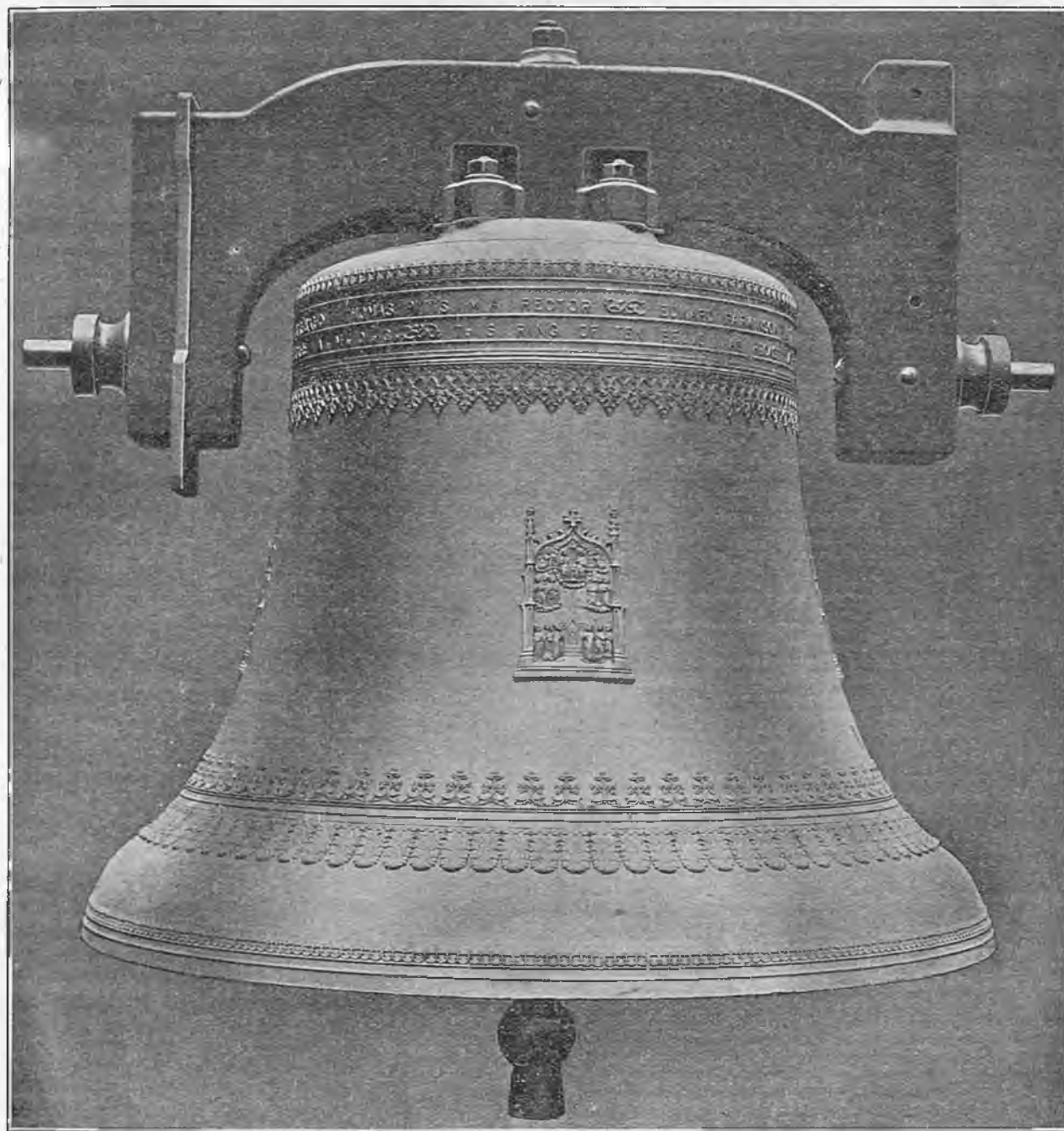
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THE DESTRUCTION OF WARGRAVE CHURCH.



Ringers read last week with feelings of disgust as well as regret that the fine old Parish Church of Wargrave had been destroyed by fire, the work of "ladies," who by this and other similar actions are endeavouring to prove to mankind that they are fit and proper persons to receive the franchise. Militant madness which wreaks vengeance upon such venerable and sacred fanes cannot be spoken of in measured terms, and we can but lament the wanton destruction that has been wrought.

The fire was first discovered about half-past two o'clock on Whit-Monday morning, and spread so rapidly that by four o'clock the building was a ruin, and only the walls remained. The fine old 16th century brick tower stands in solitary grandeur, but the bells, a peal of six, came down in a molten mass. The bells came from the ancient Reading foundry, the treble, 2nd, 3rd and 5th being inscribed "Henry Knight made me, 1668;" the 4th, "Henry Knight made me, 1670," and the tenor, "Samuel Knight made me, 1688. John A. Bear and William Bearing, C.W." The tenor, 43 inches in diameter, and re-

puted to weigh 16 cwt., was in the key of F sharp, and was a fine rich-toned bell for its size.

An appeal is made through our columns to all who can afford to do so to give their assistance in raising a fund to provide a new peal. It is hoped that when the restoration takes place that a ring of eight may be placed in the tower. Contributions may be sent to Mr. William Fuller, foreman of the ringers, 4a, Victoria Road, Wargrave, Berks, and will be acknowledged through "The Ringing World."

Wargrave was, on a recent Saturday, the scene of a meeting of the Oxford Guild, when 27 members gathered for practice and were entertained to tea by the Vicar (the Rev. B. S. Batty), who extended a hearty welcome to all. A vast improvement was heard as the result of these combined practices in the ringing of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, Bob and Grandsire Minor, Kent, Oxford and Woodbine Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Unfortunately it may be a long time before the Guild will be able to meet at the grand old church again.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO FORMER PRESIDENT.

The members of the Central Northamptonshire Association held their annual meeting at Northampton on Whit-Monday. There was a large attendance of members, and during the day ringing took place at the Churches of All Saints, St. Sepulchre, St. Peter and St. Edmund, touches in a great variety of methods being brought round. A special service was held at All Saints' Church, at noon, at which an inspiring address was given by the Vicar (Canon Jones).

The annual dinner was held at the Peacock Hotel, at which the President (the Rev. W. St. George Caldwell, of Islip), who was in the chair, was supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. F. Wilford, Northampton), the Rev. R. Copeman (Stoke Albany), the Rev. J. P. Freud (Collingtree), the Rev. A. I. Greaves (Finedon), the Rev. J. Lang (Taywell), the Rev. Canon Lloyd T. Jones, R.D., the Rev. E. C. Channer (Bristol), Alderman Tomes, J.P., the Misses Steele (Bedford), Mr. Jas. Clarke (Towcester), Mr. R. Richardson (Lincolnshire), Mr. J. Shatford (Wellingborough), Mr. W. Perkins (Irthlingborough), Mr. F. Stubbs (Rannds), etc.

At the business meeting, which followed, the Hon. Secretary reported that twelve meetings had been held during the year by the Association in various parts of the county, and had been very successful. The Association had to thank the hon. members for their interest and support, and also the incumbents for allowing the use of the bells in the places visited. Altogether 72 peals had been rung, and there had been quite a number of excellent performances. The report re-

ferred with regret to the deaths during the year of the Rev. S. Kingsford, Mr. Elte (of Wellingborough), and the wife of the Rev. Hugh Levan (the founder of the Association).

Col. Stopford Sackville, of Drayton, was elected an hon. member.

The Secretary submitted the balance sheet, which showed that the balance in hand at the beginning of the year of £23 17s. 1d. had decreased to £16 12s. 4d. He also proposed a vote of thanks to Canon Lloyd T. Jones, R.D., for his helpful sermon, and the members heartily endorsed the motion.—Mr. W. Tomes, J.P., responded for Canon Jones, who had left the meeting.

PAST SERVICES RECOGNISED.

The Chairman made a presentation to the Rev. E. C. Channer (the late President) for his services to the Association for a number of years, the gift consisting of a gold chain and pendant. Mr. Caldwell paid tribute to the exceedingly great interest Mr. Channer, who now lives at Bristol, took in the Association. He remembered meeting him, he said, at the Association gatherings 20 years ago, and Mr. Channer always walked to the meetings, however great the distance.—The Rev. E. C. Channer in response, said the years he had spent in association with the bell ringers at Northants, had been some of the happiest years of his life. He was very grateful for the tribute the members had paid to him.—The Rev. W. St. George Caldwell also made a presentation of a gold medal (in the form of a bell) to Mr. E. Chapman, of Kettering, in recognition of his having rung 100 peals for the Association.—Mr. Chapman suitably replied.

Mr. Nichols, of Kettering, submitted resolutions for re-constituting the management of the Association. He urged that the present man-

agement of the Association did not make for efficiency, and the members were not able to keep in active touch with the Association's wish. The revenue had been going down, but the expenses had steadily increased.—Mr. E. M. Atkins seconded Mr. Nichols' proposition, but it was withdrawn by agreement, and the meeting appointed a committee to enquire into the working of the Association, and draw up a scheme to present to the next annual meeting.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

THE NEW COMPETITION.

The annual meeting of the Irish Association was held at Waterford on Whit-Monday eighty-eight members attending from the various centres—an exceptionally good muster when it is considered that the majority had to travel over one hundred miles each way, and spend about eight hours of the day in the train. The bells, a nice eight by Mears, cast in 1872, were kept going to various methods during the day. At 1 p.m., the members were entertained by the Waterford Society to luncheon at the Imperial Hotel, the Dean of Waterford presiding, supported by the Bishop of Waterford, the Dean of Kilkenny, the Rev Canon Scott, M.A., the President (Mr. R. S. Blee, V.S.), and Mr. W. Channey. After justice had been to the good things provided,

The Bishop of Waterford kindly presented the shield for best percentage of bells rung for Sunday services during the past year to the winners, the Arklow Society. In doing so he congratulated them upon their high percentage, viz. 98, and expressed a wish that ere long it would be won by the Waterford Society.—Mr. H. Hoyle, on accepting the shield on behalf of the Arklow Society, expressed the great pleasure it had given them to win it for the first year, and trusted that it would not be the last time they would have that pleasure.—The shield, which is of silver, mounted upon polished oak, has a model of St. Patrick's bell in the centre.

The business portion of the meeting was then proceeded with, the President, Mr. R. S. Blee, V.S., in the chair. He offered the Association a welcome to Waterford, and gave the members an interesting account of the ringing and peals upon Waterford Cathedral bells from 1872.

THE REPORT.

The annual report stated that during the past year the competition for the shield had led to very interesting and satisfactory results. Six companies sent in returns with the following result: 1st, Arklow, .9804 (average bells per service, 7.8); 2nd, Kilkenny, .9003 (av. 7.2); 3rd, Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, .8661 (av. 8.3); 4th, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, .7635 (av. 9.4); 5th, Dray, .7609 (av. 6.0); 6th, Waterford, .4316 (av. 3.4). The Arklow Society were to be congratulated on becoming the winners for the first year. Several companies did not send in returns, owing, as they thought, to the rules of the competition cutting them rather severely. It was, therefore, suggested that these rules should be slightly modified. Since the last meeting only three peals had been rung by the members, viz.: Erin Triples, 1; Grandsire Doubles, 1; Bob Minor, 1. The latter two were rung upon handbells double-handed by the Arklow Society. The Association were pleased to see peals again being rung at Arklow, and congratulated the members of that Society upon the progress made under Mr. Hadley's tuition. In referring to the previous annual meeting in Dublin, the report said they had once again to thank Lord Chief Justice Cherry for so kindly entertaining the members to luncheon. They could not but appreciate such generosity, but at the same time they thought that it would lead to greater interest being taken in the Association, if it was in every way self-supporting. This, of course, would mean that either the annual subscription would have to be raised, or a largely increased hon. members' list secured. It was hoped the members would give this matter their consideration. It was also hoped that before the next meeting in Dublin, the two grand peals of ten in that City—Christ Church Cathedral and SS. Augustine and John—would have had some attention from an expert bell hanger. A little attention at the present time would save a large sum having to be expended on some future occasion.

This balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £12 15s. 4d.

The following officers were elected: President, Mr. W. Channey; hon. secretary, Mr. G. Lindoff; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. Corrigan.—One honorary and seven practising members were also elected.

Bray was selected for the next annual meeting, and after a vote of thanks to the retiring president, Mr. A. Corrigan proposed, and the Dean of Kilkenny seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Waterford clergy, ringers and friends for the manner in which the Association had been received and entertained.—This, needless to say, was carried with acclamation.—The members then separated, some for more ringing, others to have a look round the town and shipping.—Subsequently they re-assembled for tea, which was presided over by various ladies of Waterford. After tea and a few touches upon the handbells, the parting of the ways arrived all too soon.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On January 30th, 700 Grandsire Triples: C. G. White 1, P. White 2, E. Cecil 3, A. H. White 4, F. S. White 5, G. Hollifield, junr. (conductor) 6, G. Hollifield, senr., 7, F. White 8.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT NORTHALLERTON.

The popularity of the Cleveland and North Yorks Association amongst its members was made manifest on Whit-Monday, when the Association's annual meeting was held at Northallerton. Ringers attended from places as far distant as Hemmingbrough, Selby, Whitby, Robin Hood's Bay and Cockermouth (Cumberland), whilst ringers from York, Darlington, Marske, Middleham, Stockton, Ormesby, Skelton, Guisbrough, Wath, Ripon, Sharow, Middlesbrough, etc., were also present. Those who made long journeys to reach the meeting were amply rewarded, for the meeting proved one of the most delightful ever held by this little Association in the North Riding of Yorkshire.

A committee meeting was held during the morning, at which the President (the Rev. W. P. Wright) presided.

A service was held at noon in the Parish Church, and it was very gratifying to see it so well attended. The lesson (from 1 Corinthians xiii) was read by the Rev. W. P. Wright. An eloquent address was also given by the Rev. J. Chambers, who took his text from Revelation iii, "He that hath an ear, let him hear," and many will long remember his words of warning and encouragement which were given in such an impressive manner. He urged ringers not to turn their backs on the church as soon as their duty with the ropes was finished, adding that "attendance at Church is one of the means of Grace, and if rightly used it is not only a means of placing you in a state of salvation, but also of keeping you in that state."

Dinner was served at the Rose and Crown Hotel, and this was followed by the business meeting. The Rev. W. P. Wright presided, and was supported by the Rev. W. R. Hannam (Felixkirk), the Rev. J. Chambers (Northallerton), and Mr. G. F. Alexander (Robin Hood's Bay), vice-president.—Letters of regret for non-attendance were read from the Rev. S. M. Thomson, Vicar of Northallerton, and the Rev. R. MacPherson, Ripon Cathedral.

The Secretary (Mr. T. Metcalfe), in his annual report, said there was a marked improvement in the reports from the various towers, and that the peal list constituted a record for the Association, 33 peals having been rung since last Whitsuntide, against 24 the previous year, and 27 two years ago. Their list of members was still growing, which gave them every encouragement to go on with their work. All their meetings during the past year had been well attended, and all had proved most enjoyable gatherings.—The adoption of the report was moved by the President, and seconded by Mr. T. Stephenson (Stockton).

Mr. Alexander, in a few well-chosen words, proposed the "Health of the Bishop and Clergy," and welcomed the clergy to their meeting, thanking the Vicar of Northallerton for the use of his church and bells.—Both Mr. Hannam and Mr. Chambers responded, and thanked the members for the hearty reception they had received. Mr. Hannam's charmingly quiet manner greatly impressed the company, whilst the ready wit of Mr. Chambers provoked roars of laughter.

Mr. Newton, of Stockton, proposed "Success to the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association of Ringers," his remarks being supported by Mr. Walter Pick, of Sharow. The toast was received with great enthusiasm, the members rising and cheering.—Altogether the after-dinner speeches were of a most interesting and amusing order, and contributed not a little to the magnificent success of the meeting.

The following new members were elected: Life members, F. C. Nesbitt and R. W. Gay, Darlington (St. John's); performing members, R. Watkins and L. Williams (Richmond), T. Metcalfe (Wath), E. Heward (Ripon Cathedral) and J. Holmes (Skelton).

A vote of thanks to the retiring officers, viz. the president, secretary and vice-president (who were all subsequently re-elected) was proposed by Mr. Porter, of Darlington.—This was seconded by Mr. Cryer, of Selby, Mr. Metcalfe responding.

Mr. Pick, of Sharow; Mr. Stott, of Thirsk; and Mr. Alex MacFarlane, of Middlesbrough, were added to the vice-presidents, and Mr. F. G. Laverick, Middlesbrough, was elected auditor in place of Mr. Pick.—This concluded a very pleasant business meeting.

For the benefit of those who may have become interested in the correspondence which has appeared in the "Ringing World" between Dr. Pauli, of Middleham, and the secretary of the Association, we have been asked to say that Dr. Pauli attended the committee meeting (as requested by the Association), but his visit did not make the matter any more clear. The President invited him to substantiate the two charges he had brought against the Association, and the committee gave him a patient and uninterrupted hearing. The writer of this note got the impression that the doctor so modified his charge of causing dissension in his belfry as practically to abandon it, speaking of it as a personal matter. With regard to the charge of counting false peals, he referred to two rung in 1911, and one in 1913.

At the close of his speech, the President was pointing out to the doctor that as regarded the two peals rung in 1911 he had only spoken of bad and jumbled striking and want of open leads, and was in the act of asking him to prove that the peals were false in their course—ends as rung (a point to which he had not referred at all), when to the surprise of the committee the doctor got up and walked out of the room without a word to anyone!! Under such circumstances, what jury would give any other verdict than one for the defendant?

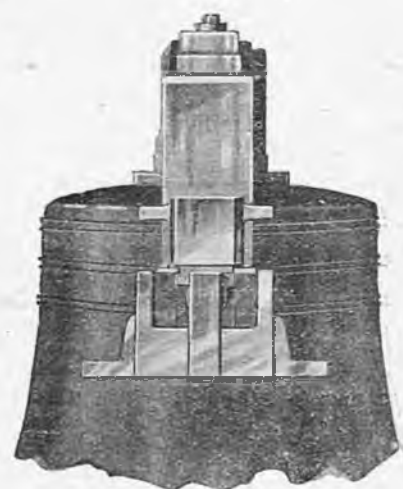
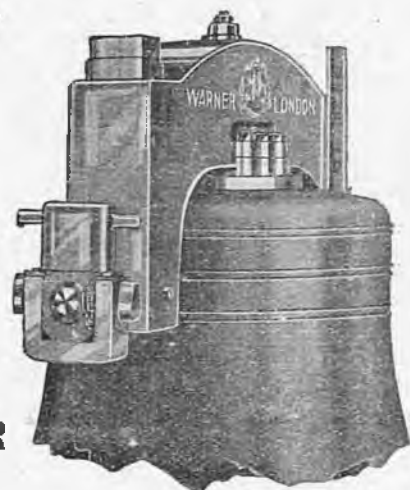
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At an early date, we will demonstrate on this page, as to how the above invention of a Self-Aligning, Self-Lubricating, Oil Bath and Oil Ring design of Bearing was evolved, and we will also point out in following issues of this Paper, the reasons and advantages of the auxiliary attachments which render the new "Warner" Bearing perfect on account of the duplex system of lubrication, combining as it does the elimination of the necessity for "greasing" the bells, and also the ensuring of cleanliness.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

"THE RINGING WORLD" SPECIAL REPORT

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PEALS ANALYSIS.

Mr. A. T. King moved the adoption of the reports of the Peals Analysis Committee (which have already appeared in our columns). Referring to the supplementary report, he said the Council might think it a little early that they should have gone back on their word of last year, and made a few alterations in the classification of Minor methods, but time brought them added experience, and their desire was to place before the Council a result, arrived at with a great deal of trouble, and by the help of the two gentlemen named (the Rev. A. T. Beeston and Mr. J. W. Parker), that should be as perfect as it could possibly be made. He thought, when the figures were examined, they could not but agree with the amendments which the committee had made. The only thing the committee had asked the Council to say was whether they should use the revised classification for the Analysis in the current year. If they agreed, the committee would be very happy to make the necessary changes. It would not make much difference until the methods came to be more frequently rung. The committee felt that their labour had not been in vain, and that they had come to a satisfactory conclusion on the whole—as near perfection as was possible in this subject.

In seconding the adoption of the report, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter specially referred to the footnotes to peals. The compilation of statistics from these notes gave the committee a considerable amount of work which they were very glad to do if it was thought worth while, but he appealed to those who sent up reports to be a little more careful. Specially he appealed to ringers to avoid sending a report to the same paper twice without intimating that the second one was a correction. They should also be careful to see that the footnotes were right. A little carelessness in this matter made the results of the committee's work not to be depended on, and they could only say, therefore, that the figures which they compiled from footnotes were approximate. If ringers would be a little more careful in sending up these reports, the approximation would get still nearer the truth.

The President said although there were varying opinions as to the value of points for peals, there was no committee of that Council whose labours were so popular with the readers of the ringing papers as the Peals Analysis Committee, because, whether they approved or did not approve, it was of such intense interest that one must spend really hours in analysing the general bearings of that most extraordinary production. He was sure, therefore, that in putting to them the motion, they would allow him, on behalf of all of them, to thank the committee for their labours, and to express to them the very great value which they deemed them to be to the Council (applause).

The reports were adopted.

THE PRESIDENT'S VOLUME.

The President reported on behalf of the Towers and Belfries Committee. The committee, he said, was appointed in 1912, and consisted of the hon. secretary, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. E. A. Young, Mr. J. H. B. Hesse, and himself. They had a meeting at which all were present in the early part of 1913, before the meeting of the Council, and they then came to the conclusion, which was reported to the meeting at Newcastle, that there was some difficulty in drafting a pamphlet expressing the collective views of all the members of the committee. To meet the difficulty he offered to produce a pamphlet, so far as he could manage it, suitable for the purpose in view, viz., to place before the architects of the country the views of ringers and bellhangers in regard to the treatment of bell and bell frames. He offered to do it at his own expense, and in that manner to take his own line, because he was not willing to subordinate his own views to anybody else's. The Council accepted his offer, and the work was being carried out. Sir Arthur produced an advance copy of the volume, which, he said, consisted of about one-quarter written by himself and about one-quarter distributed between the various other members of the committee, the remainder—not quite a half—being an appendix in which he had reprinted a variety of matter which he thought would be useful in case architects, to whom the work was specially addressed, were so far interested that they would desire to know a little more about the art and interests of ringers. The President then read the preface and table of contents, and added that the publication was not yet on sale, nor were the conditions upon which it would be on sale, or the publisher, settled. In a few weeks they would be able to let it be known exactly what arrangements had been made. They hoped to send it to each of the leading church architects in the hope that their sympathies might be enlisted, and that, at all events, they might be drawn to consider a little more carefully the engineering claims connected with the hanging of a peal of bells. He would like to say, in his opinion, the real value of the book consisted in the more or less summarised results of Mr. Lewis's experiments.

REVOLUTION IN BELL HANGING.

Mr. Lewis had really revolutionised bell hanging. He had found out things which were not known before; he had proved that things which they believed were of one kind were of another kind, and that up to now they had made mistakes which, from the present, ought

to be remedied with regard to bell hanging. It was really as great as or a greater revolution than was brought about by Canon Simpson's new method of tuning. It was so far more important, in that it was not every ear that could tell the difference between a perfectly tuned bell and one not quite so well tuned, but there was not a ringer who could not tell the difference between a good and a bad going bell, and few church authorities who could not tell the difference between a badly cracked tower and one that did not stand in need of repair (laughter and applause). Continuing, Sir Arthur said he ought to explain to ringers that they might be disappointed with two things. First of all, the ordinary technical language of ringers was to a great extent avoided. In dealing with architects it was desirable to deal with them in the language they could understand, and very few architects would understand a great deal of their ringing "lingo." He had not gone further than was absolutely necessary to inform architects as to the hanging of bells; it simply dealt with that part of bell hanging to which an architect might have to pay attention, and to no other. It might, therefore, be disappointing to that extent. It was purely and entirely published for one purpose—to try to get architects to give more attention to the progress of engineering in regard to bell hanging. He offered the book to them with his thanks for the confidence they placed in him in entrusting him with its publication, and with the utmost gratitude to those condutors, and Mr. Lewis particularly, for the value, if it was of value, which the book possessed (applause).

HOW TOWERS ARE AFFECTED.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, another member of the committee, gave a most interesting survey of the investigations which he has been making into the nature of the forces which bells exert on a tower. When the Council met last year he said, these investigations were incomplete but they had now been pursued, and had given some interesting results. The contention of Lord Grimthorpe was that bells swinging in parallel planes and roped on opposite sides exerted counteracting forces, but the experiments which he had been able to carry out now showed that this particular statement was diametrically opposed to the truth. Mr. Lewis handed round to the members copies of diagrams which he had had specially prepared, showing, by means of curves, the horizontal force exerted during a pair of rounds upon a tower when a frame on Lord Grimthorpe's plan was used, and when the ropes were changed, so that all the bells were roped on the same side. The importance of the two diagrams, he said, was this. In the case of Lord Grimthorpe's frame the curve showed a series of violent oscillations; the time for the whole curve being 4½ seconds, while the time of the oscillation between the extreme peaks was only about half a second. That almost corresponded with the time of oscillation of the average church tower, with the result that they got a cumulative action upon the tower which acted as a spring. The upper curve represented the force which worried the tower most, and was most likely to cause trouble. In the other diagram, representing the force due to the bells when roped on the same side, the time between the tops of the extreme peaks was nearly two seconds, and that gave the tower a reasonable time to come to rest before the next application of force. Continuing, Mr. Lewis said there were two kinds of forces that had to be taken into consideration—finite forces and impulsive forces. A finite force could be accurately gauged, but it was impossible to measure an impulsive force which was a large force applied for a small time, such, for instance, as the dropping of a hammer upon the toe (laughter). Finite forces might become enlarged if they acted on a spring. An example of this was supplied in the homely illustration of a child jumping on a sofa. If he kept jumping in tune with the springs he would jump higher and higher until the springs broke. In the case of a spring frame the force supplied by the bells was stored up in the frame, and had a cumulative effect. The force of the blow from the clapper itself was very small, and he could not conceive how that could have any action on the masonry. The force on the tower with a rigid frame was the force on the gudgeon, but if the frame was not rigid then they got a different force on the tower to what they got on the gudgeon. Loose frames might cause a very large impulsive force to be given to the tower—a large actual blow to the masonry—which would obviously, sooner or later, cause damage. If the frame be of the spring type, the finite forces might be very largely increased by the cumulative forces of the spring. If the frame lacked rigidity in the horizontal direction, that was if the girders were not properly braced, of four girders built into a wall they might have two pulling and two pushing the wall. There they would get different forces acting on the tower to what they got acting on the gudgeon and tending to twist the tower. In a rigid frame they knew where they were exactly; in a frame that was loose they did not know what was happening, except that they were getting large blows on the tower, and in a spring frame they got the cumulative action of successive applied forces on the spring.

HOW CRACKS DEVELOP.

The next step was to ascertain what effect these forces would have on the tower from a purely engineering point of view. The tower might be treated as a cantilever beam, loaded with a single weight at the end of the beam, and from a theoretical point of view, one of the effects would be to get local disintegration of the masonry at the points where the frame was fixed to the tower. This was due to

several causes. If they had a horizontal frame that lacked horizontal rigidity they had some girders pulling and some pushing, and that was liable to cause local disintegration. The same thing, Mr. Lewis pointed out, occurred in a frame attached to the tower at the top that was not rigid and moved at the top apart from the bottom. There they would get local disintegration and a liability to shake the light work in the tower, such as loosening the pinnacles. Some architects believed this to be due to the blow of the clapper on the bell, whereas a slight shaking in the frame was sufficient to cause the trouble that had been observed. Several architects with whom he had had conversation had, however, only retired to that as a last defence when one had proved to them that in the ordinary motion of a bell there was no blow at all. The blow from the clapper, besides being very small, acted vertically downwards when the bells were rung in a set position. There were, continued Mr. Lewis, three things usually looked into by engineers in the case of a beam, the bending moment and the horizontal and vertical shear. The stress due to the bending moment was similar to the case of a fishing rod when bent. When horizontal force was applied a certain distance above the ground one side of the tower was put into tension, and the other side of the tower into compression. Architects had to some extent gone into that question, but he did not think they had gone into another point. If they took the average tower and worked out the actual amount of tension of the side which was being stretched, they would find that the stress was less than one-tenth of the weight of the masonry above the point at which the stress was calculated so that the lessening of the compression of the one side and the increasing of it on the other was only slight, and he did not think it had any damaging effect on a tower. The total shear was equal to the force applied at the level of the bells, and it had to be remembered that if they had a shear in one direction they must have an equal shear at right angles, and in the case of a tower where they had a horizontal shear they also had a vertical shear, the vertical shear being greatest at the middle point of the wall parallel to the swing of the bells. Towers, therefore, which developed cracks due to ringing, would have those cracks in the side wall, and they often sprang from the top of an arch, where the greatest stress occurred. But if bells swung in both directions at right angles the resultant force was a diagonal force, and instead of the giving way it would be the corners of the towers. He did not think that particulars of this matter were given in any architectural text books, and it was a nice little problem for anybody to tackle, for it provided a large field for research.

RIGID FRAMES BEST.

Turning to the experiments which he had carried out by Mr. Taylor's courtesy, Mr. Lewis said they hung a bell of 25 lbs. weight in a spring frame—he had to allow that it was an exaggerated type of spring frame. Normally, this bell would exert a maximum pressure in the horizontal direction of 35 lbs., but when they put a spring into the frame they managed to get that force up to 1 cwt. Some architects believed that a spring frame diminished the strain on the tower, but he would like a committee of them to carry out similar experiments to that mentioned, so that they might satisfy themselves on the subject. Proceeding, Mr. Lewis said they took measurements to ascertain the actual movements of towers, and they did find that it was such forces as those represented by the curve arising from Lord Grimthorpe's plan of frame that worried the tower most, while it was forces such as those represented by the second curve of the diagrams which gave the tower the chance of a rest. In one of the towers they visited, the movement was very perceptible, but when measured he did not think it was more than one-tenth of an inch, although anyone leaning against it might have been tempted to say it was an inch, and some might have said six inches (laughter). When architects talked of the movement in a tower, therefore, they should be asked to measure the movement, and they would find that it was very much smaller than they thought. In connection with the exchange of evidence which had been arranged between that committee and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, most of the evidence collected by the committee was of a confidential nature, but this much he thought might be said, and he was sure it would interest the members. The committee had sent out a circular to all the bell hangers they could think of, and with one exception they had sent replies with the information asked for. They could at present say that at least 700 rigid metal frames had been installed—the number was probably much greater—and not one single official complaint had yet been made to any of the bell hangers concerned by any architect or church authority as to damage caused by these frames (applause). The committee and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings were agreed that it was very dangerous to wedge timber frames at the top to the tower—that was a point where it was not meant to be attached. Among the replies they had got to their circular letter, a large proportion were agreed that at least 75 per cent. of the old timber frames they had examined had been wedged at the top to the tower. Those architects, therefore, who argued for timber frames placed themselves in a position of great inconsistency, because it was the inevitable result with a timber frame that, sooner or later, in order to make the bells ringable, the frame had to be wedged to the tower at the top, and the bell hangers were agreed that in these 75 per cent.

of cases, if the wedges were taken out, the bells would be unringable. Replying to a question, Mr. Lewis said the effect of a spring frame was largely to increase the finite forces and not the impulsive forces. The force had to be resisted by the tower, and it did not matter whether the frame was independent of the walls or not. As Mr. James had just suggested to him, if they could remove the force from the tower by a spring frame, they might, by diligent research, eventually be able to hang bells in the air without any tower at all (laughter).

COMMITTEE CONTINUING THEIR WORK.

The Hon. Secretary reported upon the correspondence which had taken place between the Council and the secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. He wrote to the society on March 14th last, and asked the secretary to give them definite particulars of towers which had been injured by metal frames or modern methods of bell hanging, and as a result, he later on received a list of about six instances, which the committee were now inquiring into, and in connection with which they would send an answer. In the meantime, the secretary of the society had written to him with a view to clearing the ground for any discussion that might subsequently take place, so that they need not waste time in discussing any points on which they were agreed. There were two or three things thus brought forward, and these had been sent round to the committee. The Council would thus see that they had definitely begun to negotiate with the society, and he was very hopeful that they would produce some good effect in the course of time.

Mr. E. A. Young, A.R.I.B.A., said architects had not realised the amount of the forces that were exercised in a tower. When a whole peal was rung off, as in "firing," it produced a vertical weight of about four times the weight of the bells themselves. If they realised that a peal weighed four, five, or six tons, and multiplied that by four, they would realise what a disintegrating effect that might have on the brick or stone. Architects might, perhaps, be pardoned if they had not realised those excessive forces, and it was possible that bell hangers themselves had not realised it sufficiently. In designing a structure architects always allowed for heavy wind pressure, and if a tower was designed to resist the severe wind pressures, he thought it could easily take up the extra few tons due to the horizontal force in the tower. What he felt was that they did not sufficiently realise the vertical shock suddenly applied to a small area of masonry. In regard to the design of bell frames, hitherto it seemed to have been the rule to design the frame of metal or timber and place it on heavy cross girders, relying upon them for support. In the committee of the R.I.B.A., with which he was associated, about the only tangible result they had arrived at at present, was that they were all agreed that a frame should be a self-supporting, constructional unit, and should take up the stress and convey it to the wall independent of the girders below. They might alter that view later on, but that was what they had arrived at. It meant that the weights and thrusts of the bells were brought on to a great number of points of support in the tower, instead of on just a few. Mr. Young said there seemed to be something in the air that architects were the culprits, but he did not think they were so bad as they were painted.

Mr. J. H. B. Hesse, in commenting on the value of what they had learned from Mr. Lewis, said there was a tower in Somerset which was reported to have been damaged through an iron H frame having been fixed in it. The authorities went to the expense of having the whole frame taken out and a wooden one substituted. He had, however, been told on good authority that the crack which showed itself in the tower was the result of its having been struck by lightning, and was not caused by the bells at all. There might be cases where a timber frame had wriggled and caused a tower to crack, but he did not think anyone could say that a girder frame had done such a thing.

(To be continued).

A MEMBER'S VIEWS.

With such a lean and unpromising agenda, writes a member of the Council, it certainly did not seem that the Winchester meeting was to be one of the most useful and interesting of the long series. Yet that is just what happened, but it happened so only because of one subject and one man. The subject was bell frames, and the man was Mr. E. H. Lewis. For a good many years reports had come in from different quarters that bell restoration had been hindered by the action of the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings, and by architects who shared more or less their views. Don't let us do that society an injustice. It has done incalculable good in preventing much wanton destruction of old work in ancient churches; but naturally enough its prejudices are all in favour of old things just because they are old.

We fully believe that at first, at any rate, the society's objection to iron frames was simply that they were new-fashioned things, but as that was hardly an objection which could stand much proof, these worthy gentlemen cast about for other reasons. And they said like this: In the old wood frames there was a certain amount of elasticity and "give," and this acted like a spring and absorbed the shock of the bells, just as a spring saddle absorbs the shock when you are bicycling. When you hang bells in iron, your frame is usually rigid, and the

shock goes straight on to the walls. Therefore, they were fully convinced that an iron frame was bound sooner or later, and probably soon than later, to damage the tower.

The Central Council contains many men who, as bell hangers, engineers, and ringers have had any amount of experience of both classes of frames, and they found that not only is the iron frame much the best for making the bells go well, but that there was no evidence that towers actually did suffer. However, ringers are only ringers, and the society's advisers are architectural experts, and experts are not usually tolerant of the opinions of those they consider laymen. Now comes in Mr. Lewis. Hitherto it had been largely opinion against opinion, and also prejudice against prejudice. He set himself to find out exactly what weight and stress a bell swinging does exert, and what the direction and what the effects of the stress are. Two years ago he told the Council some of his results, and a committee was formed to deal with the matter. The committee was small, but it was eminently fit: Mr. Lewis himself, Mr. Young, an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects; Mr. Hesse, a professional engineer, who has devoted an immense amount of time to studying the problems of bell hanging; Sir Arthur Heywood, whose qualifications everyone knows; and Mr. Davies, the hon. secretary.

THE MOST INTERESTING SPEECH.

The result of their labours is a book specially addressed to architects. It is the work of Sir Arthur Heywood, who is himself bearing the cost of publication, and it contains contributions from the other members. A very cursory glance through it is enough to show that it is destined to be the authority on the subject. At present it is not on the market, and we must wait a short while longer before giving a full review, but we had the privilege of hearing a speech from each of the experts. Of these, that by Mr. Lewis was easily the most important and the most interesting. He handled his subject in a masterly way, and it is difficult to know which to admire the most, his wonderful knowledge of the question, or the ease with which he explained it to his audience. He always had the right word, and he hit to perfection the happy medium between being loftily technical and so unintelligible, and frankly popular and so superficial. We shall hear more of this matter. Meanwhile, his conclusions may be summed up like this: the stress that ringing bells exert must be taken by the tower sooner or later, they cannot be absorbed by anything, and experiments and calculations have proved beyond doubt that it is far better that the strain should be taken by the walls at once, and not indirectly. Make your frames rigid everywhere and build them directly into the walls.

It is significant that the three members of the Council who are also members of leading bell hanging firms, expressed themselves as deeply impressed by Mr. Lewis' statements, and Sir Arthur Heywood went so far as to declare that the result will be to revolutionise the old ideas of bell hanging.

OTHER MATTERS.

The other subjects debated were relatively unimportant. After the purely formal business, we had the reports of committees. The Peal Collection Committee reported that they are now ready to print, and that shortly a collection of peals of Treble Bob will be on the market. The Method Committee are nearly ready with the first selection of Major Methods, and that, too, will shortly be for sale. The Literature Committee are where they have been any time these last twenty years, though precisely where that is no one seems to know.

Then came Mr. Coleridge with a proposal that the Council should approve and issue a national badge for ringers. Apparently some of the Southern Associations already issue badges, and would like one universal one. But the majority did not seem to think that we need label ourselves. As Mr. James said, "When merit's justly due, a little praise then serveth; a good peal needs no frame, a bad one none deserveth." And if not a peal why a ringer? The motion was lost, and so was the proposal for inter-affiliation. The reason was quite clear. The big societies think that inter-affiliation means loss of revenue to them, and so they promptly sat on it.

Mr. Law James' motion about Superlatives took very little time to settle. He said very little more than that he had already given his reasons partly last year at Newcastle and partly in "The Ringing World," so the thing had better be voted on.—Mr. Lewis seconded, Mr. Trollope opposed, and then Mr. James withdrew his motion.

The last item was the representation of the Ladies' Guild. That, too, did not take much time, and recognition was given not unanimously, but by a majority of somewhere about fifty to one.

The social side of the meeting was quite as enjoyable as any of its predecessors. Winchester is a delightful place at any time, most delightful at this time of the year. There was no time to see half or a quarter of what is to be seen, but enough to carry away pleasant memories. There was quite a lot of ringing at the Cathedral, including a peal of Stedman Caters on the Monday, in which nearly all the band were members of the Council, and the six at the College were also rung for a short time.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.—On January 27th, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. E. Cresswell Gee 1, Miss Comber-Taylor 2, Mrs. Cresswell Gee 3, D. Newman 4, P. Emsley 5.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

ANNUAL MEETING AT PORTISHEAD.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held on Whit-Monday at Portishead, and eleven members attended from various parts. Ringing was indulged in during the day, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted by eight members of the Guild, but unfortunately came to grief. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung with the assistance of gentlemen from Bristol, Thornbury, Portsmouth and Llandaff.

The business meeting was held in the belfry. In the absence of Miss Alice White, the President, through illness, Miss N. Gillingham was voted to the chair.—The balance sheet, showing a balance of £10 17s. 7½d. in hand, was read and passed.—The President, secretary and treasurer, and the committee were all re-elected, and twelve ringing members and one honorary member were elected.

A discussion took place with regard to the next annual meeting.—Miss S. Pigott proposed that it be held in the North, but the Secretary pointed out that the northern members were very scattered, and there would probably be some difficulty in arranging a general meeting there, which would be well attended.—Miss Parker proposed that the meeting be held in London, as that was the most central place, and more members would be able to visit London for the meeting.—Miss Johnson seconded the proposal, which was carried.

Miss S. Pigott proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the Portishead and visiting ringers for their interest and help.—Mr. Gillingham replied on behalf of the Portishead band, and said how pleased he was to welcome the Ladies' Guild to Portishead. Perhaps it was not generally known that the bells at Portishead would be silent but for the ladies. He was most pleased to report that there were at present ten lady members of the local band.

Mr. F. K. Howell, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, thanked the Guild for allowing the gentlemen to stay to the meeting, and said it was a step in the right direction to see ladies come into the towers. Ringing was church work, and work that should be done by ladies as well as by men.—Miss Parker thanked the gentlemen for their speeches.

Tea was partaken of at the White Cot Dairy, where the members of the Guild were the guests of the Portishead ringers. During tea, the Rev. H. Briggs apologised for the absence of the Rector, who had a previous engagement.—He also read a letter from the Rev. C. C. Parker (President of the Gloucester and Bristol Association), expressing his regret at being unable to attend, and wishing the Guild success.—A short service was afterwards held at the Church, conducted by the Rev. H. Briggs.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SHALL THE NAME BE CHANGED?

The annual meeting of the Essex Association was held at Harlow on Whit-Monday. Service was held in the Parish Church, the Rev. J. D. Elwell giving an excellent address.

The business meeting followed in the Church Schools, the Master (Mr. C. H. Howard) presiding, supported by the Vicar of St. Mary Magdalene, Harlow; Rev. A. B. Herbert (Curate of Harlow), Rev. C. J. Ward (Rector of Barnston), Rev. W. L. Willett (Rector of Gilston), Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (hon. secretary), Messrs. F. Pittsow (Master), and W. Watts (hon. secretary N.W. Division), W. Lincoln (Master), H. F. Cooper (hon. secretary S.E. Division), B. Redgwell (hon. secretary N.E. Division), E. J. Butler (Master S.W. Division), G. A. Black and T. Faulkner (auditors), E. A. Davies (Barking), and J. Elwell (Harlow), the company numbering 77 and representing 25 towers. The report and balance sheet for the past year were adopted.

A letter from the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford was read, expressing his appreciation of the work of the Association, and mentioning that his Lordship was pleased to think he was becoming President. He hoped to form a closer acquaintance with the Association in the near future.

All the other officers were re-elected and thanked for their services for the past year.—Messrs. W. J. Nevard, G. A. Black, G. Dent and C. H. Howard were elected representatives to the Central Council.—Twenty new members were elected, including Mr. H. Chapman, of Great Totham (honorary), and Mr. F. S. H. Judd, of Rickling (hon. life member).

The meeting expressed its regret at the loss sustained by the death of Mr. N. J. Pittsow, and requested the hon. secretary to send a letter of condolence to Mrs. Pittsow and family.

The question of changing the name of the Association to the Chelmsford Diocesan was discussed, and the matter was left over till the next annual meeting, which is to be held at Chelmsford.

A vote of thanks was passed to the preacher for his excellent address, and to the various incumbents for the use of the bells.

The enforced absence, through illness, of the Rev. J. B. Andrews, R.D., Vicar of Harlow, was much regretted.

Members afterwards journeyed by brake to the various towers in the district, and some excellent touches were brought round in the Standard Methods.

KENT ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL COUNTY MEETING AT MAIDSTONE.

The thirty-fifth annual meeting of the Kent Association was held as usual on Whitsun Monday. In accordance with the rule of meeting in each of the six districts in turn, which has been rigidly observed for a good number of years, the meeting was bound to be held in the Maidstone district. Wrotham, or Leeds, at both of which places the bells have been recently rehung, had been suggested for the meeting, but a majority of the committee decided to meet again at Maidstone, as in 1902 and 1908. The county town, owing to its central position, and, with the advent of the motor-bus, its general accessibility, was bound to attract a goodly number of members; and in this, as well as in some other respects, the meeting was most successful; though, from a strictly ringing point of view, somewhat disappointing owing to the bad "go" of the tenor at All Saints'. Other towers open for ringing, most of them in the afternoon only, were: St. Michael's (6), Aylesford (8), West Malling (8), Burning (6), Bearsted (6), Boxley (6), and East Farleigh (6).

A meeting of the Central Committee was held in the Old College at 11 a.m., the Vestry being occupied during the morning by several wedding parties, who were doubtless gratified to hear "the bells ringing out merry peals as the happy pair left the church," to use the beautiful phrase of the ordinary newspaper reporter. At noon, the members assembled for the service in the grand Parish Church, the Cathedral of West Kent, as it has been called. As an introit the old Whitsuntide hymn, "Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire," was sung; before the address, "We love the place, of God," and, as an offertory hymn, "Angel voices ever singing." The prayers were read by the hon. secretary (the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore), and the lesson by the Vicar (the Rev. E. H. Hardecastle), the address being given by the Rev. T. K. Sopwith (Vicar of Aylesford), from the text: "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you" (Acts i. 8). Mr. Pittman, Mus.Bac., organist, of Lyminge, was at the organ. The collection for the benevolent fund amounted to £1 14s. 4d.

Dinner was served in the All Saints Boys' Schoolroom, at which 225 sat down, a number only once exceeded, and that at the last Maidstone gathering in 1908. The Vicar presided, having the preacher on one side and the hon. secretary on the other. There were also present Mrs. Gatehouse, a life member and practical ringer, the wife of the Vicar of Headcorn; the Revs. G. C. E. Ryley (Vicar of East Peckham), P. A. L. Clarke (Rector of St. Alphege, Canterbury), K. W. Mumford (hon. secretary Maidstone district), and most of the district secretaries and representatives.

After the two regular toasts had been duly honoured, the hon. secretary read the annual report and balance sheet, which clearly showed that the progress of the Association was not by any means arrested. Among other satisfactory particulars, the report mentioned that the Association had 113 towers in union, and a total membership of over 1220. Several grants from the Belfry Repairs Fund had been made, and the balance in the fund amounted to £117 6s. 7d. In the benevolent fund, upon which no call had yet been made, there was a sum of £55 11s. 6d.; and the balance in the ordinary account was £80 18s. 5d. The memorial stone in Leeds Churchyard over the grave of James Barham, the famous old Kentish ringer, had been repaired by the Association at a cost of £3 10s. One hundred and fifty-three peals, the same number as in the previous year, were rung in 1913. Unfortunately a peal of Stedman Caters rung on handbells turned out to be false.

The officers were re-elected. — For representation on the Central Council there were six candidates. A ballot was, therefore, taken, the papers and counting being in the hands of Messrs. Trendell, Drake, Mumford and Wheaden. Three of the present representatives were re-elected, 177 votes being cast for the secretary, 134 for Mr. E. Barnett, senr., 129 for Mr. T. Groombridge, senr., 103 for Mr. W. Haigh, 83 for Mr. W. J. Jeffries, and 76 for Mr. F. M. Mitchell.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman for his kindness in presiding, for the use of the church, the bells and schoolroom. — Mr. Hardecastle, in response, said it was a pleasure to see before him such a company of church workers, and he was always ready to do what he could to advance the cause of the Association. — After a few words from Mr. Osborne (Rochester) on the work of the district secretaries, the meeting broke up.

The rest of the afternoon was taken up in visiting the various towers and places of interest; and members returned home with a feeling of satisfaction that they had taken part in another successful Association gathering.

PHOTOGRAPHS PRESENTED.

A large photograph of the late Mr. R. T. Holding, senr., presented by Mr. C. J. Bowen Cooke, has been placed in the tower of Christ Church, Crowe, and was unveiled by Mrs. Dudley Harris. At the same time the ringers presented to the tower a photograph of Mr. Cooke in appreciation of the interest which he takes in the local company. Mr. Cooke expressed his thanks to the band for their compliment, and Mrs. Harris was thanked for her part in the ceremony. Subsequently both took part in the ringing.

NOTICES.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Shorne, on Saturday, June 13th, 1914. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. These bells have recently been rehung in a steel frame by Bowell, of Ipswich. — Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — The first meeting will be held at Heptonstall on Saturday, June 13th. Bells available for ringing: — Heptonstall (8) all day, and Mytholmroyd (6) from 1 p.m. Tea in the Schools (near the Church), 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards for the election of district officers: Vice-president, ringing master, secretary and Committee. — Clement Glenn, Hon. General Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District. — An interim meeting of the above will be held at Aldington (6 Bells) on Saturday, June 13th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. — C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch. — The next branch meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, June 13th. Bells ready 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Subscriptions are due. — J. H. Haydock.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch. — A meeting will be held at Huyton on Saturday, June 13th. Bells ready at 4. Service at 5.30. Meeting at 6. — Walter Hughes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, June 13th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. — G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637). — Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on June 16th, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 18th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 16th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 23rd; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30; the others 8 p.m. — William T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Clent on Saturday, June 20th. The bells (8) and Belbroughton (6) will be available for ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service in the church at 4 p.m. Tea kindly provided at Clent Hall for all those who let me know by Wednesday, June 17. The new certificates can be had at this meeting. It is very important that members should notify me of their intention of being present. — James Dowler, 11, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham, Branch Hon. Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch. — A branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Darwen, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. — J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. George's Church, Moseley, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available at 4.30. Meeting at 7. — W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Welland on Saturday, June 20th, 1914. Service in church at four o'clock, prompt. Business meeting afterwards. Tea provided for those sending their names to me by the Wednesday previous. — R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—A meeting of the above District will be held at All Saints', Edmonton, on Saturday, June 20th, 1914. Ringing from 4 p.m. till 8 p.m., and business meeting to follow. All ringers and friends will be welcome.—Lawrence B. Porter, Honorary Secretary, 1, Canonbury Mansions, Canonbury.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Penkridge on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available at 2.30. Service in church at 5; address by the President, the Archdeacon of Stafford. Tea and general meeting at the Littleton Arms at 5.30. Notification of attendance not later than Tuesday, the 16th inst.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Rostherne on Saturday, June 20th.—A. T. Beeston, New Mills.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will take place at Winchester on Saturday, June 20th; 2 p.m., general meeting at the Guildhall; 4 p.m., service at the Cathedral, preacher the Rev. J. J. C. Yarborough, Vicar of Christchurch; 5 p.m., tea at Guildhall. Ringing at the Cathedral.—George Williams, Hon. General Secretary, West End, Southampton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Chelmsford.—Practice at the Cathedral will be held on the third Saturday, June 20th, and not the last Saturday. This alteration will apply to the month of June only.—H. F. Cooper, Steeplekeeper.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Ecclesfield on Saturday, June 20th, 1914. Tower open at 4 p.m.—J. Evinson, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Coleshill on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) available at 3.30 p.m. The annual meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, July 11th. Notices of resolutions should be sent in immediately.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Hawkhurst on Saturday, June 20th, 1914. Tower open at 3. Service in church at 5. Tea will be provided at the Eight Bells Hotel after the service at 9d. per head, followed by the business meeting. A special auto car will leave the Five Ways, Tunbridge Wells, at 2.30 and Tonbridge Station at 3, returning by same route. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending. All members requiring a seat in the auto car and tea must notify the district secretary not later than Monday, June 15th. Further information can be obtained of the District Secretary, W. Latter, 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting of the above district will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, June 20th.—F. R. Bacon, Honorary District Secretary, West Hill, Hitchin.

LAVENHAM.—On Saturday, June 20th. Bells available from 11 a.m. till 9 p.m., old and new visitors will be made welcome. This date is fixed for visiting ringers.—A. Symonds.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, June 20th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Meeting at 4.45. Service at 6. Tea will be provided only for those members advising me not later than the 13th inst.—Jno. E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

BILLINGBOROUGH, Lincs.—On Thursday afternoon, June 25th, dedication of bells (6). Rehung in steel frame for 8; new treble. Service 3 p.m. All welcomed. Bells available to 9 p.m.—Arthur Andrews, Billingborough.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting and six-bell contest will be held at Tong on Saturday, June 27th, 1914. Draw for order of ringing at 3 p.m. at Greyhound Inn. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for all those who notify the secretary not later than June 22nd.—F. Salmons, Secretary, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be at Colston-Bassett on Saturday, June 27th. A motor-bus will leave Trent Bridge at 2.30 for Colston, return fare 1s. 6d. (if 20 passengers). Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea (1s. each) at 5. Will those who intend being present for tea and who wish to travel in the bus, communicate with me not later than the 24th inst.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. H. Wilson) at Harlington, on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at a small charge, all ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

SAFFRON WALDEN.—On Saturday, June 27th, 1914, Augmentation of peal of 8 bells to 12. Dedication of four new bells at 3 p.m. by the Bishop of Chelmsford. Cheap tickets will be issued by the G.E.R. from Broxbourne, Colchester, Ely, Sudbury and intermediate stations by any train. Free luncheon at 1 p.m., and tea will be provided for all ringers who give notice of attending to the secretary on or before Tuesday, 23rd June. The bells will be available from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—Robert A. Strong, Honorary Secretary, 3, West Road, Saffron Walden.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, July 4th. Particulars later. — E. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, Taunton.

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THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The peaceful and secluded village of Houghton Conquest was enjoyed on Saturday week by the members of the Bedford district, who held a meeting in the village.—The Vicar (the Rev. —. Macklin), with his usual desire for the comfort of others, provided an excellent tea for the members. The tea was presided over by Mrs. Macklin, the members being seated on the lawn, in the midst of beautiful rustic scenery, and supplied with an orchestra of wild birds, reminding one that, notwithstanding the monotony of our drab existence, there is, after all, something worth living for, and that such occasions not only give pleasure at the time, but add to the store of pleasant memories of our ringing days. Handbell ringing was indulged in, and was much appreciated by the Vicar and his family.—It was decided to hold a joint meeting with the Biggleswade district, the place and date to be left in the hands of that district.

An announcement was made that the President (the Rev. W. W. C. Baker) was to be made an Honorary Canon of St. Albans Cathedral, and the members decided to send their congratulations. Owing to the prospective retirement of the Rev. —. Macklin, it was decided that a representative company should attempt a peal at Houghton Conquest before this takes effect.

A variety of methods were rung upon the bells, ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise, and at a late hour the ringers left the village, taking with them memories of pleasure and happiness.

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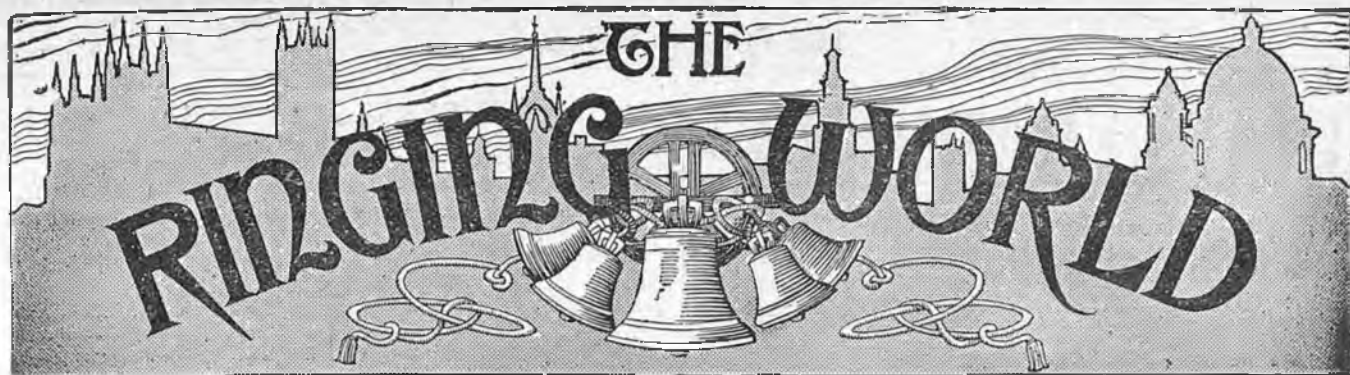


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The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

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.

COUNCIL TOPICS.

Two of the subjects which the Central Council were called upon to discuss at the Winchester meeting were the questions of the issue of a national badge for ringers and the proposed inter-affiliation, but neither commended itself to the majority of the members. The wearing of a badge is of course a matter of individual taste, and is never likely to come into general vogue among ringers. That is one strong reason against an attempt to issue anything like an official badge, but there are others equally as strong against the Council entering upon an undertaking of this kind. In the first place many associations have their own distinctive decoration and those who owe allegiance to a county or diocesan organisation and like to wear these little medallions would, we think, prefer to have that which would identify them with their own society rather than wear a badge which would have no special distinction. Moreover, tastes vary and what would please one would not appeal to another. Under present circumstances, they have a fairly varied selection provided by enterprising firms to choose from, and would much prefer, we believe, to make their own choice. The question stands deferred for a year by the Council, but we doubt if, when it comes up next time, it will receive very extended support, although we are ready to admit that from a sentimental point of view a national badge has a good deal to be said for it.

The other question, that of inter-affiliation, failed to get the support of the larger associations, the principal ground of opposition being that which we have all along anticipated, viz., financial consideration. The non-resident life members at present provide a very useful addition to the incomes of many of the societies, which, naturally, they are reluctant even to run the risk of losing. They, therefore, brought their big guns to bear and the proposal was defeated. There was some confusion over the actual form of the motion, and, while the Llandaff Association, on whose behalf the proposition was moved, desired to submit something in the nature of a cut and dried scheme, it was only a motion to "view with satisfaction" any system on a practical basis that found its way to the agenda paper. Both, however, were introduced for the purpose of the debate, but there seemed very little depth of enthusiasm among even those who supported the principle, and that in itself may have had its effect in the subsequent voting. Of course, the subject need not end with its defeat at Winchester. Those associations who favour the idea might easily get into touch with one another and inaugurate a scheme among themselves. Then, if the trial proved satisfactory, there might be no difficulty in extending the system, so that other associations might be embraced.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.
On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble	JAMES ROSE 7
WILLIAM MOTTS 2	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 8
WALTER BARBER 3	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 9
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE ... 4	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM ... 10
EDGAR PEMBERTON 5	EDWARD EVANS 11
WILLIAM KINSEY 6	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus and first attempt.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PRYOR Treble	THOMAS JORDAN 6
*FREDERICK BIRD 2	HENRY JAMES TUCKER ... 7
WALTER PRYOR 3	WALTER W. TUCKER ... 8
*HARRY M. WHITE 4	HENRY DEW 9
*P. CHARLES SPRINGHAM ... 5	PHILLIP SPRINGHAM ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HENRY JAMES TUCKER.

* First peal. Rung in honour of His Majesty the King's birthday, which also coincided with that of the ringer of the 4th; and also on the 21st anniversary of the wedding of the ringer of the 3rd.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 9, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE GATLAND Treble	*JOSEPH SHARP 6
WILLIAM PALMER 2	ERNEST GOWER 7
FRANK BENNETT 3	EDMUND H. LINDUP ... 8
ISAAC EMERY 4	HENRY STALHAM 9
CHARLES PALMER 5	GEORGE BLEACH Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble	FRANK BENNETT 6
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 2	*ALFRED W. GROVES ... 7
ALBERT HARMAN 3	ALFRED J. TURNER ... 8
OLIVER SIPPETTS 4	ALBERT D. STONE 9
*ISAAC EMERY 5	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Bob Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF BROOKS'. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*ARTHUR MARTIN Treble	*JOSEPH CONSTANT 5
*JOHN BURLS 2	*RICHARD SMITH 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	RICHARD CONSTANT ... 7
*AMOS CONSTANT 4	EDWARD HADLOW Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

ANSLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

ALBERT H. WARD Treble	THOMAS VALLANCE 5
EDGAR VALLANCE 2	EDWARD NORMAN 6
ALBERT MASON 3	WILLIAM WILLSON 7
J. THOMAS BOTTRILL 4	A. LAURIE JACKSON Tenor

Conducted by A. H. WARD.

Arranged for the conductor, who hails from Derby. First attempt for a peal by the ringer of the tenor, who was elected before starting.

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

On Tuesday, June 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, SOUTHWARK, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lbs.

*ALBERT L. GIBBINS Treble	RICHARD N. RUNHAM 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	C. W. ROBERT GRIMWOOD 6
*CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES 3	ARTHUR D. BARKER 7
ARTHUR JONES 4	FREDERICK V. MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung after meeting short for Major.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF BROOKS'.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*FREDK. J. RING Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
*FREDK. HAYES, JUDG. 2	WILLIAM LANE 6
*FREDK. HAYES, SECT. 3	WILLIAM HARPER 7
RICHARD SMITH 4	ALFRED BROOM Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

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

On Saturday, June 6, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WOOLWICH, S.E.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES H. AUSTEN Treble	ARTHUR J. NEALE 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	C. W. ROBERT GRIMWOOD 6
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES 3	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 7
RICHARD N. RUNHAM 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

DEANE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 8, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FRANK MORRIS Treble	RICHARD P. HEALD 5
FRED ABBOT 2	THOMAS WORSLEY 6
JOHN MOSSCROFT 3	*ROBERT BENNETT 7
GEORGE PINCOTT 4	TITUS BARLOW Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by THOMAS WORSLEY.

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

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 8, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE MAGERS Treble	ALFRED FUNNELL 5
FRANK R. COPEMAN 2	JOHN FREEMAN 6
FRANK H. PHILLIPS 3	*FREDK. W. CURTIS 7
WILLIAM W. GOODBURN 4	WILLIAM STEELE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WM. STEELE.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 10, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*HORACE TULLETT Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
ISAAC EMERY 2	*HARRY MEETEN 6
ALFRED W. GROVES 3	WILLIAM HILLMAN 7
*GEORGE J. NORRIS 4	EDMUND H. LINDUP Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. This composition is now rung for the first time and is the author's No. 60.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, June 10, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST BRETT Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2	*RICHARD M. RUNHAM 6
ALFRED B. PECK 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7
FRANK I. HAIRS 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

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

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 10, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 5
ROBERT H. HAYWARD 2	*WILLIAM BURGESS 6
HOBART E. SMITH 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 4	JOS. T. LEE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, June 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, RANMOOR,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

SAM THOMAS Treble	MAURICE WARD 5
TOM O'HARA 2	RICHARD W. COLLIER 6
JAMES E. L. COCKEY 3	WILLIAM BIGGIN 7
JOHN HOLMAN 4	CHARLES HAYNES Tenor

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

DARLSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, June 11, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

AMOS COOPER Treble	THOMAS BLOORE 5
EDGAR MARLOW 2	BERT HORTON 6
CHARLES TYLER 3	JAMES TYLER 7
THOMAS HILL 4	EDWIN J. TYLER Tenor

Composed by OBADIAH LANG, and
Conducted by E. J. TYLER.

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal of Major in the method by all the band. Rung on the Festival of St. Barnabas; also as a birthday compliment to T. Hill and B. Horton.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 11, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE GATLAND Treble	EDMUND H. LINDUP 5
HENRY STALHAM 2	BERT CHALLEN 6
ALFRED W. GROVES 3	ISAAC EMERY 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	ERNEST STURT Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 11, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

*JOSEPH WOOLLEY Treble	ALBERT R. COPPOCK 5
*FRANK JOHNSON 2	EDWARD C. GOBEY 6
FRED S. PRICE 3	PERCIVAL PRICE 7
ARTHUR LOWE 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS Tenor

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

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, June 11, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ST. JOHN, DEPTFORD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs., in F.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE ... Treble	WILLIAM A. MARTIN 5
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON 2	GEORGE DURLING 6
THOMAS A. EASTERBY 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. 4	FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

Rung on the 39th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, which was Thurstans' Four-Part, by the College Youths.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, June 11, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

WILLIAM STEELE Treble	GEORGE HOWCHIN 5
ALFRED FUNNELL 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
*CECIL R. CHAMBERLIN 3	FRANK R. COPEMAN 7
ALBERT G. WARNES 4	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

* First peal in the method.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 11, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM CHAPMAN Treble	PERCY MERSON 5
*ALBERT TOUT 2	ARCHIBALD J. ANDREWS ... 6
*FRED NORMAN 3	ROBERT SCOTT 7
ISAAC CREED 4	HENRY NORMAN Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SCOTT.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor. 60th peal by Isaac Creed who hails from Norton Fitzwarren. Percy Merson belongs to Bishops Cleeve, the rest to Milverton.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 11, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HALEY'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 23 cwt., in E.

JOSEPH S. WHITE Treble	HERBERT RAINBOW 5
WILLIAM J. ALLEN 2	JOHN T. HENSMAN 6
FRED. HOPPER 3	WILLIAM FAREY 7
HENRY BLUNDELL 4	JOSEPH C. DEAN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FAREY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to William J. Allen.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

EDGAR MARLOW Treble	THOMAS BLOORE 5
WILLIAM HILL 2	THOMAS HILL 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	JAMES TYLER 7
CHARLES WALTHMAN 4	EDWARD HORTON Tenor

Composed by JAMES WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by JAMES TYLER.

BORDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 22 cwt., in E.

*WALTER MILLINER Treble	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 5
WILLIAM J. WOOD 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
RICHARD R. STAINES 3	WILLIAM SPICE 7
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 4	JOHN EXCELL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SPICE.

* First peal away from the tenor. This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd and 4th.

BECKENHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON Treble	DAVID WRIGHT 3
EDWIN F. PIKE 2	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 6
RICHARD N. RUNHAM 3	WILLIAM HOWETT 7
*WALTER SMITH 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. Tenor

Composed by FRED J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

* First Surprise peal; also first on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SHARDLOW, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

FREDK. W. STONE Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 4
JOHN W. GLEW 2	JOHN FLOWER 5
ALBERT H. WARD 3	JOSEPH LORD Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

First peal on the bells.

ASHCHURCH, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores, all called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN COOPER Treble	ROBERT COURT 4
JOSEPH PUGH 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 5
HAROLD HALFORD 3	*RICHARD NIBLETT Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. R. Court and R. Niblett were elected members before starting.

CROPTHORNE WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, June 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and one of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt., in G.

ARTHUR KEYTE Treble	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON... .. 4
HERBERT JORDAN 2	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 5
JAMES HEMMING... .. 3	FREDERICK JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by J. D. JOHNSON.

First peal of Minor as conductor, aged 15 years. This was the quarterly peal of the branch.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

HERBERT PRATT Treble	WALTER KERRISON 4
CLAYTON PARNELL 2	JOHN SPENCER 5
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON... 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to H. Pratt. It was the quickest peal on the bells.

OAKLEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 11, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores, variously called. Tenor 9 cwt.

WALTER TITCOMBE Treble	WILLIAM SANDOM 4
REV. F. G. HUNE 2	WILLIAM HUNT... .. 5
EGBERT LODGE 3	HENRY SQUIRE Tenor

Conducted by EGBERT LODGE.

First peal by all except the ringer of the 5th. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells, first attempt, and by an entirely local band. Rung on St. Barnabas' Day.

BURSTWICK, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 11, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of Woodbine, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

GEORGE DOWLING Treble	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 4
CHARLES JACKSON 2	HARRY RODMELL 5
JAMES S. CALVERT 3	LEONARD RODMELL Tenor

Conducted by L. RODMELL.

First peal on the bells.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 11, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and two each of Oxford Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, rung alternately and called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt., in F sharp.

*SIDNEY BANNISTER Treble	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 4
†HARRY ARGENT... .. 2	GUY R. AMBROSE 5
GEORGE A. JONES 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. M. MITCHELL.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on a bob bell and first attempt. A birthday peal for Harry Argent.

THORNTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*GEORGE ATKINSON Treble	ALONZO W. LONG 4
*ARTHUR HOODLAS 2	*WALTER GODDARD 5
†HERBERT MINGAY 3	J. WILLIAM SEAMER... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble and his father. The ringers wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson, Senr., for kindly entertaining them to tea after the peal.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr.

ARTHUR FAIRY Treble	WILLIAM J. GILBERT ... 4
WILLIAM HAYO 2	JAMES HUDSON 5
HORACE COPPERWHEAT ... 3	WALTER GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by WALTER GILBERT.

YARDLEY HASTINGS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

*HARRY FOWLER... .. Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 4
FRANK ROLLINGS 2	THOMAS LAW 5
HENRY W. GAYTON... .. 3	FRED HOPPER Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

* First peal of Minor.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

BERTIE FRY... .. Treble	GEORGE HOWCHIN 4
CECIL R. CHAMBERLIN ... 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 5
CHARLES E. NEWLAND ... 3	ALBERT G. WARNES... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

HANDBELL PEALS.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

At THE RESIDENCE OF H. F. CROSS, 39, WINTER ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*CECIL R. CHAMBERLIN... 1-2	ALBERT S. ROUGHT ... 5-6
ALBERT G. WARNES ... 3-4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

Witness: F. J. CROSS.

* First peal in hand.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 10, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

At 31, BURGESS STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

ARTHUR HAGUE 1-2	JOHN THORPE 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7-8

WILLIAM J. THYNG ... 9-10

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 10, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 10, 1914, in Two Hours,

At YORK VILLA, WISBECH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

*REGINALD WATTS 1	STANLEY E. ANDREWS ... 3-4
ARTHUR WILLIAM WENLOCK 2	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 5-6

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

* First 5,000.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,

IN THE GARDEN OF THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. E. CHAPMAN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*ALBERT V. INNS... .. 1-2	DAVID J. NICHOLS 5-6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 3-4	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Umpire: J. E. CHAPMAN.

* First peal of Treble Bob "in hand."

Owing to the large number of peal reports received this week a few are unavoidably held over.

RESTORATION OF CHEDDAR BELLS.

ANCIENT PEAL AUGMENTED.

The bells of St. Andrew's Church, Cheddar, have just been completely restored, and two new trebles added to them to make a peal of eight. The tower was cleared of the old beams and framework, which has been superseded by a frame of iron and steel, and the bells hung in two tiers with modern fittings. The contract has been carried out by Messrs. Llewellyns and James, the well-known Bristol bell founders, and the execution of the work has given the utmost satisfaction to church authorities and ringers alike. The old peal of six were quite a mixed lot, the 3rd being a Pre-Reformation bell (undated). The 2nd was dated 1618, the 4th, 1673, the tenor 1759 (cast by T. Bilbie, of Chew Stoke), the 5th 1864, and the treble 1884. Messrs. Llewellyns and James have provided a new A frame on massive rolled steel joists, recast the old treble and fourth, and added two new bells, tuning the whole peal on Canon Simpson's five-tone principle, and hanging the ring with iron headstocks and all other modern fittings. The tenor of the peal weighs approximately 23 cwt. 0 qrs. 23 lbs., and is in the key of D, while the new bells are about 5½ cwt. and 6½ cwt. respectively. The cost of the work has been over £300, but so enthusiastically has the scheme of restoration been taken up that when the dedication took place the other day, only about £75 remained to be raised. The response to the appeal for funds came from all sects and classes, which speaks well for the love which the parishioners have for their bells.

The dedication was performed by the Bishop of Taunton, the other clergy assisting being the Rural Dean (the Rev. G. M. Lambrick), Prob. W. Yorke Pausset (Vicar), and the Rev. G. E. Wheeler (curate), Cheddar; Rev. H. W. Barber (Draycott), and the Rev. Coleridge Smith (Rodney Stoke). Special hymns were sung, and at the conclusion of the dedicatory prayers the bells were chimed. The Bishop preached from the text, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power," and congratulated the congregation upon the great work accomplished. He eulogised the possession of a full octave of bells, and remarked that no traveller going through Somerset could pass without noticing the beautiful churches and towers for which the county was noted. They were a testimony of faith in the God whom they worshipped. As they went from place to place there was nothing sweeter than the sounds of the bells, which were very dear to most Somerset people, as he learnt when he came to the county 25 years ago.

At the conclusion of the service the bells were rung by a representative company of ringers from the district round.

TOWCESTER ASSOCIATION'S COMING-OF-AGE
PENDING RETIREMENT OF THE PRESIDENT.

The Towcester and District Association held its coming-of-age festival at Wicken, the proceedings being attended by over a hundred members. The preacher at the service was the Rev. C. R. Dickinson, of Bedford, who based his sermon on the word, "Fellow labourers."

At the business meeting which followed, the President (the Rev. W. H. Barry) occupied the chair, and ringers were present from Leekhamptstead, Wicken, Middleton Cheney, Pattishall, Milton, Cold Higham, Gayton, Blakesley, Blisworth, Greensmorton, Easton Neston, Towcester, Paulerspury and Passenham. The election of the officers, as recommended by the committee, was confirmed, but the Rev. W. H. Barry intimated that he was afraid that he would have to resign the presidency owing to his removal to Rutland, but he hoped to serve to the end of the year. Twelve new members were elected, viz., Messrs. H. Savage, W. Pell, W. Brown, T. Smith, W. Palmer, F. Jerrams, R. Jerrams, F. Cheney, T. Butler, H. Ellard, J. Wood and G. Townsend.

Dinner was afterwards served in the Schoolroom, when the President was supported by the Revs. H. Nelson-Ward, E. M. Gore-Browne (Leekhamptstead), W. H. Cam (Paulerspury), G. M. Capoll (Passenham), A. O. Neely (Milton), and H. Brown (Middleton Cheney), Messrs. Frost, Groom, J. Slarke, and the hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. Causebrook. The company numbered over 100.

After the loyal toast, the Chairman remarked that he had received no written invitation for next year's festival, whereupon the Rev. Gore-Browne said he would only be too pleased that it should be held at Leekhamptstead if no other invitation on the other side of Towcester could be secured. — In this provisional form the company acquiesced.

The Rev. Nelson-Ward intimated that the ringers could have the use of his gardens, and that Lord Penrhyn would only be too glad to allow them to walk round the grounds of Wicken Park (applause).

The President announced that he had received a present from Mr. J. Slarke of a book in which the peals rung by the Association could be recorded, and he thanked Mr. Slarke for the gift.

Mr. Frost gave "The Bishop and Clergy," and the Rev. Nelson-Ward replied in an interesting speech. He mentioned that they were anxious to have a peal of eight bells at Wicken, and had raised £100 towards the necessary fund. — Mr. Groom proposed the healths of the President and Secretary in appreciative terms. — Both Mr. Barry and Mr. Causebrook suitably replied. — The Rev. H. Brown proposed "Success to the Association," to which toast Mr. C. Read and Mr. Slarke responded. — The members then dispersed for ringing in the district, and were entertained to tea by the Rector, the Rev. Nelson-Ward.

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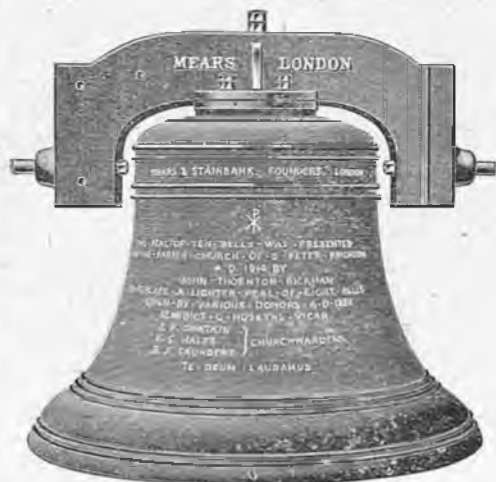
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HERE AND THERE.

WHICH RIDING?

Mr. H. Ferguson, of Scarborough, replying to the Rev. W. P. Wright's last letter writes: "Scarborough in the East Riding of Yorkshire? Surely not, Mr. Wright."

AN INQUIRY.

A correspondent asks if any of our readers can tell him if leaded glass lights (which have been replaced by stained glass) would in any way interfere with the tone of the bells, if they were placed inside the louvres of the bell chamber, in the place of wire screens. The glass, he says, will, of course, keep the rain, etc., out if so fixed.

"DENTON" TREBLE BOB.

The extent of No. 9 of the Treble Bob Minor methods in the Central Council's Collection was rung at Denton, near Manchester, on June 2nd, and has been named "Denton," after that place.

The cricket match to be played between the College Youths and Cumberland Youths has been fixed for July 18th on Mitcham green.

NOTTINGHAM'S LIGHTEST RINGS OF SIX.

It may interest Mr. E. C. Goby to know, writes Mr. Haigh, of Workson, that there are two other rings of six in Notts as light as the peal at Wollaton, viz., Pirlthorpe and Edwinstowe, each six cwt., put in by Mears and Co. in 1876 and 1889 respectively.

The 39th anniversary of the first peal on the bells was commemorated at St. John's Church, Deptford, on Thursday of last week, when Thurstons' four-part peal of Stedman Triples was rung by members of the Kent Association and the College Youths. It is interesting to recall that peal of nearly four decades ago, for it was the same composition, and was rung by a band that included some of the most famous men of their day: Henry Haley (conductor), Robert Haworth, George Ferris, William Cooter, Wm. Greenleaf, Walter Jones, Matt: Wood and Murray Hayes.

RINGERS HELP BELLS FUND.

An extremely successful fancy fair and garden fete was held in the beautiful grounds of the Rectory at Godstone, Surrey, on Wednesday of last week, the object being to provide funds for the rehanging of the Parish Church bells, and to add two new ones to complete the octave. In perfect weather some 800 people spent a very enjoyable afternoon and evening, and "business" being exceedingly brisk, the day's takings amounted to something like £400. Many had been working for months past in anticipation of the great event, the Vicar (the Rev. G. E. Hoare) and Mrs. Hoare being foremost in what has been a great labour of love. Mr. Horne is a clever carpenter, and superintended the making of a great deal of the work. The ringers were ready with their help, and, led by the church clerk, Mr. W. Beeson, rendered valuable service. Mr. Beeson himself fashioned a great many articles from old oak from the church—the result of which was the addition of over ten guineas to the fund. Another ringer grew a nice collection of flowers which were sold, one served out timber for the carpenters, another did the painting, and another helped in the preparation of the fair place. Thus they all gave practical assistance, and when the bells are finished they will doubtless appreciate them all the more for the part they took in helping pay for them.

THE ENERGY OF A SPRING FRAME.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—You say in your article in this week's issue that "the energy of a bell in a rigid frame is increased three-fold in a spring frame." This is a little misleading. What has been proved is that the force exerted in the tower may be increased three-fold, owing to the energy stored up in an oscillating spring frame. There is no reason why it should not be increased a great deal more. The point is that it is not easy to say what force may be exerted on a tower by a spring frame, but that it is probably greater than when a rigid frame is used.—Yours, etc.,
JUNE 14th, 1914.

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

GLASBURY BELL-RINGING COMPETITION.

Through the generosity of Mr. Logan Kidston, who did his best to fill the gap caused by the lamented death of his brother, Capt. A. Glen Kidston, the committee were again able to hold the above competition. Although the entries were not quite so large as last year, it was a pleasure to the committee to meet the 14 bands at Leominster who entered. Four towers sent letters regretting their inability to compete through illness of their own ringers or near their church, making it impossible for them to practice otherwise the entries would have been up to last year's. This year there were two classes, A and B. Class A, who competed for the Glen Kidston challenge shield, included Bridgnorth (St. Leonard's), Bridgnorth (St. Mary's), Mathon, Brecon, Leintwardine, Welshpool and Bredenbury, who came out of contest in the order named, Bridgnorth (St. Leonard's), being again the winners. In all probability Bredenbury would not have been last, but they rang too many changes, the test being 240 of Plain Bob Minor. The following towers took part in Class B, which was originated this year by the secretary to encourage those at the bottom of the ringing ladder: Bosbury, Claverley, Whitbourne, Llanelly, Mangettock, Kingsland and Bodenham. Bosbury proved the winners, while Claverley and Whitbourne tied for second place. The test was 120 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles. Mr. H. Withers again acted as adjudicator, while Mr. W. Short instructor to the Hereford Diocesan Guild, rendered valuable assistance. The winners in both classes each received a silver medal in the shape of a bell, which was presented to the captains of the winning bands by Mr. E. Butler, of Glasbury, in a few well-chosen remarks.—The Rev. J. S. Roper, Quatt Rectory, secretary to the Hereford Diocesan Guild, referred to the loss that not only the Competition Committee, but the Guild had sustained by the death of Capt. Kidston.—Mr. J. Overton replied for Bridgnorth, and Mr. J. Turner for Bosbury.—Letters of inability to attend were read from Mr. Logan Kidston, the Rev. H. H. Gibbon and the Rev. H. G. Burden. About 100 ringers sat down to tea at the expense of the committee, and votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of Leominster (the Rev. H. G. Burden) for so kindly allowing the use of the bells, to Mr. Withers for again consenting to act as adjudicator, to Mr. Short for his assistance, to the hon. secretary (Mr. J. P. Hyett) for the way in which he had carried things out, and last but not least, to Mr. Logan Kidston for his generosity, the ringers sincerely hoping he would again see his way to render his valuable assistance, and by so doing make it possible to carry on the good work his brother started, for the striking had improved to a remarkable degree.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Hunts District of the Ely Association was held at Long Stanton on Whitsun Monday. A service was held in All Saints' Church, at which an excellent address was given by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake. Afterwards about 20 ringers and friends sat down to tea in the Schoolroom, ringers attending from Somersham, Pondsbridge, Chatteris, Sutton-in-the-Isle, Wilburton, Long Stanton and Cambridge University.—A business meeting was held after the tea, with the Vicar (the Rev. H. B. Woolley) in the chair, at which it was decided to hold a joint meeting for the Isle of Ely and Hunts districts at Chatteris on Saturday, October 24th.—Votes of thanks were given to the preacher, and to the Vicars of Long Stanton and Swavesey and the Rector of Willingham for the use of their bells.

During the afternoon and evening, the following touches were rung at Long Stanton: 360 Bob Minor: C. Cook, Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, G. Markwell, J. Butler, E. Creasey, J. B. Williamson (conductor); 360 Kent Treble Bob: E. Creasey, Rev. H. B. Woolley (first touch away from the treble), G. Few, J. Willis, R. Knight, G. Markwell (conductor); 168 Grandsire Triples by: C. Cook (first touch of Triples), W. Crashley, Rev. H. B. Woolley, E. Rowlinson, A. J. Abrams, A. G. Revers (conductor), E. Creasey, L. Beergers (first touch of Triples). Also 360 Bob Minor: Violet Abrams (assisted by her father, A. J. Abrams) 1, E. Creasey 2, Rev. H. B. Woolley 3, W. Crashley 4, C. Cook 5, E. Rowlinson (conductor) 6.—At Swavesey, 360 Bob Minor: J. Butler 1, R. Knight 2, G. Few 3, G. Markwell 4, Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake 5, J. B. Williamson (conductor) 6.

WINCHESTER GUILD.

A meeting of the Guildford district was held at Leatherhead on Saturday last, and was attended by members from Cranleigh, Guildford, Ranmore, Dorking, Farnham, several unattached (amongst these being Miss Elsie Bennett), and a strong contingent of the local band. Service was held in the Parish Church, and an address given by the Rev. T. F. Hobson, Vicar.—Tea took place at the Institute, and the business meeting was presided over by the Vicar.—Three new members from Ranmore were elected.—In reply to a vote of thanks, the Vicar mentioned how much he had enjoyed the afternoon, and if the Guild would come to Leatherhead again he would be pleased to entertain them to tea. The peal of ten, of which they were justly proud, was, he knew, in bad going order, but he hoped very shortly to have them overhauled by a competent firm.—The bells were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

"THE RINGING WORLD'S" SPECIAL REPORT.

(Continued from page 399).

BELL FOUNDERS' VIEWS OF NEW THEORIES.

The President specially invited the bell founders, who were members of the Council to express their views, and Mr. John Taylor said it would take him some long time properly to digest the results of Mr. Lewis's researches, and put them into practice. Iron versus wood for bell frames had been before them now for 30 years, and he hoped, by the help of that Council, to arrive at a definite conclusion in the matter. Mr. Lewis had thanked him for the help given in his experiments; he could only say that his thanks were due to Mr. Lewis for the great care he took to explain what he wanted, and the results to himself and his sons. He was convinced that what had been done would eventually lead to an agreement being arrived at between architects and bell hangers. He thought Mr. Lewis's researches would go far to prove that damage that had been attributed to the ringing of the bells was not due to that cause at all, although probably, where damage had been done by another cause, the ringing of the bells did do harm. The strain of the bells was a mere bagatelle compared with the weight of the masonry in the tower and spire. In conclusion, Mr. Taylor expressed his great appreciation of the work carried out by Mr. Lewis.

Mr. Cyril Johnston said he had had some little personal transactions with Mr. Lewis in the matter, and had been glad to be able to supply him with the results of his own observations of the stress and thrust exerted by bells. He felt sure the results of the experiments and calculations would have a far-reaching effect upon the bell hanging industry of the country, and he wished to emphasise the fact that they, of the bell world, did appreciate what Mr. Lewis and the committee had been doing.

Mr. Arthur Hughes, the head of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, said the subject had never before been probed to the depths Mr. Lewis had probed it. With regard to the subject of wood versus iron frames, architects saw the old frames that had stood in the towers for centuries, and appeared in good condition, but they forgot that it was impossible to get oak to-day as they did a century or two ago. They could not get oak seasoned for the length of time that was necessary to make a satisfactory bell frame. That was where bell hangers had found a difficulty. There was no doubt iron had come and come to stay, and that it was the only material for the bell frames of the future.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn asked how many towers were reported, by the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings as having been damaged.

The Hon. Secretary: About half-a-dozen.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn: I know one of them. It is in my own district, and it is easy to explain how it was damaged. It would have been damaged by any sort of frame.

Mr. J. H. Parks pointed out that in Mr. Lewis's diagrams, the roping of the bells to lessen the strain caused by a very bad circle, and asked, if the tower was strong enough to carry the bells, what was the use of spoiling a good rope-sight.

Mr. Lewis said when the bells were roped on Lord Grimthorpe's plan there was very much more movement of the tower than in the second plan. That movement of the tower had to be provided by the ringers, and personally he preferred to ring the bells. He did not care about ringing towers (laughter and hear, hear). Many towers were absolutely safe, and yet the bells were very difficult to ring because of the movement of the tower.

The Rev. E. S. Powell asked if it followed, as a consequence of the experiments that had been made, that in change ringing there would be less stress on the tower, on the whole, than if set changes or rounds were rung?

Mr. Lewis said he had considered that point, and he thought it was quite possible. In rounds they got the curve exactly repeated, and it was the repetition of forces at short intervals which agreed with the oscillation of the tower that affected the structure.

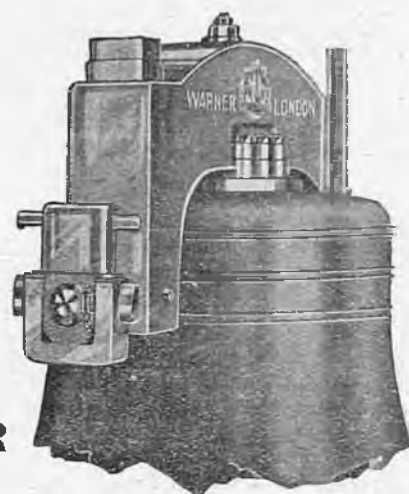
The Hon. Secretary said they owed a debt to Sir Arthur Heywood for the work he had done in this matter (applause). The book which they had seen, although it contained a certain amount written by other members of the committee, and a certain amount of old publications re-edited, was in the main Sir Arthur's. He had not only undertaken the expense of publishing it, but in the first portion of the book, had given them the valuable results of his life-long experience as a change ringer, and practically as an architect. They ought, therefore, to thank Sir Arthur very heartily for the kindness he had shown them in preparing the book for them, and publishing it at his own expense. As the years went on, he was convinced, it would obtain more and more weight, and would probably have greater and greater effect. It was not at all improbable, too, that it might bring quite a new era in the building of towers, and in the appreciation by the general public of what towers ought to be, as well as modifying the views of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, by showing that some of the views they held were not scientifically tenable. In the future he believed they would be able to look back and trace a large part of this change of opinion to the influence of the book which Sir Arthur was bringing out.

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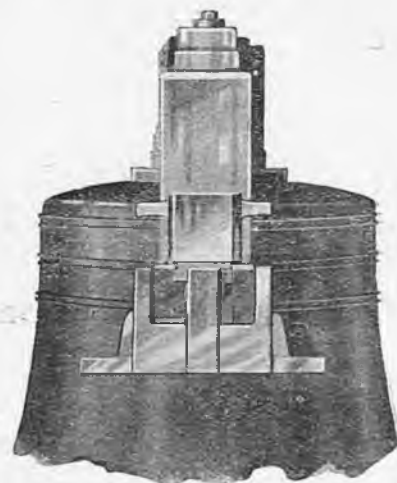
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The above **Self-Aligning, Self-Lubricating, Oil Bath and Oil Ring** design of Bearing is a joint invention of Robert Warner and William Alfred Greening, and is based upon the principle for which a patent was granted to Edward Bancroft, of Providence, U.S.A., as far back as the year 1842.

The anonymous illustration of a Self-Aligning Bearing which appeared in this periodical for some time, is not associated in any way with Messrs. John Warner & Sons, Ltd., and any inference of this kind is entirely erroneous and false, as, being anonymous, this illustration may have had the effect of misleading the Exercise generally.

At an early date, we will demonstrate on this page, as to how the above invention of a Self-Aligning, Self-Lubricating, Oil Bath and Oil Ring design of Bearing was evolved, and we will also point out in following issues of this Paper, the reasons and advantages of the auxiliary attachments which render the new "Warner" Bearing perfect on account of the duplex system of lubrication, combining as it does the elimination of the necessity for "greasing" the bells, and also the ensuring of cleanliness.



Canon Papillon, in seconding, said Sir Arthur had given a liberal amount of space in the book to the work of his coadjutors, but the initiative and all the inspiration of the work were his. He started it, and had brought it, so far, to a successful issue in the publication of this book which, as Mr. Davies had said, was likely to have a great effect in a better mutual appreciation of and a better co-operation between architects and the ringing profession in the consideration of towers and the arrangement of bells.—Mr. J. W. Taylor supported the motion, which was carried by acclamation.

PRESIDENT'S ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The President, in replying, said he was very grateful for the vote. As he grew older he kept wondering whether he justified the position which they had honoured him by placing him in year after year for 24 years as their president, and to feel that some of their leading members would speak of him—as their hon. secretary and Mr. Papillon and Mr. Taylor had just spoken—was very gratifying to him, and he felt he was not quite an old denuded stump (laughter). He would like to express not only his gratitude, but his sense of their confidence. Whatever he could do for the Council or for the Exercise at large he most gladly and happily did (applause). There was no resolution to be moved, as there was no report to be accepted. He would like this to be made clear. It was a little difficult for the non-ringer to realise precisely what the new departure actually meant. It was not very long since architects did not even allow bell frames to be fixed at the bottom to the tower, but they had to rest on corbels and be practically free from the walls. But they had gone away from that idea, and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings had so far modernised their views, that the lower part of the frame might be built solidly into the wall, so long as they allowed the top portion to move in order that the shock might not be taken by the tower. What Mr. Lewis's experiments had conclusively proved was that it was much better for the forces of the bells to be transferred immediately and directly to the tower than it was for them to be transmitted to a frame which would oscillate, and which oscillations might act cumulatively with the oscillations of the tower, and so make a much greater movement altogether. It had been absolutely and conclusively proved that it was much better to absorb all the force at once before it became cumulative and excessive. A leading architect the other day, after a great deal of argument about rigid frames, said they would not persuade him that to be hit with the bare fist was pleasanter than to be hit with the gloved hand; meaning, by the gloved hand, the spring frame, and, by the bare fist, the rigid frame. The answer, however, was perfectly clear. The blow from the "bare hand" was a very slight one, because the shock on the walls was absorbed at once. The blow from the "gloved hand," might, however, be a terrific blow. If, concluded the President, they would try to bear in mind these ideas it would lead to a much wider acceptance on the part of church authorities and architects of these principles, because through that Council this matter would be made known. They had, he said, opened up a subject of great interest to the ringing world, and the thanks of the Exercise were largely due to his coadjutors, more especially for the labours of Mr. Lewis (applause).

SUGGESTED RINGERS' BADGE.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge next proposed "that the Central Council approve and issue a National badge for ringers." He said the idea did not emanate from himself, but from the Oxford Diocesan Guild in which he had more particularly a standing. At the same time he knew it was a matter of interest to a neighbouring Guild, because they were very keen to know that the question was to be brought before the Council. They who were members of the C.E.M.S. knew what a great use a badge was. They knew what it was and what it stood for. It was always a help when one member met another and could spot him at once. It would also be in the case of ringers. Every Guild issued a certificate to its members, but not every Guild issued a metal badge, although some did so. It was first of all for the Council to approve the idea of a badge and then, if they did that, to put the matter into the hands of a small committee, of three or four interested, who would go into it, and either produce a design or select what they considered a suitable badge which they might present to the Central Council next year for approval. As to the issue of it, that would be very easy, as they had their librarian, and the badges could be issued through him to the secretaries of Associations and Guilds, who could officially give them into the hands of their members—of course, on the payment of the full value.

The President: Who would you say would be qualified to wear it?

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge: Every subscribing member of a Guild or Association.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews seconded. He said they often saw ringers wearing badges—badges which, sometimes, they had invented for themselves, and there were also badges advertised by jewellers. It seemed to him that it would be a very good thing to have one badge which could be distinguished at once, like the badge of the C.E.M.S.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly said before they voted it was important that they should know who was to wear the badge; whether it was to notify a certain qualification in ringing, or was simply to notify that a man was a church worker as a bell ringer. In the latter case all the parish ringers in the land would be qualified to wear it. But if, on the other hand, a man had to qualify himself in change ringing

in some way or other, it required a little definition. If the badges were issued from the Central Council there should be a somewhat higher qualification than the badges which were issued by the different associations for mere membership.

Canon Papillon said it would be difficult for the Council to draw any line in qualification, other than the ordinary qualification that a man was competent to ring changes. He suggested that they might issue a national badge for ringers who were qualified members of associations represented on the Central Council.—Canon Baker supported the proposal.

Mr. J. R. Newman asked if it was the intention of the Council to present these badges free.

The President: We are not going to present anything free gratis from this Council (laughter).

Mr. Newman said if the Council was to stand the cost of producing these badges it would be a considerable drain on the funds, as they would have to purchase a large stock and might not sell many for a few years.

Mr. A. T. King said that one practical difficulty was that they could not very well have any qualification admitting a ringer to the wearing of a badge. He might at any moment leave his association, either for non-payment of his subscription or something of that kind, but they could not take away his badge. It would be better to allocate badges to men who served, say, five years in an association. Then he might wear it for the rest of his life, and they would get out of the difficulty of having to get it back again. If they made a man earn it by being consistently a member for a period, they could let him have it without any conditions attached.

Mr. G. P. Burton, in supporting this view, said it was a most unhappy allusion that was made to the C.E.M.S. badge, as it was well known that there were hundreds of people wearing that badge who had no right to it at all.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore said he did not want to say a word against the proposition, but he thought in spite of what had been said there were no end of pretty things and otherwise to hang on their watch chains already existing, and they did not want one more (hear, hear).

Mr. T. Faulkner asked, if they had a badge, how were they going to make men wear it. He had a strong objection to being labelled at all, and he should never wear a badge as a ringer.

The Rev. J. L. James said that he believed in one London tower it was recorded that a good peal did not want a painted board, and a bad one didn't deserve it. He thought the same thing might be said with regard to a badge for ringers.

Mr. Martin Stewart said if they adopted a badge what was to happen to the badges which some of the Associations had already adopted. They would hardly be willing to scrap them. Personally, he thought it was much more a matter for the individual associations.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews suggested that, in view of the diverse opinions expressed, it would be far better to take the subject back to the associations for discussion, and bring it up again next year. So far as his own Guild (Winchester) was concerned, it was only the Guildford district that had expressed itself in favour.—Mr. F. Hopgood spoke in support of the motion.

Mr. T. R. Dennis moved that the question be deferred for a year, and this amendment was seconded by Mr. E. A. Young.

Mr. J. Taylor said he thought the fact that some associations had not issued a badge showed that they found no necessity for one. He thought the badge of any association would be quite sufficient to enable the wearer to be recognised as a ringer just as well as if the Council issued a badge.

The President thought there could be no possibility of the Council issuing a badge to Associations. All they could do would be to issue a badge to their own members. It was, however, open for them to ventilate the matter, and for the associations to decide what should be done. The proposal to refer the matter back to the Association was a very wise one. His own sympathies were not in favour of a badge, unless it was going to show whether a man attended church regularly or not (hear, hear).

The amendment on being put was carried.

THE INTER-AFFILIATION PROPOSAL.

Mr. J. W. Jones (Llandaff Association) was called upon to move the following resolution on the agenda: "That this Council, while not in any sense pledging its members individually or collectively, would, if the project could be set going on a sound practical basis, view with satisfaction the establishment of a system of inter-affiliation between the various diocesan and county associations for purposes of peal ringing."—Mr. Jones, however, moved the lengthy resolution passed by the Llandaff Association as the one that he was instructed to propose. This resolution appeared in extenso in our issue of May 15th. He said the idea was for a man visiting a place to be able to take part in a peal without being called upon to pay 5s. for life membership.

Mr. King: Or a shilling annually.

Mr. Jones said he understood the Council could not put the scheme into operation, but it was suggested that the societies who were agreeable to the proposal should announce it in the ringing papers.

Mr. J. R. Newman (Worcestershire) said he had intended to second the motion. He was instructed to support any scheme that might be brought forward by which it might be put on a practical footing.

The motion on the agenda, however, was, he was afraid, of very little use. He could not see what good it could do.

Mr. Jones said he was not prepared to move the resolution as it stood on the agenda. What he submitted to the secretary was what the Llandaff Association requested him to move. What was on the agenda was the fitting together of the secretary.

Mr. Newman said he would move that a practicable scheme be drawn up which could be submitted to all associations willing to adopt inter-affiliation, so that it might be put on a sound footing.—Canon Baker seconded.

The Hon. Secretary said it was quite true that the motion on the agenda was not in the form at first submitted. Mr. Jones sent him the resolution, which was passed by the Llandaff Diocesan Association, and he wrote back and pointed out that in the form in which it was presented it was not a motion which the Central Council would pass. In the first place it began: "We, the members of the Llandaff Diocesan Association." They were the Central Council. Another thing he pointed out was that the Central Council was not a body which could undertake the management of things of that sort. He asked leave to substitute something in the form in which it appeared on the agenda, and he had a letter from Mr. Jones saying that that would do. The Llandaff Association set out a cut and dried scheme which he did not think the Council would adopt off-hand.

The President suggested that Mr. Jones must either withdraw his resolution or amend it to such a form that it could be accepted by the Council, and Mr. Jones agreed to amend it so as to make it applicable to the Council.

(To be continued).

SHREWSBURY'S RECAST BELLS.

A remarkable improvement has been carried out at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, by the recasting of the peal of twelve bells, and they have been re-dedicated by the Dean of Lichfield (Dr. Savage). The tone of the bells was previously of poor quality, and they were badly out of tune. They were also in very bad ringing order—in fact, it was almost impossible to ring one of the bells. It, therefore, became necessary to take steps to remedy the defects, and it was wisely decided to re-hang the bells with new fittings of the best make, and at the same time to re-cast them. A new steel and iron frame has been put in for the tenor, and the rest of the bells were rehanging in the old oak frames. The peal is now in perfect order, and of very rich and musical tone. The fittings contain all the latest improvements, and the ease with which the bells can now be rung gives the greatest satisfaction to the ringers, and presents a very agreeable contrast to the hard work which it formerly entailed. The entire work has been most satisfactorily carried out at a cost of £510 by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough (who restored the peal of bells at St. Mary's Church a few years ago), Mr. Richard Lane having been placed in charge of the work at the special request of the Ringing Master.

There was a large congregation at the dedication service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. Greenwood). There was a full evensong service, and during the singing of the hymn, "Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore Him," the Dean of Lichfield, together with the choir, clergy, churchwardens, and sidesmen, proceeded to the tower, where the Dean conducted the dedication service, and asked the Vicar to receive the bells as a sacred trust, and to see that they were ever and only used in God's service and for His glory. A short peal was then rung on the bells, the rich musical tone of which was most noticeable.

In the course of a short address, Dr. Savage remarked that they in the English Church had a sacred heritage in the beautiful bells to be found in their church steeples. They believed they were used in the same way in the Celtic-British Church, which remained so long in that particular side of the country, and were probably used to greet St. Chad when he came from the north. From that time onwards bells had been very closely and intimately associated with the worship of God, and in doing honour to the glory of His name. Proceeding to speak of the uses to which the bells were put, the Dean said they were used for calling people to God's house, and they were rung in times of joy and sorrow. They were tolled when men's souls passed from earth to Paradise, and again when the body was laid to rest. The bells rang out gladly at times of national and other rejoicings, and on every occasion they were a reminder of the high purpose to which they all should devote their lives and work.

After the dedication, a course of Grandsire Cinques was rung by: G. Bylin 1, W. Brooks 2, C. R. Lilley 3, E. Jones 4, G. Scarratt 5, W. R. Stockdale 6, E. R. Trevor Corbett 7, A. Teckoe 8, J. M. Belton 9, P. Taylor 10, A. E. Bullick 11, and J. H. Shepherd 12. Later in the evening three leads of Kent Treble Bob Major were rung on the back eight by: G. Bylin 1, F. Taylor 2, E. R. Trevor Corbett 3, E. Jones 4, W. R. Stockdale 5, J. H. Shepherd 6, A. E. Fullick 7, and C. R. Lilley 8.

The ringing at the opening service was by the St. Chad's Society, and members of the Salop Archidiaconal Guild and everyone was loud in praise of the splendid work of Messrs. Taylor and Co.—an opinion fully endorsed a few days later by members of the Yorkshire Association who visited St. Chad's and rang two courses of Kent Maximus.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The Whitsuntide meeting of this Association was held at Shildon. A fine day favoured the outing, and the 19 members who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It was regrettable that so few were able to avail themselves of the pleasures the day's outing afforded, but probably the distance was too great for the northerners. The committee meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, and after the business was over, members sat down to a capital lunch.—The President, Mr. C. L. Rontledge, thanked the Vicar (the Rev. — Beaven) and the churchwardens for the use of the bells.—The Vicar, in responding, said what a pleasure it was to them to hear the bells rung. He didn't know much about it himself, except that it was an art which required some learning. He looked upon it as a great church work, and worthy of all the support it could get.—Mr. C. Todd spoke a few words, as the result of which the Vicar became an honorary member of the Association.—At the conclusion of the meeting, the handbells were brought into requisition, and afterwards the members had their photographs taken in the Vicarage grounds by Mrs. Beaven.—The day's outing was concluded by touches on the tower bells.

NOTICES.

The EDITORIAL OFFICE of "THE RINGING WORLD," to which all communications should be sent, is 9, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—St. Paul's Cathedral, on 23rd June; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays, at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Clent on Saturday, June 20th. The bells (8) and Belbroughton (6) will be available for ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service in the church at 4 p.m. The new certificates can be had at this meeting.—James Dowler, 11, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham, Branch Hon. Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Darwen, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's Church, Moseley, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available at 4.30 Meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Welland on Saturday, June 20th, 1914. Service in church at four o'clock, prompt. Business meeting afterwards.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—A meeting of the above District will be held at All Saints', Edmonton, on Saturday, June 20th, 1914. Ringing from 4 p.m. till 8 p.m., and business meeting to follow. All ringers and friends will be welcome.—Lawrence B. Porter, Honorary Secretary, 1, Canonbury Mansions, Canonbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Hawkhurst on Saturday, June 20th, 1914. Tower open at 3. Service in church at 5. Tea will be provided at the Eight Bells Hotel after the service at 9d. per head, followed by the business meeting. A special auto car will leave the Five Ways, Tunbridge Wells, at 2.30 and Tonbridge Station at 3, returning by same route. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending. Further information can be obtained of the District Secretary, W. Latter, 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Penkridge on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available at 2.30. Service in church at 5; address by the President, the Archdeacon of Stafford. Tea and general meeting at the Littleton Arms at 5.30.—H. Knight, Hon. Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will take place at Winchester on Saturday, June 20th; 2 p.m., general meeting at the Guildhall; 4 p.m., service at the Cathedral, preacher the Rev. J. J. C. Yarborough, Vicar of Christchurch; 5 p.m., tea at Guildhall. Ringing at the Cathedral.—George Williams, Hon. General Secretary, West End, Southampton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Chelmsford.—Practice at the Cathedral will be held on the third Saturday, June 20th, and not the last Saturday. This alteration will apply to the month of June only.—H. F. Cooper, Steeplekeeper.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Coleshill on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) available at 3.30 p.m. The annual meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, July 11th. Notices of resolutions should be sent in immediately.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Secretary.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting of the above district will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, June 20th.—F. R. Bacon, Honorary District Secretary, West Hill, Hitchin.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, June 20th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Meeting at 4.45. Service at 6.—Jno. E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

BILLINGBOROUGH, Lincs.—On Thursday afternoon, June 25th, dedication of bells (6). Rehung in steel frame for 8; new treble. Service 3 p.m. All welcomed. Bells available to 9 p.m.—Arthur Andrews, Billingborough.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting and six-bell contest will be held at Tong on Saturday, June 27th, 1914. Draw for order of ringing at 3 p.m. at Greyhound Inn. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for all those who notify the secretary not later than June 22nd.—F. Salmons, Secretary, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be at Colston-Bassett on Saturday, June 27th. A motor-'bus will leave Trent Bridge at 2.30 for Colston, return fare 1s. 6d. (if 20 passengers). Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea (1s. each) at 5. Will those who intend being present for tea and who wish to travel in the 'bus, communicate with me not later than the 24th inst.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. H. Wilson) at Harlington, on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at a small charge, all ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch (Forest Row Station) on Saturday, June 27th. Tower open 3-9 (8 bells). Short service. Tea by kind invitation. Will those attending kindly let me know by Tuesday, June 23rd.—A. D. Stone, 29, Ashton Street, Brighton.

SAFFRON WALDEN.—On Saturday, June 27th, 1914, Augmentation of peal of 8 bells to 12. Dedication of four new bells at 3 p.m. by the Bishop of Chelmsford. Cheap tickets will be issued by the G.E.R. from Broxbourne, Colchester, Ely, Sudbury and intermediate stations by any train. Free luncheon at 1 p.m., and tea will be provided for all ringers who give notice of attending to the secretary on or before Tuesday, 23rd June. The bells will be available from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—Robert A. Strong, Honorary Secretary, 3, West Road, Saffron Walden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Milnrow, on Saturday, June 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Eckington on Saturday, June 27th. Church of SS. Peter and Paul, eight bells, tenor 16 cwt., available 3 to 8 p.m. A meat tea will be provided at 1/- per head at the White Hart Hotel, at about 5.30. The room will also be available for the meeting after tea, and afterwards for handbell ringing, when the Eckington Company's handbells (42 in number) will be at the disposal of members. Those requiring tea, please notify Mr. J. Martin, Queen Street, Eckington, not later than June 24th.—J. E. L. Cockey, Hon. Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, July 4th. Particulars later.—E. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, Taunton.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A special service will be held in St. Martin's Church, Tipton, on Saturday, July 4th, at 4 o'clock, the occasion being the unveiling of a stained glass window presented by Mr. William Rock Small, to the memory of his late beloved wife. All members are invited to attend. The bells will be available at 3 o'clock.—H. Knight, Hon. Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western Division.—A by-meeting will be held at Bovinger, on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available at 3.30. Cyclists meet at Epping Parish Church at 3.0-3.30. Train leaves Liverpool Street at 3.35. Brake will leave Epping Station at 4.30 if sufficient members let me know by Monday, 29th June. Tea will take place at the Church Room at 6d. at 5.30.—H. Rumens, District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Harrow on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, 6d. each to those members who inform me not later than July 1st of their intention to be present. Short service at 6 o'clock, with address by the Vicar (Preb. F. W. Joyce). Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern Division.—Bye meeting at Gestingthorpe, July 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea will be provided at the School at 5.15 to all giving notice to G. Pannell, Gestingthorpe, not later than July 8th.—B. Redgwell, District Secretary.

GRAND PRIZE RINGING CONTEST on six bells at St. John the Baptist Church, Penistone, near Sheffield, on Monday, August 3rd, 1914, when prizes to value of about £20 will be given.—For further particulars apply to Frank Tinker, Penistone, near Sheffield.

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

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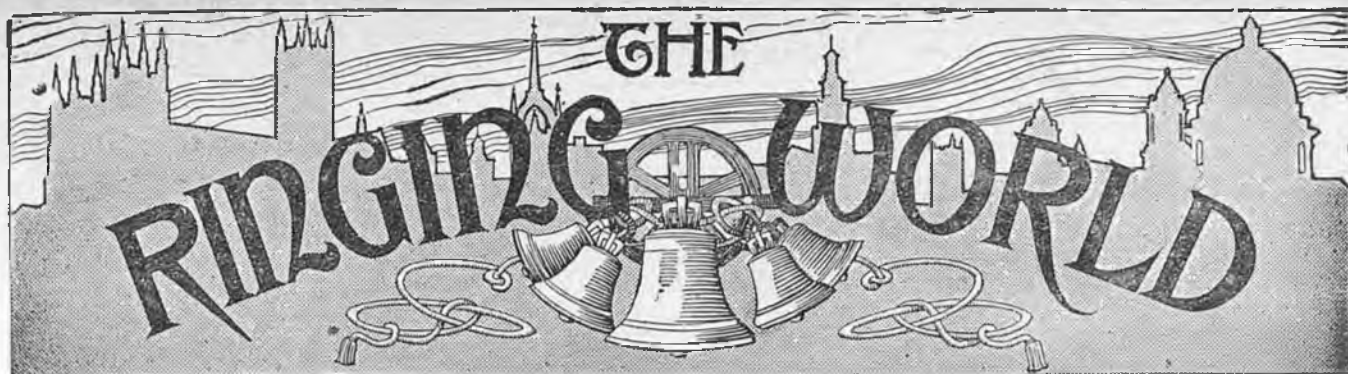


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Gentlemen,

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. BEOK,
Architect Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

PRIZE RINGING.

The Vicar of East Bridgford, Notts, the Rev. A. D. Hill, in a letter which appears elsewhere in this issue, ventilates the question of prize ringing, which in the past brought some disrepute to the Exercise, and which he is anxious should not again rise to prominence. Our correspondent is not the only one who feels very keenly upon this matter, for we have received private communications upon the subject from other sources. Mr. Hill's letter is prompted more particularly by an advertisement which announces a prize ringing contest at Penistone, and he pleads with clergy and ringers alike to dissociate themselves from this form of competition, and frankly places in the same category contests whether for money prizes or for awards in the shape of trophies. For ourselves we agree that little distinction can be drawn between them.

In the course of the year there are several contests in ringing in different parts of the country, and, as to their influence upon the Exercise, one must be guided by the spirit in which they are carried out. Those who organise these events claim that they serve a useful purpose by providing an additional stimulant to ringers to improve in their striking, and the prizes themselves are merely the tangible reward for painstaking effort which has raised one company to a higher level of efficiency than the others. That is their point of view, but others will at once retort that proficiency in ringing can be obtained in other ways. The great objection to these contests is, of course, the fact that the church is made the scene and the bells the instruments of competition. As ringers we must first of all recognise the true purposes of the bells and these are unquestionably alien to a spirit of rivalry of any kind. The difficulty arises when one tries to draw the line. If you admit the principle of competition — and it begins indisputably with the awarding of points for peals so that the association which scores most is placed at the top of the table of analysis—where can you stop? The stages are short between this point and a prize contest and it is arguable at each step that the object is merely to raise the standard of ringing. We are not for a moment upholding the principle of a prize contest, rather are we pointing out how easily applicable are the arguments, both for and against, to those things which do not meet with such general disapproval. If, however, competitions are to continue it must remain with those who take part and with those in authority—including the clergy under whose sanction the contests take place—to see that abuses which were said to be associated with them in the past are not allowed to creep in.

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BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5310 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

GORDON CHECKITTS Treble	GEORGE HAYWARD 6
WILLIAM SHILVOCK 2	† WILLIAM SMITH 7
THOMAS ALBUTT 3	JOHN SMITH 8
SAMUEL GROVE 4	JOHN WITHERS... .. 9
ROBERT MATTHEWS 5	* ALFRED GILES Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HAYWARD.

* First peal. † First peal on ten bells. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 17, 1914, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

* PERCY SAULT Treble	FRANK STUBBS 6
SAMUEL WESLEY 2	FRED DAVIES 7
GEORGE DAVIES 3	WILLIAM J. THYNG 8
FREDERICK E. SMITH 4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 9
* ERIC L. BENNETT 5	THOMAS W. GORE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal on ten bells. Mr. Bennett hails from Ambleside, Westmorland.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	ALBERT CATTERWELL 5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 2	ERNEST NEWMAN 6
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells; also by A. Catterwell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Claydon, of Earls Colne.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 9, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT HUDD Treble	CHARLES COLLIER 5
* GEORGE TEMPLE 2	CHARLES W. BELL 6
HENRY W. BROWN 3	GILBERT H. HARDING 7
THOMAS HOGSFLESH 4	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT.

* Fiftieth peal. Rung as a welcome home to T. F. King, whose wedding took place on the 3rd inst., he being a member of the Abbey and Twerton Companies.

LONDON.

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

On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... Treble	ERNEST A. REEVE 5
WALTER G. MATTHEWS ... 2	WILLIAM ESSERY 6
* GEORGE WATKIN 3	HARRY MANCE 7
WILLIAM J. DEAN 4	F. J. REDNAP Tenor

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

* First peal in the method.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*ROBERT FREEZER Treble	*ERNEST W. FREEZER ... 5
ARTHUR BALDWIN 2	A. BERWICK 6
*BEN HAMMOND 3	CECIL V. ERBERSON ... 7
*GEORGE CROWN 4	WILLIAM J. HOWSON ... Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON, and
Conducted by W. J. HOWSON.

* First peal of Major and first attempt.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN ALDIS Treble	FRANK H. PHILLIPS ... 5
*ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 2	WILLIAM STEELE 6
*JOHN SPENCER 3	GEORGE MAYERS 7
ALFRED FUNNELL 4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK G. BRETT ... Treble	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE ... 5
*RICHARD S. STEVENS ... 2	*PERCY GIBBS 6
*CHARLES W. MILLWAY ... 3	CHARLES W. BRETT ... 7
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 4	*HENRY G. CASTLE ... Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLMEN, and
Conducted by E. G. BUESDEN.

* First peal in the method.

WELSHPOOL, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

*THOMAS MEREDITH ... Treble	*CHARLES WILLIAMS ... 5
JAMES E. GROVES 2	WILLIAM SHORT 6
†HERBERT SHEPHERD ... 3	†ALFRED GRICE 7
†WILLIAM MADDOX 4	*JOSEPH BEEDLES ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman.

NEWTON LONGVILLE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

RICHARD NICHOLS ... Treble	EPHRAIM MARKS 5
WALTER SEAR 2	HARRY SEAR 6
EDMUND J. HOBBS 3	WILLIAM WEBB 7
HORACE H. SMITH 4	WILLIAM F. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Sear; also on the anniversary of the opening of the North Bucks Branch.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

*JOHN MARSDEN Treble	JOHN H. GARTSIDE 5
*TOM LOFTHOUSE 2	RICHARD P. HEALD 6
†HARRY JONES 3	EDWARD GENT 7
*WILLIAM H. HUNTER ... 4	P.C. PETER CROOK ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE CROSS, and
Conducted by P.C. CROOK.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method with a bob bell. First peal as conductor in the method. Sixth and tenor ringers hail from Bolton, 7th from Whittle-le-wood, remainder belong to the local band.

ABERAVON, S. WALES.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ERNEST JOACHIM ... Treble	WILLIAM WILLIAMS ... 5
CHARLES FRANKCOM ... 2	JOHN COX 6
WALTER NURTON 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... 7
DAVID FRANKCOM 4	JOHN WETHERSBY ... Tenor

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

First peal by all except W. Williams and J. Cox. All are local ringers except J. Cox, who kindly came down from Pyle to take a rope.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKETT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*JOHN COOPER Treble	ALBERT JAGGER 5
JOHN EDMONDSON 2	ROBERT W. JENNISON ... 6
JOHN LAWSON 3	JOHN HALL 7
THOMAS BANCROFT 4	SMITH MURGATROYD ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by THOMAS BANCROFT.

This peal has been rung to take the place of the one rung at Heptonstall on May 2nd, the composition of which was false. The notice of this fact was published in "The Ringing World" of July 12th, 1912, but was unfortunately overlooked. The ringers of the 3rd and 5th hail from Lightcliffe, the rest from Keighley. The peal has all the 6-5's and 5-6's, and was rung for the first time. * First peal.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 14, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE ELLIS ... Treble	*WILLIAM DENYER 5
JOHN AKEHURST 2	WILLIAM STANFORD ... 6
ALBERT HARMAN 3	JOHN COOK 7
ARTHUR W. TULLETT ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL MARSH, and
Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM HAIGH ... Treble	*ICE-SERGT. J. BENNETT 5
RICKS PAINE 2	FRANK BELSEY 6
SERGT. F. A. HOLDEN ... 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 7
CHARLES WINNER 4	*MOS. V. A. JARRATT, R.E. Tenor

Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.

* First peal of Stedman.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight-and-a-half Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

*HARRY PRIEST Treble	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 5
†ALFRED RAYNER 2	JOHN R. BARTON 6
FRED LAVERICK 3	HARRY GIBSON 7
HARRY RODMELL 4	FRANK DAVISON Tenor

Conducted by G. F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. † First peal on tower bells in the method. F. Laverick hails from Middlesboro', H. Rodmell from Sutton-on-Hull, and the conductor from Hull; the rest are members of the local band. Only once previously has a peal been rung on these bells under three hours. Arranged for G. F. Williams. Mr. T. Cole kindly stood out for H. Rodmell.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

GEORGE H. CROSS Treble	CECIL R. CHAMBERLIN ... 5
JAMES F. DUFFIELD 2	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 6
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 3	BERTIE F. TURNER 7
ALFRED FUNNELL 4	FRANK R. COPEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

The ages of the above ringers are 20, 14, 15, 21, 21, 18, 19 and 20 respectively, forming an average of 18 years and 6 months. This is the first peal of Major ever rung on tower bells by a band of ringers as young as the above, and was rung at the first attempt.

DORCHESTER, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 18, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*FRANK SMITH Treble	VICTOR BENNETT 5
CHARLES PULLEN 2	EDGAR HUMFREY 6
WILLIAM E. NAPPER ... 3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN ... 7
ALBERT E. REEVES 4	WILLIAM HUTTON Tenor

Conducted by REV. CYRIL JENKYN.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the Festival of Dorchester Missionary College; also as a 21st birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the 4th.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble	FREDERICK PROTHEROUGH ... 5
JOHN T. RICKMAN 2	ALFRED J. TURNER 6
RICHARD HOLDER 3	KEITH HART 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS 4	ALFRED TOMPSETT Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

EYNSFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED JAMES, Senr Treble	REGINALD BROUGH 5
ISAAC EMERY 2	WALTER SMITH 6
HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ... 3	GEORGE DURLING 7
ERNEST TIGWELL 4	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, Senr.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to E. Tigwell on his 21st birthday. It was his first peal of Double Norwich.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	HARRY O. WHITE 5
*ERNEST BARTRAM 2	R. HENRY BARTRAM ... 6
*CHARLES E. JOYNES ... 3	JOSIAH MORRIS 7
FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 4	CHARLES H. FOWLER ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER, and

Conducted by CHARLES H. FOWLER.

* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. This composition is now rung for the first time. The ringers of the 2nd and 6th belong to Melton Mowbray, 3rd and 5th to Rugby, the remainder to Leicester.

LONDON.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS
AND THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY GUILD.

On Saturday, June 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS KING Treble	CHARLES F. WHITE 5
RICHARD N. RONHAM ... 2	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 6
*CHARLES LEE 3	WILLIAM T. POWELL ... 7
JAMES W. TRAPPITT ... 4	JAMES HUNT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First peal with a bob bell.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs., in A flat.

SIDNEY W. PILGRIM ... Treble	*GEORGE ABLITT 5
*REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2	GEORGE BENNETT 6
GEORGE FARNISH 3	THOMAS W. LAST 7
*LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 4	GEORGE WHITING Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, Senr., and

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

* First peal in this method; also first in this method upon the bells.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

BITTESWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 8½ cwt., in A flat.

HENRY BRIGGS Treble	GEORGE WOOD 4
ERIC ELLIS 2	JOHN GARRATT 5
HENRY WRIGHT 3	W. HYDE INGLESANT ... Tenor

Conducted by W. HYDE INGLESANT.

First peal on the bells. The ringer of the second is only 16 years of age. The band wish to thank the Vicar, Rev. E. J. Sing, for granting permission to use the bells. Messrs. Ellis, Wright and Garratt hail from Sapcote, Briggs from Stoney-Stanton, Wood from Sharnford, and the conductor from Broughton Astley.

GLASBURY, BRECONSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being eight Six-Scores of Plain Bob, twelve of Canterbury Pleasure, and twenty-two of Grandsire; nineteen different callings.

Tenor 15 cwt.

†THOMAS VAUGHAN ... Treble	JOHN H. RACKHAM 4
EDGAR R. JONES 2	SIDNEY T. RACKHAM ... 5
JAMES P. HYETT 3	*IVOR DOMAN Tenor

Conducted by S. T. RACKHAM.

* First peal. † First peal away from the tenor. The ringers wish to heartily thank Mr. and Mrs. Jones, of Great House, for entertaining them to tea after the peal.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores, called in ten different ways.

Tenor 11 cwt., in G.

W. W. WILKINSON Treble	*A. RATCLIFFE 4
JOHN MAY 2	*J. BURT HORNSBY 5
R. A. HORNSBY, A.R.C.M. 3	*JOHN GARLICK Tenor

Conducted by R. A. HORNSBY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First whole peal ever rung in the parish by an entirely local band. Rung as a farewell compliment to the ringer of the treble, who is leaving the parish.

POTTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*WILLIAM COMPTON Treble	SYDNEY J. COLEMAN 4
*GEORGE W. INSKIP 2	GEORGE D. COLEMAN 5
*ALFRED O. BAILEY 3	EDMUND C. CHASTY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE D. COLEMAN.

* First peal in seven methods and rung at first attempt.

COLSTERWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

J. FRANK PROCTOR Treble	HARRY THORPE 4
SIDNEY PROCTOR 2	ARTHUR SKINNS 5
WILLIAM H. PROCTOR 3	WILLIAM G. THORPE Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

Arranged for W. H. Proctor, who is 16 years of age, it being his first attempt for a peal.

SILKSTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, June 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford.

Tenor 16 cwt.

TOM SHAW Treble	*CLIFFORD ROBINSON 4
DAVID BREARLEY 2	GEORGE HILL 5
LEWIS WILKINSON 3	OLIVER CAWOOD Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE HILL.

* First peal and elected a member before starting. † First peal on six bells. First peal on the bells for 30 years.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE BERTRAM Treble	ERNEST W. HALL 4
ALBERT J. NAUNTON 2	JOHN SPENCER 5
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN 3	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN SPENCER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to William H. P. Mellin. Albert J. L. Naunton has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal.

EWHURST, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 20, 1914, in Three Hours,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob, two of Canterbury Pleasure, and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

MRS. R. WHITTINGTON ... Treble	WILLIAM SHORT 4
WILLIAM DENVER 2	ROBERT WHITTINGTON ... 5
ALFRED FRANCIS 3	WILLIAM STANFORD Tenor

Conducted by W. STANFORD.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Frank Francis (a member of the Ewhurst band and father of the ringer of the 3rd), who celebrated his silver wedding on the previous Wednesday. W. Short and W. Stanford were elected members in the tower before starting.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1914, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

HENRY W. GAYTON Treble	*FREDERICK J. WELLS 4
WILLIAM A. NORMAN 2	HERBERT ROBINSON 5
ALBERT J. BARCOCK 3	† HENRY STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

WOOTTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*REGINALD H. CLARKE ... Treble	HARRY CLARKE 3
*WILLIAM ATTERBURG 2	*RICHARD EARL 4
GEORGE W. C. PARKER ... Tenor	

Conducted by G. PARKER.

* First peal. R. H. Clarke was elected a member previous to starting.

HANDBELL PEAL.

SANDY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 17, 1914, in One Hour and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At the Residence of Rev. B. H. T. Drake, Cambridge Road,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

WILLIAM D. JAMES 1-2	GEORGE D. COLEMAN 5-6
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN 3-4	REV. B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE 7-8

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by W. D. JAMES.

First handbell peal in Sandy.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry branch was held at Cottenham on Saturday week, when, through the generosity of the Rector, a meat tea was provided at the "Jolly Millers." Unfortunately the Rector was away from home, and could not, therefore, be present. Mr. F. Camps (captain of the local ringers) presided, and members were present from Cambridge, Fulbourn, Ickleton, Shelford, Sawston, and the local band.—It was decided to hold the next district meeting at Swaffham Prior, and several new members were elected.—The methods rung during the afternoon and evening included London Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Double Court, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles, several of the local men ringing their first touch of Minor.

LATE NOTICES.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The monthly meeting will be held at Biddulph, on Saturday, July 4th. Please notify, Mr. Jonah Cottrill, Congleton Road, Biddulph, of how many intend to be present not later than July 1st.—John Reay and J. Johnson, Hon. Secs.

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Central District).—The next quarterly meeting will be held at East Molesey, on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Rev. E. G. Ireland in the Vicarage Garden at 5. Business meeting after. Members in the western district and from neighbouring towers will be heartily welcomed.—Cyril F. Johnston, Hon. Sec., Bell Foundry, Croydon.

TEWKESBURY ABBEY BELLS.

FAMOUS PEAL AUGMENTED TO TEN.

The handsome Norman tower of Tewkesbury Abbey now contains ten bells, the two new trebles, together with the 5th bell, which had been recast, having been dedicated by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Vicar of Fretthorne, and hon. sec. of the Central Council. Of the new bells one was given by the late Vicar (Canon Wardell-Yerburgh) and Mrs. Wardell-Yerburgh, in memory of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Potts, and the other was given by Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Godfrey, in memory of the late Mr. F. W. Godfrey. The clergy, who assisted at the Dedication service, were the Rev. E. F. Smith (Vicar of Tewkesbury), the Rev. E. P. Amphlett (Vicar of Walton, Cardiff), the Rev. J. F. Hastings (of Martley), the Rev. C. C. Cox (of Stratford-on-Avon, and hon. secretary of the Warwickshire Guild), and the Rev. E. V. Cox (of Walsall, hon. secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford). The service consisted of choral evensong, special psalms being used, and it was after the third collect, and during the singing of the hymn, "Ye holy angels bright," that the churchwardens, with some of the ringers, proceeded to the sanctuary where the Vicar of the Abbey requested

bells for their Abbey Church. He also thanked all the Abbey ringers for their services, and said that there was no one more happy that day than their old friend, Mr. Josiah Wadhen.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kind hospitality, proposed by Mr. F. G. May, was carried with very hearty applause. The band chosen to ring the first touch (Grandsire Caters) on the bells was: W. T. Pates 1, F. May (conductor) 2, J. Austin 3, Rev. E. V. Cox 4, W. Short 5, Rev. C. C. Cox 6, J. Clark 7, G. Condie 8, H. Middleton 9, C. E. Davis 10. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies conducted the first touch of Stedman Caters, in which the Rev. J. F. Hastings took part. Then followed touches which gave all the visitors an opportunity of having a ring, and they were conducted by Mr. J. Austin. A course of Cambridge Major was also rung.

The Abbey ringers were present in full strength, and a large number of ringers attended from various towers in the county, and from the adjoining counties of Worcester, Hereford and Warwick. The following towers were represented: St. Nicholas', Bristol; St. Mary's, Cheltenham; St. Michael's, Gloucester; Walsall, Stratford-on-Avon, Evesham, Sandhurst (Gloucester), Martley, Worcester, Clent, and



THE RINGERS GATHERED AT THE ABBEY.

the Rev. C. D. P. Davies to dedicate the bells. This was duly performed, and was followed by the solemn charge to the Vicar as to their sacred use. During the singing of the hymn, "We love the place, O God," the bells were rung by the local ringers for the first time. Then followed an appropriate and stirring address by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who was particularly happy in his discourse, by reason of the fact that the whole of the work done in connection with the new bells, and the recasting of the 5th bell, was free from debt. He said it often happened that an appeal for funds had to be made at the Dedication service to make up some deficiency. Having traced the uses of bells, he added that the new trebles formed one more adornment to their dear old Abbey Church.

The service concluded with special prayers respecting the bells, and the Benediction.

After the service, the Vicar entertained the visiting and local ringers to tea at the Bell Hotel, and he expressed his thanks and great appreciation of the work, and especially marked out Mr. F. S. Wilson for great praise, as being the moving spirit which enabled them that day to be celebrating the Dedication, and opening of the peal of ten

among those present besides the ringing clergy, were: Mr. F. G. May (past master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), Messrs W. T. Pates (Cheltenham), J. Austin, C. E. Davis, J. Gillett and T. Newman (Gloucester), W. Short (Birmingham), H. Middleton, J. Hemming, J. Clark, and many other ringing friends not known to the writer, all of whom were delighted with the result of the new bells provided by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the splice being perfect. Tewkesbury Abbey has added another ten-bell tower to a county well provided with rings of 8, 10 and 12 bells. In accordance with the wishes of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies the first peal to be attempted will be one of Stedman Caters (Mr. F. G. May being the conductor) to be arranged about the end of September. The founders were represented at the opening ceremony by Mr. Albert A. Hughes, who was heartily congratulated on the excellent work done and the "go" of the bells.

The picture of all the clergy and ringers present, which we give on another page, is reproduced, by kind permission, from the copyright photograph of Messrs. Mallett and Sons, The Abbey Studio, Tewkesbury.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Branch was held at Welland on Saturday. Ringing in the afternoon was followed by service in church, at which the organist and choir boys and girls greatly helped to brighten the service. The Vicar preached an excellent sermon, though he remarked he had never had the pleasure of conducting a ringers' service before. The local ringers provided a splendid tea at the Pheasant Hotel, where, afterwards, the meeting was held, with the Vicar presiding. It was arranged that the quarterly peal should be attempted at Welland, with R. G. Knowles as conductor. The next meeting is to be held at Madresfield. The usual votes of thanks were accorded.—Mr. E. Gibbs kindly offered his services to the local ringers, which was greatly appreciated.

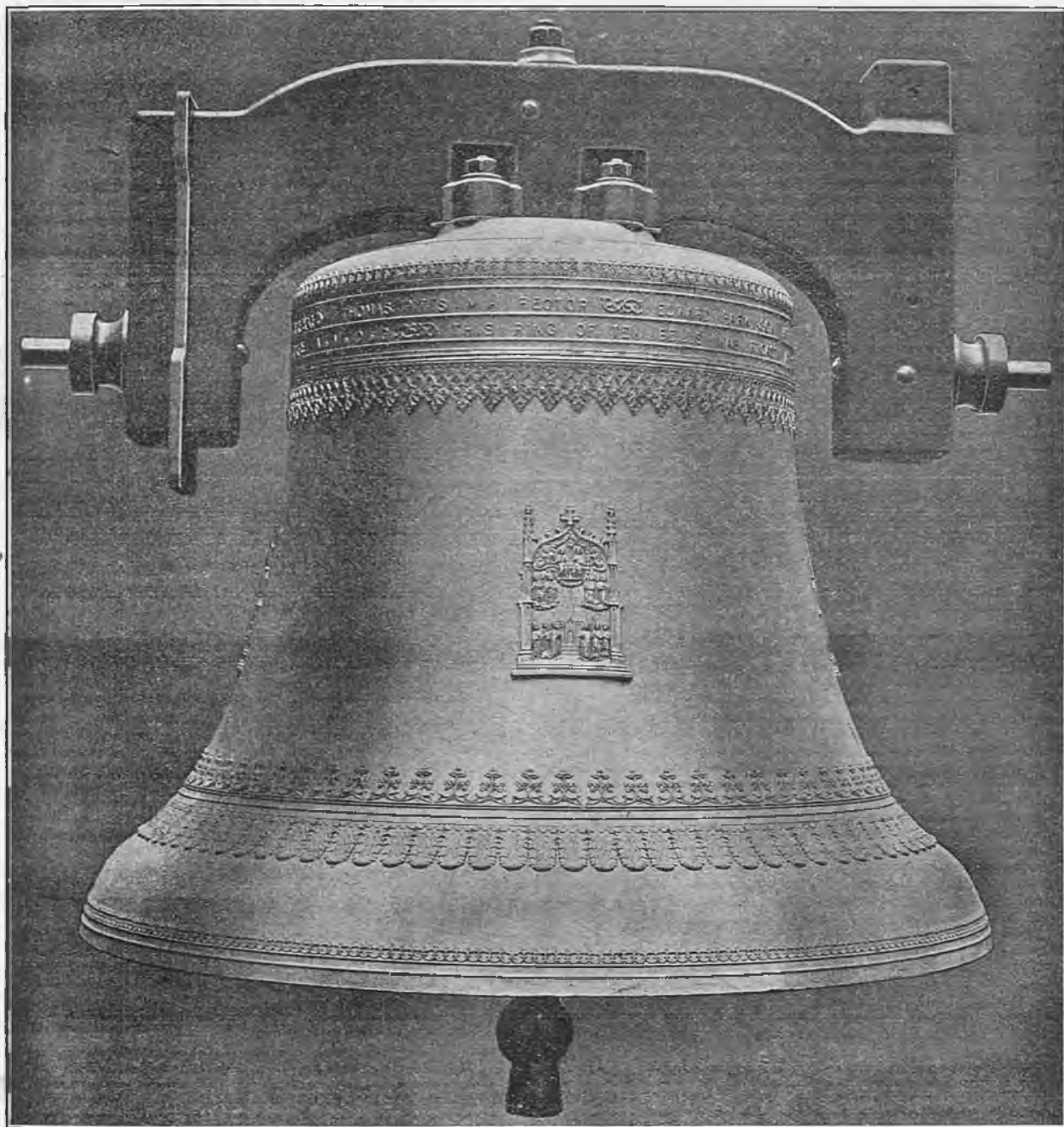
Welland being rather an out-of-the-way place, and not very convenient to get at, the attendance was not large, though the object of the branches was fully justified. The Branch Master, Mr. W. Page, was at pains to see that everyone had a share in the ringing, which included rounds, the first six-score for some, and the first touch of Minor for others. The more advanced members rang Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A very successful monthly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held on Saturday at Coleshill, the following places being represented: Rugby, Stoke-in-Coventry, Allesley, Berkswell, Birmingham, Grendon, together with the local ringers. The standard methods were rung during the day, and five new members were elected. The Vicar (the Rev. F. Wingfield-Digby) was greatly interested in the work of the Association, and visited the belfry twice during the ringing.—A vote of thanks was passed to him for the use of the bells.

The May monthly meeting was held at Grendon, a village rather inaccessible from the southern part of the county. Owing partly to this the attendance was not up to the average, fifteen members being present from Rugby, Coventry, Walsall, Nuneaton, Tamworth, Stoke Golden and Grendon. A short service was held in church, conducted by the Rector, after tea; and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for the use of the bells. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, Plain B b, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening.

THE TENOR BELL OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, LOUGHBOROUGH.



This Bell (30½ cwt.), hung by us, has been rung in peal by one man for over 12 hours.

JOHN TAYLOR & CO.,
LOUGHBOROUGH,

DEATH OF MR. SAM REEVES.

One of the best known and most popular figures in Midland ringing circles, in the person of Mr. Sam Reeves, of West Bromwich, has passed away, and the Exercise is the poorer for his death. For some two or three years he had been in failing health, and took to his bed about six weeks ago. He gradually grew worse, and succumbed on Friday last, leaving a widow and grown-up family of two sons and six daughters to mourn their loss, and with whom the greatest sympathy is felt.

Sam Reeves was born at West Bromwich 68 years ago, and spent the larger portion of his life in his native place. He had a most interesting ringing career, being associated with the Birmingham ringers in the days of Henry Johnson. In the '70's he spent several years in London, and just before he left the Metropolis was made Master of the College Youths, resigning the chair upon returning to West Bromwich in March, 1880. He was elected President of the St. Martin's Youths in 1881, and honourably discharged the duties of the office until he was succeeded about the year 1890 by Mr. John Day. He remained a vice-president of the St. Martin's Guild until his death. Mr. Reeves was one of the founders of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, and held the office of Lay Hon. Secretary for 23 years, from 1885 to 1903, and in 1906 was presented with a gold-mounted umbrella and a purse of gold in recognition of his 20 years' faithful service. He was the representative of the Society on the Central Council.



THE LATE MR. SAM REEVES.

He rang his first peal (Holt's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples) at Halesowen, on June 5th, 1865, and his last on November 26th last year, at Christ Church, West Bromwich, when he took part in a peal of Stedman Cinques in celebration of Mr. James George's 60th birthday. Between those dates, Mr. Reeves took part in between 300 and 400 peals, including several long lengths. He was in the 15,227 of Grandsire Caters at Cheltenham, and the 9,000 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham on February 28th, 1881. Of this latter band there are now only three survivors, viz., Messrs. C. H. Hattersley, H. Johnson, junr., and John Buffery. Mr. Reeves was a great caller of Holt's "Original," and at one time it was supposed that he had called this peal more times than any other man.

In the work of instructing young bands, Mr. Reeves was always ready to give a helping hand, and has given tuition to several companies in the Black Country. Mr. Reeves was always in excellent form when presiding at a meeting, and while he was ever genial in this capacity, he never allowed a meeting to get out of hand. When "Sam" was in the chair, those who had anything to say had to keep to the point. Although his home was five miles from St. Martin's, he used to attend the practices on Tuesday evenings with a regularity that was an example to many a younger man.

Since 1888, Mr. Reeves had been clerk and sexton of Christ Church, West Bromwich. He was a member of the C.E.M.S. He will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends, who will always cherish the memory of one so much esteemed, but the name will still be associated with ringing, for his son, Mr. Thomas H. Reeves, is actively identified with the art.

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, the service being held at Christ Church, where he had served so long and so faithfully, and was attended by a large number of ringers.

On Tuesday evening a muffled peal was attempted at St. Martin's, Birmingham, and another is to be attempted on Saturday at West Bromwich.

HERE AND THERE.

Owing to the pressure on our space several reports of outings, etc., are unavoidably held over.

There is the promise of a most interesting gathering of ringers when the College Youths and Cumberland Youths meet at cricket, on Mitchum Green on July 18th. For the match a good deal depends on the weather, but the weather will not alter the arrangements that are being made for a social evening afterwards.

A report of the opening of Pockington bells, which have just been restored by Messrs. Warner and Son will appear in our next issue.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful practice meeting of the Eastern District was held at Chester-le-Street, on Saturday week, when several members rang their first touches of Stedman and Kent Major. The bells have recently been rehung by Messrs. Taylor, and go like the proverbial clocks. The frame has been specially designed with a view to minimising the swaying of the lofty spire. The old curfew bell, "Cuthbert," cast in 1409, was an object of great interest to the visitors.

THE MEMORIAL TO DR. CARPENTER.

It has been considered that no more fitting memorial to the late Dr. Arthur Carpenter can be suggested than the provision of a ring of bells in St. James' Church, Croydon, where for a number of years Dr. Carpenter acted as churchwarden, and towards this the Surrey Association is endeavouring to obtain funds for one bell, while the remainder are being provided by the congregation, the late Dr. Carpenter's family, and other friends. Contributions should be sent to the joint hon. treasurers (Messrs. C. Reading and C. Dean), Union Bank Chambers, Croydon.

PRIZE RINGING CONTESTS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I desire to make a protest against the re-appearance of prize ringing, as an evil which has done in the past, and will do in the future, incalculable harm to belfry reform. I need not reiterate the arguments against it. I am old enough to remember the epoch-making paper read by the late Mr. C. A. W. Troyte, at the Plymouth Church Congress in 1876, in which he laid stress on one of the main objects of the Devon Guild—a pioneer of all modern Associations—the abolition of prize ringing; and I have a vivid recollection of prize ringing at a Cornish Church in the unregenerate days to which he referred.

There used to be an old Devon tradition of two clergymen preaching, the one in the morning and the other in the afternoon, for a pair of leather breeches: but in these days it ought to be out of the question that God's house should be made the scene of any competitions whatever.

In "The Ringing World" this week, I see a notice of a "Grand Prize Ringing Contest," when prizes of £20 will be given; and an account of a competition in which the prize appears to be a trophy in the shape of a bell. I am afraid I cannot distinguish any difference in principle between these. Such competitions are probably arranged with the purest motives, but I am sure they are a departure from the true and proper use of church bells.

I, therefore, appeal to the clergy, who possess an absolute power of veto; to the ringers, who have in these days so high a sense of their privileges; and to you, Mr. Editor, whose interest in the well-being of the Exercise is undoubted, with tact and foresight to check the insidious evil of competition in bell ringing.—I am, etc.,

East Bridgford Rectory.

A. D. HILL.

SUDBURY BELLS TO BE RESTORED.

St. Gregory's, Sudbury, Suffolk, one of the oldest and most beautiful churches in East Anglia, is to have its ring of eight bells (tenor 16 cwt.) thoroughly restored. The work has been entrusted to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, London, who will erect one of their unique pattern of all-steel independent frames of the improved "A" type. This framework, which is a single constructed unit, is entirely free of the walls of the tower, and is connected to four diagonal steel set-offs built across the corners of the tower, thus eliminating the main steel girders as usually known in bell work. This system was successfully adopted at Daresbury Parish Church, Cheshire, when the new ring of eight bells (tenor 16½ cwt., in E) was installed in February last, and it will be remembered that a peal of Bob Major, conducted by Mr. E. H. Lewis, of Frodsham, was rung on the day of Dedication. The design of this frame has been evolved by Messrs. Warner and Sons, and all theoretical calculations have been worked out by their experts in steel constructional work, without the aid of outside advice.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual festival was held at Stokesay, Shropshire, on Thursday of last week, in beautiful weather. There was a large attendance, including the Revs. J. P. Cranstoun (Skipton-on-Stour), G. Turner (Madley), J. C. Whall (Hopesay), R. D. Machon (Clun), A. C. Lee (Lugwardine), C. E. Warner (Bishop's Castle), R. S. Aldridge (Erdstone), W. M. D. La Touche (Winstanlow), V. A. Creswell (St. Weonard's), H. J. Scott (Clun), Goodchild (Stokesay), A. E. Kenyon (Ludlow), J. S. Roper (hon. sec.), and Mr. J. G. Buchanan, Master of the Guild, Mr. R. Marston (Oker), etc. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. P. Cranstoun, who took for his text the bell motto, "Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel."

The historical castle and grounds had been placed at the disposal of the members by the kindness of Mrs. Allcroft, the business meeting being held in the drawing-room.—Mr. J. G. Buchanan (Master) presided, and announced that they had sustained a great loss by the death during the year of Captain Glen-Kidston. He was a loss not only to the Guild, but also to the country, for a better man never lived.

The President and Vice-Presidents were re-elected en bloc, with the addition of Prebendary Palmer to the latter. Mr. Buchanan was re-elected Master with acclamation, and the Rev. J. S. Roper was again elected hon. sec. The committee was re-elected, with the following to take the places of some who had left the diocese, or did not attend the meeting: The Rev. V. A. Creswell (St. Weonard's), Mr. W. Mead (Clun), and Mr. Smith.—Messrs. Robt. Marston (Ludlow) and Mr. J. Clarke (Ross) were re-elected as the representatives on the Central Council.

The Chairman asked for suggestions for the welfare and prosperity of the Guild. Their balance at the beginning of the year, he stated, was only £2 3s. 6d., and he was sorry to say it had been a dwindling amount for some years.—Rev. G. Turner said he thought the balance sheet was in a far more healthy condition than it had been for some time for the bell ringers' subscriptions were more than they had ever been. The falling off was in subscriptions from the honorary members.—Mr. Clarke (Ross) brought forward a scheme for an alteration in the length of time given to each tower in instruction, but it was decided to leave the arrangement as at present.—Mr. Clarke said he was greatly in favour of district combination, and that he had aimed at since he had been in the Guild, for he thought it was a fine thing.

After the meeting, luncheon was partaken of in the banqueting hall, nearly 100 ringers sitting down. After the repast, Mr. R. Marston announced that, for those who wished to go to the various neighbouring towers to ring, brakes were ready for Bromfield and Winstanlow, and a motor omnibus for Clun (to see the church and tower), and to Clunbury, and Mrs. Marston would be pleased if, on their way back they would call at Oker to tea (applause).

The Chairman, in proposing the toast of the Guild, said they all knew the Guild was going strong, except for finances, and he was pleased to know that they had so many members. The falling off had been in the honorary members, and this, he thought, would be remedied. However, the great thing was to know that they had more ringers in the Guild than they had had before. They were greatly indebted to their secretary for all the work he had done. It was he who was responsible for that meeting, and they should thank him for his labours. Their thanks were also due to Mr. Cranstoun for his excellent sermon (applause).

The Rev. J. S. Roper, who responded to the toast, said they were, as a Guild, progressing, and he hoped their finances would recover. He would like to touch on the question of peals, and urge the ringers to try for peals of Minor, and not stick to Doubles as they did. They held the record for this, and it would be well to try higher methods. He proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Marston, who had looked after the arrangements that day (applause).—Mr. Marston, in response, said they should certainly thank Mrs. Allcroft for allowing them the use of that historic old castle for their meeting and luncheon.—The gathering then dispersed to the various towers in the neighbourhood for ringing, and nearly 50 members availed themselves of Mrs. Marston's kind invitation.

WINCHESTER GUILD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

One of the largest gatherings that have attended the annual festival of the Winchester Guild assembled at Winchester on Saturday, all districts of the wide scattered diocese being well represented. The fine peal of ten at the Cathedral was available during a great portion of the day, and extensive use was made of privilege of ringing on them. The business meeting took place at the Guildhall, when the following officers were unanimously re-elected: President, Mr. J. P. Stilwell; Master, the Rev. C. E. Matthews; hon. treasurer, Rev. W. E. Colchester; hon. general secretary, Mr. G. Williams; auditor, Mr. H. White; recorder of peals, Mr. T. Faircy. The representatives on the Central Council for the next triennial period were appointed as follows: The Master and Messrs. J. W. Whiting, H. White and A. H. Pulling. The report and balance sheet, both very satisfactory, were passed, and the Hon. Treasurer reported on the expenses incurred by the committee in connection with the arrangements made for the recent Central Council meeting.

The question of inter-affiliation was favourably discussed, as was also the question of a national badge for ringers.

A sum of £16 8s. 6d., subscribed by members of the Guild, was presented to the Master towards the fund which he is raising to augment the peal of six at his church (Titchfield) to the full octave.—Mr. C. Wiltshire, a former Central Council representative and a member of the committee, who has recently gone to Canada, was made a life member.

The question of making a new district in the Yorktown area was introduced by the hon. secretary, and referred to a committee, as was also the subject of an alteration in the annual festival, which was introduced by the Master.—The next annual meeting was fixed for Monday, June 21st, 1915, at Winchester.—The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the officers for their services.

Subsequently the ringers attended service at the Cathedral, the preacher being Canon Yarrowburgh.

In the evening, a large gathering sat down to tea at the Guildhall, where thanks were passed to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the bells and to the preacher.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The first meeting of the western district, under the new divisional scheme of the Yorkshire Association, was held at Heptonstall on Saturday week, in response to a much appreciated invitation received from the Vicar and local members. The initial meetings of the other districts were all favoured with lovely weather, and this, the last, proved no exception. The village of Heptonstall is situated among the hills on the Lancashire border, and the climb of a mile or so from Hebden Bridge station, with a gradient in places of 1 in 4, will not be forgotten by the 50 or more visitors who essayed it. The upward progress was finished by mounting to the top of the church tower, but the reward, a magnificent view of the surrounding hills, was voted by all to be well worth the labour. Nor was this all. The visitors had the privilege of hearing some perfectly struck ringing on the magnificent ring of eight, the old six having recently been recast and augmented by Messrs. Taylor. Without doubt, they are the grandest ring for miles around.

A short service was held in the church in the afternoon, when a helpful address was given by the Vicar, from Ephesians iv, 1: "That ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called."

In the schools afterwards a good meat tea was much enjoyed. The business meeting followed, with the President (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) in the chair, supported by the Vicar (the Rev. P. Gough), the general secretary, treasurer, Vice-President Bolland, and other officers. The positions of district vice-president and ringing master were filled by the election of Messrs. G. Bolland and P. J. Johnson respectively, and the acclamation with which they were voted leaves no room for doubt that they are the right men in the right places. Mr. P. L. Cooper, of Holbeck St. Matthew's, an energetic young ringer, was elected district secretary, and doubtless here again a good choice was made. The following members, many with long and good service to their credit under the former centralised management, were elected on the district committee: Messrs. McKell (Gargrave), Hardcastle (Bradford), Broadley (Shipley), Williams (Headingley), P. Cordingley (Pudsey), Lawson (Lightcliffe), Robinson (Mirfield), F. Robertshaw (Heptonstall), and F. W. Dixon (Guiselley). Of these the two elected to serve with the three principal officers on the general committee were Messrs. Broadley and Williams.—The next district meeting was arranged to be held, if practicable, at Settle on September 12th.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and local members for their invitation and arrangements, and the Vicar was elected an honorary member. The meeting over, several re-visited the belfry for the privilege of more ringing, whilst others were shown the principal objects (among many) of interest in connection with the church and village, under the willing guidance of the Vicar, and the beautiful spring day seemed to come to an end all too soon. From the willingness of the Vicar and local ringers to entertain the members again, and the amount of enjoyment derived from the day's proceedings, it will probably not be very long before the Association's first visit to Heptonstall will be added to, either by a district meeting, or a general one in larger numbers.

Will members of the Western District please note that new and renewal subscriptions, applications for reports, etc., should be sent to the district secretary, Mr. P. L. Cooper, 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck, Leeds.

"WELCOMING THE BELLS."

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should be much obliged if any reader could give me information with regard to "Welcoming the Bells" into the parish. The six bells belonging to our Parish Church have been recast, and two new ones added. When they return we wish to welcome them back. There are, I believe, some interesting old customs in connection with this, and we wish to mark the occasion in an appropriate way. Five of the old bells are dated 1668 and the treble 1881: the dates, and old inscriptions and marks are being reproduced.—Yours truly,

R. D. MACHON.

20th June, 1914.

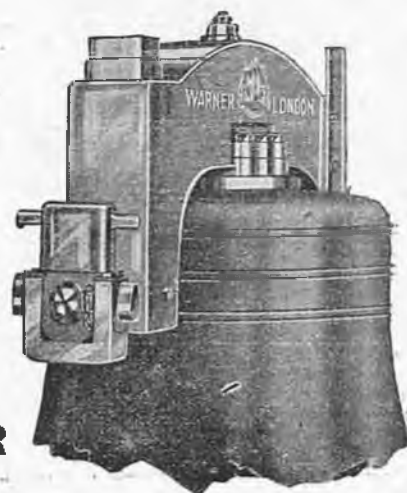
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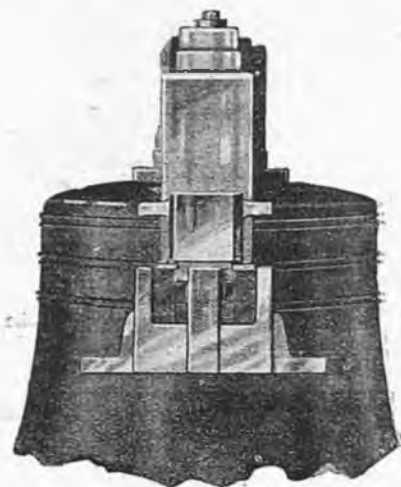
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The above **Self-Aligning, Self-Lubricating, Oil Bath and Oil Ring** design of Bearing is a joint invention of Robert Warner and William Alfred Greening, and is based upon the principle for which a patent was granted to Edward Bancroft, of Providence, U.S.A., as far back as the year 1842.

The anonymous illustration of a Self-Aligning Bearing which appeared in this periodical for some time, is not associated in any way with Messrs. John Warner & Sons, Ltd., and any inference of this kind is entirely erroneous and false, as, being anonymous, this illustration may have had the effect of misleading the Exercise generally.

At an early date, we will demonstrate on this page, as to how the above invention of a Self-Aligning, Self-Lubricating, Oil Bath and Oil Ring design of Bearing was evolved, and we will also point out in following issues of this Paper, the reasons and advantages of the auxiliary attachments which render the new "Warner" Bearing perfect on account of the duplex system of lubrication, combining as it does the elimination of the necessity for "greasing" the bells, and also the ensuring of cleanliness.



THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

"THE RINGING WORLD'S" SPECIAL REPORT.

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In continuing the discussion upon the subject of inter-affiliation, Mr. G. P. Burton (Norwich) said as a member of an association which would be very largely affected by such a scheme, he must oppose the proposal on principle. He did not think they wanted inter-affiliation at all; it was simply nonsense. There was no real reason for it. If it was wanted simply to make the ringing of peals easier they did not want it, because they did not want to encourage that. The Council had already attempted to prove that there were too many peals rung. If it were wanted in order to help on good fellowship among ringers, he denied that it was needed. It was almost proverbial that no other body in the country could show such good fellowship as existed among ringers. From the point of view of the Associations, it was a most mischievous thing. The Associations possessed a sort of asset in membership but that would be taken away by the payment of a mere trifle. His own Association, at any rate, could not accept the financial aspect. They were in the same position as other large associations. Their funds were no longer increasing, but rather were going back, and their expenditure went up, and seemed likely to do so. On the other hand they were losing their honorary members, and that was a matter which every association would have to face sooner or later. They could not afford to give up the least little bit of payment that was made for the distinction which they conferred in their membership. By being separate associations they had in a large measure a very healthy form of competition, but if they had inter-affiliation there would be no more competition, for they would all be at once a member of everything. He felt it was an absolutely destructive policy, and if it was attempted to be carried out it would break up the associations. What they wanted to do was to weld them together and not to break them up. If a number of small associations found it was possible to have inter-affiliation where districts overlapped, well and good, but it would be very hard on those larger associations who might be compelled automatically to come in.

Mr. F. B. Tompkins (Sussex) opposed the scheme on the ground of impracticability. The whole principle, he said, was utterly useless, as it would override the rules already made by each association, or else dictate to them what their rules should be. On those grounds, he hoped the Council would throw out both the amendment and the proposition.

SIXPENCE FOR A SHILLING.

Mr. A. T. King (Middlesex) said he was very much in sympathy with what Mr. Burton had said. If he would find it very harmful to his association, a fortiori it would be more harmful to the one to which he belonged, which was very small. It was not a just or business-like proposition. It was not just because the axiom ought to run through every society that they must not give a stranger benefits at a less cost than they gave them to their own members. His association had expressed themselves very decidedly against the proposal. There was a great deal of talk about the brotherhood of ringers, but the proposal was an effort to work on their credulity. He yielded to no one in cordiality to ringers, but to come in a Lloyd-Georgian fashion, and offer not 9d. for 4d., but 6d. for 1s. was imposing on the credulity of their members. He did not want to throw cold water on any association willing to try the proposal (laughter). Ringers were always welcomed at the meetings of his association, and to ring with them, whether they were members or not, but if they offered them peals they were taking away from their own members what they had a right to expect for themselves.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Oxford) said they had not had time to put the matter before an annual meeting of his Guild, but it came before their committee, and they were unanimous in saying that they could not possibly entertain it. They did not go any further than the financial side. That was quite enough.

Mr. J. Griffin (Midland Counties) supported the argument of Mr. Burton. If any member of an association had sufficient means to go about the country for peals, he should be prepared to pay the real fees so that the associations should benefit.

The President said the subject had not had the opening up that it deserved. Strong views were held on both sides, and it had not been made apparent that one of the chief reasons brought forward was the difficulty there had been in getting subscriptions from members who had been elected in a tower. There had also been a considerable amount of discussion in years gone by as to the propriety of electing members in a tower at all. He had known a good many instances where, although gentlemen had been elected members of an association before starting for a peal because the peal had not been got, the subscription had not been paid, and occasionally the subscription had not been paid even when the peal had been got (hear, hear). That was a considerable grievance to a great many people. The matter was worthy of more ample discussion than they had given it, and he suggested that it should be brought forward next year in a slightly different and more acceptable form.

Mr. A. Roberts (Warwickshire) said he was requested by his association to give the scheme support, although personally he did not

believe in it. If a man could go about the country peal ringing he could afford to pay.

Mr. Jones said he was in the same position as Mr. Roberts, but the object of those who introduced it was that a man who had not got much money, but wished to ring a peal with another association might save himself 4s. 6d.

Mr. J. D. Matthews (Cumberland Youths) thought associations would benefit financially. They would be better off if they got 200 members paying 6d. each than if they waited to snatch a dozen at 5s. He thought it would prove a good financial proposition for those associations who took the scheme up.

Mr. Newman said if the Council were agreeable they could draw a scheme up so that associations favourable to the principle might adopt that scheme. That would save having different schemes in operation in different parts of the country.

The President, on putting the proposition to the vote, warned the meeting that if the amendment were lost the original motion also fell to the ground because one contained the essence of the other.

The amendment was defeated by a large majority, only 15 voting in favour of it.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL.

The Rev. H. L. James moved: "That Superlative Surprise Royal as given by Shipway is the same method as the Major." He said that, as he fully explained his contentions at Newcastle last year, and had since set them out in "The Ringing World," he would not waste words, but simply formally move the resolution.

Mr. E. H. Lewis seconded the motion, and said he thought Mr. James's proof was a splendid piece of scientific analysis.

The President said he confessed he was placed in a very difficult position. He thought he knew something about these things, but latterly, after reading the ringing papers, he began to feel not only that he was a fool, but that he did not even know the beginnings of the principles of bell ringing at all (laughter). He was quite content to believe that Mr. James, Mr. Lewis and the gentlemen who had considered the matter were absolutely persuaded that the Royal was the same as the Major. He was quite ready to take it on trust, but he was not going to take his solemn oath to it himself. If the motion could be put into some gentler form, that they might be asked to be allowed to take it for granted that it was the same method, he was prepared to agree, but that they should definitely say the two were the same method was too drastic a step which he did not think many of the Council would dare to take. He could not do himself.

Mr. Trollope: I should like to say definitely that it is not (laughter). The question, added Mr. Trollope, was an exceedingly interesting one to those who knew anything about it. There were, roughly, 100,000 methods, when they got up to 40 bells, which had as much right to be called Superlative as Mr. James's method. He did not know what the opinion of the majority was, but he was sure in his own mind that Double Norwich Royal was not the same as Double Norwich Major, so far as the ringing of it was concerned, yet he was prepared to prove that it was absolutely the same in construction. Superlative Royal was not the same as the Major; it was not the same in construction. Mr. James's argument had got several weak places, and the proof was not so complete as it might appear.

In urging his desire to have the resolution passed, the Rev. H. Law James said he wanted it because the method was one of the most wonderful things on paper. It would go on any number of bells. Shipway brought the method out. They did not know how he got it, but in all probability Shipway knew far more about methods than they thought he did. A false peal of Superlative Royal was rung about 1825, and a true one wanted ringing. When it was rung it ought to rank as Superlative Surprise Royal. He wanted to encourage people to ring it. Cambridge had been rung, and they wanted Superlative rung.

Mr. R. Cartwright argued that the method was already named. If Shipway called it Superlative Surprise Royal, he had a perfect right to name it.

"A CONFESSION OF WEAKNESS."

The President said he did not think they could endorse Mr. James's views, whether they were right or wrong. He did not see how their opinion would be of any particular value to Mr. James, and to vote upon the subject would, he thought, be out of order.

A member asked, supposing a peal of it were rung, what difference would it make to anybody, whether they passed that resolution or not?

The Rev. H. Law James: It would save such a discussion as that which arose over the peal rung at Stepney, which was a very fine method. It was called London, but it was not London.

The Hon. Secretary said this was a case where doctors differed. They had "Doctor" James holding one view, and "Doctor" Trollope another, and how were the Council to decide? He, therefore, begged to move: "That this Council does not feel competent to decide the question" (laughter).

Mr. J. Griffin seconded.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards said he would move that the Council did not consider that a vote on the question would be in order.

The President said that was a debatable point. As had been pointed out, what would it matter whether the Council passed the resolution or not.

The Hon. Secretary said he admitted that it was a confession of weakness if they carried his amendment.

The Rev. H. L. James: Shall I cut the knot by withdrawing the motion, because I am bound to say that it would be very hard for me to vote against Mr. Davies's amendment (loud laughter).

The President said they had been 24 years a Council, and they must be careful not to stultify themselves. By carefully considering all questions, and not making fools of themselves, they had obtained a very definite position in the Exercise, and they must be careful not to take any vote which had no real meaning.

The Rev. H. L. James: I will withdraw.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, as seconder, agreed, and the subject, therefore, dropped.

REPRESENTATION OF THE LADIES' GUILD.

The President explained that the question of the representation of the Ladies' Guild on the Council had been omitted from the agenda. The matter was postponed from last year, in order that the members might have an opportunity of consulting their associations. At the Newcastle meeting the Council was informed that, although it had been suggested that the ladies should ask to be represented on a smaller membership than the 75 which gave representation to a society, they did not wish to press the matter, and, at the present time that had practically fallen to the ground. Miss Parker had, however, telegraphed that the number of ladies belonging to the Guild was now 80 odd, and she also said that representation on the Council was the desire of the majority of the members of the Guild. The President, continuing, said he thought it desirable that they should take a definite vote as to whether the Ladies' Guild should have representation or not. The point which Mr. Burton made at Newcastle, that it would probably mean that the ladies would be plural voters, might be true in a technical sense, but many of them were also plural voters in the sense that they belonged to more than one association. The point was, however, of such little importance that he did not think it was worth consideration.

Mr. J. Griffin moved that the Ladies' Guild be admitted to representation upon the same terms as other associations.

Canon Baker, in seconding, said in his own Association (Bedfordshire) they did not put the question definitely to the vote as to what should be done, but the members gave a very clear indication by voting a lady to be vice-president of the association.

LADIES IN THE OXFORD GUILD.

In supporting the admission of a representative of the Ladies' Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said no Guild or Society owed more to the work of the ladies in the various towers than did his Guild. The influence that had been exerted in the towers in which the ladies had taken part in the ringing had been exceptionally good. The question of admitting them to the Council was the same as admitting them to the towers at all. They had to see that those who came to join a band were keen churchpeople, and had a love for bells in the very widest sense of the word. If they kept out of their bellrics those who had those two qualifications, to whichever sex they belonged, they would spoil a great many gifts which had been entrusted to them. On the same grounds, he thought they should admit ladies to that Council.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews also supported the motion. He said they had the honour of the membership in his Guild (Winchester) of Miss Alice White, the President of the Ladies' Guild. There were two lady ringers in his own tower, one of whom took part in three 720's for service on the previous Sunday.

Mr. A. T. King spoke in favour of the resolution, but asked if they were sure that in admitting the Ladies' Guild they were preventing any other guild of ladies from putting in a similar claim. They wanted this to be the one and only representative of the ladies.

The President: Why?

Mr. King: Then all I can say is that it would be doing away with the *raison d'être* of their belonging to the Guild if you are going to admit others.

The President read the second rule of the Council: "That the Council consist of representative members from all recognised societies, associations and guilds of church bell ringers . . . numbering not less than 75 members." They would see that representative members from all recognised societies had a *prima facie* right to representation on that Council, he said. It did not say anything about ladies or gentlemen.

The Rev. E. S. Powell: Have they not got an absolute right to representation already if they have 75 members?

Mr. King said the rule provided for "recognised" societies, and somebody must recognise them.

A CYNICAL CRITIC.

Mr. G. P. Burton said he must again enter his protest against the admission of the ladies. He came there that afternoon fortified by the opinion of the committee of his Association (Norwich), which was opposed entirely to the Ladies' Guild being represented on the Council. His references last year had been absolutely justified. The Council had set a standard of peals. Personally he did not care anything about peals, but what peals had the ladies rung? They had not rung a peal so far as he was aware.

The President: You are taking for granted what I think you should prove. What is the standard of peals that the Council has set up?

Mr. Burton said the Council looked up to peal ringing as a standard. Last year he called attention to the fact that the Ladies' Guild had only rung one peal, and he thought he was right in saying that they had not rung a single peal since, whereas the other associations had rung many. Were ladies, he concluded, suitable creatures to come and sit with the men. When he opened his paper that morning he read that they had just burned down a church (laughter).

Mr. F. Hoggood: According to you they are all criminals.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore asked if the Ladies' Guild could be properly described as a guild of church bell ringers. They were a Council of church bell ringers.

The President: I was under the impression that most of them are church bell ringers.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee said for himself he had doubts whether church bell ringing was the best occupation for ladies. His committee, however, were unanimously of opinion that, if the Ladies' Guild asked to be represented, and had the minimum number of members, they ought to be admitted to the Council.

The motion was then put, the only dissident being Mr. Burton.

THE NEXT MEETINGS.

The President said next year's meeting would be in London, and at that meeting they would have to consider the next triennium, which would be East and West. For the East it had been suggested they should go to Ipswich. They had deserved it by a great deal of excellent ringing kept up for many years, and he thought there would be no question that Ipswich would be the place. The first year after the London meeting would be the Western meeting and Salisbury and Plymouth had been suggested. It was a great question whether it would not be a good thing to go to Plymouth — there were some staunch ringers at Plymouth. Although it was rather a long way away, they must remember that Newcastle was one of their most successful meetings.

The meeting then closed with a vote of thanks to the President, proposed by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, and seconded by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Sir Arthur Heywood briefly acknowledging the compliment.

In the evening the members of the Council were the guests of the Winchester Guild, a small committee of officers of which had made such excellent arrangements, that an extremely pleasant social was enjoyed at the Guildhall. During the evening there was handbell ringing, quartets from Gilbert and Sullivan's operas by Mrs. Hetherington, Miss D. Elkins, Mr. R. Elkins and Mr. Edgar Fielder; songs by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Mr. Cyril Johnston, and Devonshire yarns, told in his inimitable style by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge. Before the close, the Rev. C. E. Matthews proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean of Winchester for the use of the Cathedral bells, the motion being briefly acknowledged by Dr. Furneaux.

NOTICES.

The EDITORIAL OFFICE of "THE RINGING WORLD," to which all communications should be sent, is 9, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting and six-bell contest will be held at Tong on Saturday, June 27th, 1914. Draw for order of ringing at 3 p.m. at Greyhound Inn.—F. Salmons, Secretary, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — The next quarterly meeting will be at Colston-Bassett on Saturday, June 27th. A motor-bus will leave Trent Bridge at 2.30 for Colston, return fare 1s. 6d. (if 20 passengers). Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea (1s. each) at 5.—W. E. White, Hon. Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch (Forest Row Station) on Saturday, June 27th. Tower open 3-9 (8 bells). Short service. Tea by kind invitation.—A. D. Stone, 29, Ashton Street, Brighton.

SAFFRON WALDEN.—On Saturday, June 27th, 1914, Augmentation of peal of 8 bells to 12. Dedication of four new bells at 3 p.m. by the Bishop of Chelmsford. Cheap tickets will be issued by the G.E.R. from Broxbourne, Colchester, Ely, Sudbury and intermediate stations by any train. The bells will be available from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—Robert A. Strong, Honorary Secretary, 3, West Road, Saffron Walden.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. H. Wilson) at Harlington, on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at a small charge, all ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A special service will be held in St. Martin's Church, Tipton, on Saturday, July 4th, at 4 o'clock, the occasion being the unveiling of a stained glass window presented by Mr. W. Rock Small to the memory of his late beloved wife. As Ringing-Master of the above Guild, I earnestly invite all members of the Guild to attend that service, and thereby show our respect to our esteemed treasurer, and by our presence cheer him in his trouble. The bells will be available for ringing from 3 o'clock.—S. Spittle, 6, Great Hill, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Milnrow, on Saturday, June 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Eckington on Saturday, June 27th. Church of SS. Peter and Paul, eight bells, tenor 16 cwt., available 3 to 8 p.m. A meat tea will be provided at 1/- per head at the White Hart Hotel, at about 5.30. The room will also be available for the meeting after tea, and afterwards for handbell ringing, when the Eckington Company's handbells (42 in number) will be at the disposal of members.—J. E. L. Cockey, Hon. Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, July 4th. Dinner at Messrs. Fortts, Milsome Street, at 1.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Service at the Abbey at 4 p.m. The following towers are open for ringing: St. Mary's; Bathwick; Twerton; St. Andrew's; St. Matthew's; Bathford; Batheaston, all day; the Abbey from 12 to 1 p.m. and from 5 to 6 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Secretary, Taunton.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A special service will be held in St. Martin's Church, Tipton, on Saturday, July 4th, at 4 o'clock, the occasion being the unveiling of a stained glass window presented by Mr. William Rock Small, to the memory of his late beloved wife. All members are invited to attend. The bells will be available at 3 o'clock.—H. Knight, Hon. Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting at Tong, Saturday, July 4th, 1914. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the Greyhound Inn at 7 p.m.—F. W. Jones, Secretary, Elm Green, Conisbro, Rotherham.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Harrow on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, 6d. each to those members who inform me not later than July 1st of their intention to be present. Short service at 6 o'clock, with address by the Vicar (Preb. F. W. Joyce). Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western Division.—A by-meeting will be held at Boving, on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available at 3.30. Cyclists meet at Epping Parish Church at 3.0-3.30. Train leaves Liverpool Street at 3.35. Brake will leave Epping Station at 4.30 if sufficient members let me know by Monday, 29th June. Tea will take place at the Church Room at 6d. at 5.30.—H. Rumens, District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern Division.—Bye meeting at Gestingthorpe, July 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea will be provided at the School at 5.15 to all giving notice to G. Pannell, Gestingthorpe, not later than July 8th.—B. Redgwell, District Secretary.

GRAND PRIZE RINGING CONTEST on six bells at St. John the Baptist Church, Penistone, near Sheffield, on Monday, August 3rd, 1914, when prizes to value of about £20 will be given.—For further particulars apply to Frank Tinker, Penistone, near Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Deane Church on Saturday, July 11th, at 4 o'clock. Meeting 7.30.—F. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Warwick, on Saturday, July 11th. Service at St. Mary's at 4.45 p.m. Committee meeting in vestry at 4 p.m. Tea at the Globe Hotel, 9d. per head, after service. Business meeting to follow. Members requiring tea please send notice by July 6th. The towers of St. Nicholas (8), and St. Mary's (10), will be open for ringing from 3 to 4.45 p.m., and St. Mary's again after the meeting.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Secretary, Shotton.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Boreham, on Saturday, July 11th. Service at 5.15. Tea, 6d. each, and business meeting to follow. Members requiring tea kindly send word by first post, July 8th.—Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will take place at Slough, on Saturday, July 18th. Special service in the Parish Church at 11.30. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Buckingham. Dinner at 12.30 in St. Mary's Church Institute, to be followed by the annual business meeting. Dinner tickets at 2s. 3d. each, will be forwarded to those members only who send the money with the order, to me on or before Saturday, July 11th. 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.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Inkberrow, on Saturday, July 11th. Service at 5 p.m. Business meeting after. The Rev. Canon and Mrs. Burton have kindly promised to provide tea for those who send me their names by Wednesday, July 8th.—J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Eversham.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

PEAL BOOKS.—Price 3s., post free 3/6. Peals written in at 3d. per page. Prices for entering peals in Association official peal books upon application.—J. Beams, West Ewell, Epsom.

DEATH.

WELLS.—On Monday, June 15th, at 80, Hancock Road, Saltley, Birmingham, Beatrice, wife of James L. Wells, passed peacefully away after a long and painful illness, patiently borne. Age 34. Interred at Loughborough.

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 BRISTOL will find every convenience and moderate charges at Mr. Ponton's, Admiral Duncan, Nicholas Street, Bristol. Headquarters of the Bristol Ringers.

RINGERS and visitors to Matlock will find every comfort and convenience at Mrs. H. Paulson's, Beech House, Church Street (private house).

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

A YEAR OF PROGRESS.

The annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Penkridge on Saturday last, under ideal weather conditions, when some 60 members attended from various towers. Ringing began at 2.30, and continued till a late hour in the evening. In the unavoidable absence of the President (the Venerable Archdeacon Blakeway), the Vicar (the Rev. H. J. Kempson), after giving his hearers a warm welcome, delivered a practical and inspiring address.

An enjoyable tea was partaken of at the "Littleton Arms," followed by the general meeting. Upon Mr. R. Cartwright being elected to the chair, letters of apology from the Archdeacon, the Ringing Master, etc., were read.

The Chairman moved a vote of sympathy to the bereaved family of the late Mr. Samuel Reeves (whose death occurred the previous day), and this was confirmed by all present standing in silence.—The Chairman gave an outline of the sterling qualities of the deceased and the services he had rendered to the Society. Mr. Reeves was one of the few who met at Lichfield in the early "eighties" to lay the foundation of the present prosperous society; was lay secretary for 23 years; and was, up to the time of his death, a representative of the Society on the Central Council—having occupied that position for 24 years. His genial manner endeared him to many, and his death would be greatly felt.

The Clerical Secretary (the Rev. E. V. Cox) read the report on the year's working, the keynote of which was progress, and which also showed an exceptional number of new members, together with a total of 74 peals rung. The statement of accounts was satisfactory, showing a substantial balance in hand. After a summary of the business transacted at the meeting of the Central Council had been given by the chairman, the following were elected to fill the various offices: President, the Archdeacon of Stafford; committee, Rev. W. Solly, Rev. J. A. Price, and Mr. W. W. Worthington; ringing master, Mr. W. Fisher; hon. secretaries, Rev. E. V. Cox and H. Knight; hon. treasurer, Rev. E. V. Cox; hon. auditors, Messrs. H. Mitchell and A. Little; representatives on the Central Council, Rev. E. V. Cox, Messrs. R. Cartwright and H. Knight. Three honorary and 30 ringing members were enrolled. The places fixed for the subsequent quarterly meetings are Shenstone, Coscley, and Harborne, and Tottenhall was chosen for the annual gathering.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for his address and the use of the bells, to the organist and choir for their kind assistance at the service, to the retiring Ringing Master (Mr. G. Hughes), and to the chairman for presiding.

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To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—No doubt the company that rang the peal of 6336 Treble Bob at St. Andrew's-the-Great, Cambridge, on June 1st, 1914, will be disappointed to know that the longest peal rung for the Ely Diocesan Association was a 7040 of Kent Bob Major on the bells of Belchamp Walter, Essex, on June 27th, 1896, conducted by Mr. C. Sillitoe. —Yours truly,

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