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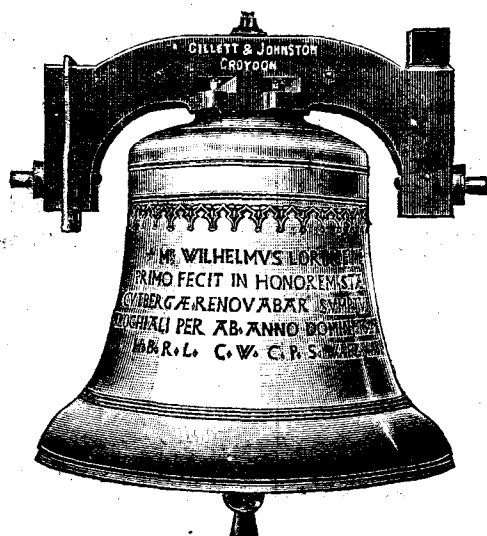
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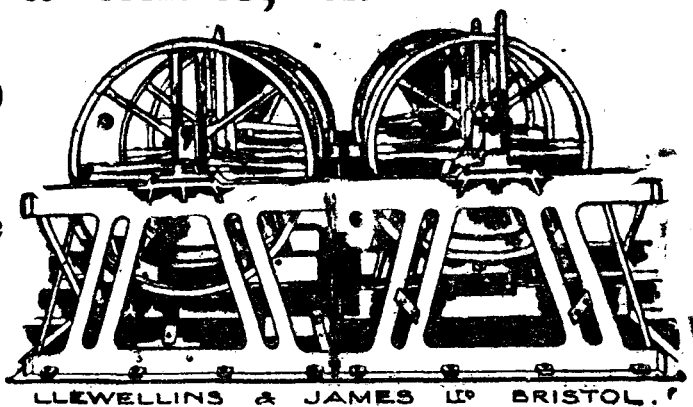
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STEPNEY BELLS.

The following description of these beautiful bells will be of interest to our readers.

The bells of Stepney were thought very highly of a century ago, when campanology was highly regarded, and the art practised more than now. Records exist in which enthusiasts dilate upon the majesty of the tenor bell, weighing 30 cwt. The great bell of Stepney was given by Nicholas Chadworth, and renewed in 1386 by Thomas Marsow. Stow says that the Church of the Priory of Holy Trinity had a ring of nine bells at the time of its suppression, whereof four were sold to the parish of Stebenhith. By a minute of vestry, April 29th, 1599, it was agreed that "Lawrence Wright, of Houndsditch, in the parish of St. Botolph's Without Aldgate, Bellfounder, shall have the casting of the great bell and the 5th bell for £40—£10 on taking down, £10 on putting up, and the residue after the hanging." August 27th, 1601, the 4th bell becomes broken, and is ordered to be cast. November 7th, 1602: Edward Parberry appointed to look after the bells. His wages to be 40s. yearly, and to have free the shop adjoining upon the Church House in the churchyard. There is an ms. record of an amateur club of campanologists in the Guildhall Library, who performed on most peals in the neighbourhood of London in the early part of the last century. It contains the following:—

"1680: Bob Major at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on Thursday, the 12th of September, 1754. It was completed in an hour and 20 minutes and the first trial. Jeremiah Gilbert, treble; Thomas Greenwood, 2nd; Joseph Bennett, 3rd; Thomas Smallshaw, 4th; James Benson, 5th; William Laughton, 6; John Trenell, 7th; John Hayward and Thomas Clarke, tenor." We met at the Walnut Tree, near the church, writes the club secretary who appears to have been a rather facetious person, and celebrates this performance, as he did most others, by some doggerel verses.

Of St. Dunstan's, Stepney, now I'll tell,
Sixteen hundred rang out very well;
And done at once—no meeting twice,
For the bells went charming, smooth and nice.
Not roff and hard like Spittle fields,
What difference there is betwixt those peals;
For of Stepney Bells a man may say't,
That none ever went better O' their weight.

There is a record of 1870 which is interesting. It sets out that the inscriptions on the bells are as follows:

1.—George Harper D.C. Rector: Mathey Ensum, Robt. Turner, Wm. Wade, Wm. Thompson, Geo. Everitt (churchwardens), T. Mears, and Son, of London, fecit, 1806.

2, 3, 4, 5 (same) but T. Mears and Co., Whitechapel.

6.—To the Pious Memory of Mrs. Prisca Coburn, a liberal benefactor to the seamen's widows of this Parish. The sixth bell of the old peal had the following inscription, which is now transferred to the seventh:

7.—"Viginis egregi vour campana mario, 1605."

8.—To the honour of the Volunteers of the Parish of St. Dunstan's, Stepney. The Ratcliff, commanded by John Boulcott, Esq., Major; the M.E.O.T. by Wm. Thompson, Esq., Lt.-Colonel; Poplar and Blackwall by John Wells, Esq., Lieut.-Colonel, 1806.

9.—To the honour of S. Charles Major, First Lord of the Admiralty, 1729, founder of the Stepney Cockney Festival, instituted at Ratcliff in the year 1674, and discontinued 1784. John Mathew, Esq., Treasurer, T. Mears and Son, fecit, 1806.

Tenor.—The late tenor, wt. 49 cwt., was given to the Priory of the Holy Trinity, Duke's Place, Aldgate, by Nicholas Chadworth, and renewed by Thomas Marsow, 1306, was sold with three others to the parish of St. Dunstan's, Stepney, about the year 1540: recast 1602, 1764 and 1799. The late peal of eight bells were recast into ten by Thomas Mears and Son, 1806, in the presence of George Harper, D.D., Rector; Thomas Thirlwall, Lecturer; Mr. Mathew Easum, Robert Turner, Wm. Wade, Wm. Thompson, George Everitt (churchwardens); John Carter, Esq., John Edwards, Esq., Jeremiah Snow, Esq., John Paulin, Esq., Mr. James Bainfield, Wm. Simons, Matthew Watson (Surveyor), John Satter (Vestry Clerk), 56½ diameter at mouth.

Clock bell: C. and G. Mears, Founders, London.

In the vestry minutes July 30, 1789, we find that the bell in the turret being cracked, be recast, and that a founder be applied to to give an estimate for the same.

August 10th, 1789, Messrs. Wm. and Thomas Mears' proposal for recasting the turret bell at 28s. per cwt. and 12d. per lb. for new metal, and for taking down, putting up and hanging the new bell, wheel, iron, brass work and frame, and completing all things relating thereto for £1 17s. was excepted. Stepney Vestry, August 9th, 1797. The meeting were acquainted that the tenor or largest bell was cracked and became useless, and that the 6th bell was a very bad one. That the present peal of eight bells were at their present weight too heavy to be easily rung. Several proposals were made for casting a peal of less weight from the metal of the old bells, and ultimately it was resolved that a peal of eight bells to a tenor of 36 cwt. should be cast, and the churchwardens were authorised to treat with Mr. Thomas Mears for casting the same. On the 2nd of March, 1798, it was resolved upon further consideration to recast the 6th bell and the tenor as near as possible to their former weight, and Mr. Thomas Mears was desired to prepare and deliver an estimate for the same at the next vestry meeting. The peal of ten bells was of course cast by Messrs. Mears, of Whitechapel, at their celebrated foundry. The earliest mention of a clock is to be found in the vestry minutes for December 1st, 1583, when the Vestry ordered the churchwardens to take upon them to compound for the erection of a clock upon the top of the steeple. The face of the present dial is six feet three inches across. The bell chamber of the tower had four large window openings fitted with weather boards. These windows have been renewed in Bath stone and filled with open quatrefoil tracery.

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LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL.

The following description of this grand building will be interesting to our readers, especially any who may be visiting the neighbourhood. There is evidence that a Church existed at Llandaff prior to A.D. 521, though no trace of it can be found. Tradition gives its dimensions as 28 ft. long, 15 ft. wide, and 20 ft. high. It was apparently built during the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, being finally consecrated in 1295. It had a chequered career, and according to local report has had within its walls an alehouse, a stable, and a post office. It certainly fell into decay, and in 1723 about 50 ft. of the roof of the nave fell in. The western towers had previously fallen. The ruins of the nave remained in 1851. The restoration commenced in 1836, and part of the nave was re-opened on April 16th, 1857, when choral services, which had been discontinued from 1691, were re-commenced. It was completed in 1869. The visitor to the Cathedral will find no stately pile, with "storied nave and vaulted aisle," no long vistas melting away into entrancing dimness. And yet the place is not without a certain gracefulness and beauty of its own, and it assuredly blends with its rustic surrounding. Nestling in its green churchyard, and half buried at the foot of a steep bank, it seems to shrink away from rather than to attract public notice. Its distinctive and architecturally best feature—the west front—can only be seen to advantage from one point of view, and that a private one, viz., the garden of the deanery.

The tower on the left is called the Jasper Tudor tower, because it was erected at the order of Jasper, uncle to Henry VIII. It is a good example of the Perpendicular style, and bears a strong resemblance to the beautiful Somersetshire towers. On the right is the steeple tower, an entirely new structure, designed by Mr. Pritchard, the architect who carried out the restoration. The original one was Early English, and without a spire, but the modern spire at least adds height and gracefulness to the building.

The church suffers from one great defect, and that is, that it possesses no transepts, and presents one unbroken line of nave and presbytery or choir, which is not even relieved by any variation of elevation as regards roof. The Lady Chapel is tacked on, as it were, as an appendage, and viewed from the East looks poor and mean. The chapter-house, though small, is of quaint appearance, since the roof is octagonal while the walls are square.

The interior, unlike most English cathedrals, is open from west door to altar, nothing but a low wooden screen dividing the choir from the nave. The chief feature is the very fine Norman arch between the presbytery and the Lady Chapel, near which stands the altar. The reredos fills the space below the arch, and consists of the celebrated triptych by Dante Gabriel Rossetti, the centre panel representing the Adoration of the Saviour by the Magi, flanked on the left by David as a youth carrying his sling, and on the right by the same hero in kingly garb with harp in hand. It is particularly to be deplored that these three beautiful pictures should have been placed in gabled and ornately carved stone settings, quite out of keeping with the Norman work above. The choir-stalls are of the same gabled character, and have been stigmatised as good examples of cabinet-work and marquetry. They certainly fail to appeal to any one with a sense of what is dignified and fitting, though the boxwood figures of Old Testament worthies, with which they are adorned,

will attract the attention of the visitor as, at any rate, quaint and well executed. The organ-case has but recently been erected, and is a handsome piece of work. It bears in inlay the words, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord," superseding an inscription which ran thus: "O all ye beasts and cattle, praise ye the Lord"—an unwitting yet somewhat invidious reflection upon the choristers. There are two fine altar-tombs of the Mathew family—one in the nave, the other in the north wall of the Lady chapel. A life-size effigy of the late Bishop Lewis is let into the wall above the choir door in the presbytery. Executed as this is in bronze, it is not to be wondered at that a facetious member of the staff should have, in an unhappy moment, dubbed it "the brazen image."

The Lady Chapel is of the Early Decorated period, and has a finely-vaulted stone roof, and it has been most tastefully illuminated in colour; good stained-glass in the east window would, indeed, greatly enhance the whole cathedral.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

The annual meeting of the above Guild took place at Dudley on Saturday, March 2nd. The tower was open for ringing at 3 o'clock, and the Guild service was held in the church at 5 o'clock. This was conducted by the President and Vicar of Dudley, the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, and an encouraging address was given by the Rev. G. H. Burnett, of the Parish Church. After the service a substantial meat tea was provided in the King Street schoolroom, free to members and other ringing friends, from funds collected by the Ringing-Master, Mr. S. Spittle. The business meeting followed, at which between 60 and 70 members attended, when 25 new members were elected, including the Rev. G. H. Burnett (Dudley), and the Rev. E. V. Cox (Walsall). At the election of officers all were re-elected for the ensuing year. On the proposition of Mr. B. Gough, Coseley was the place selected to hold the next quarterly meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the President for conducting the service in church; to the Rev. G. H. Burnett for his address, and for presiding in the temporary absence of the Vicar, who had to attend a special meeting of the C.E.M.S. in another part of the school. A vote of thanks was also accorded the ladies who presided at the tables, and those who prepared and served the tea; to Mr. Spittle for collecting the funds for the tea, and to all who had assisted in making the meeting a successful one. At the close the National Anthem was sung as a tribute to His Majesty the King.

CHERTSEY ABBEY BELL.

It may not be generally known that the story told in the poem "Curfew shall not ring to night," is in all probability true. A recent article in a magazine states that the bell which the heroine, Bessie, prevented from ringing still hangs and rings in the belfry of Chertsey Parish Church. It is known as the Abbey Bell, because it was originally made for Chertsey Abbey, but was preserved and given to the Parish Church at the dissolution of monasteries in the sixteenth century. But even if the poem be not true, the bell is interesting—(1) because it was tolled for Henry VI. when his body was taken to Chertsey Abbey for burial; and (2) because it was cast in 1310, and is therefore one of the oldest bells in England, the oldest dating from 1206.

HONEY FROM CHURCH ROOF.

Swarms of bees have for many years made the roof of the south transept of the church at Newport (Essex) their home, to the annoyance of those who occupied seats below. As much as a quart of dead and drowsy bees has been swept up on a Sunday morning. It was therefore determined some years ago to strip the lead from the roof, and three bushels of honey and comb were removed. The bees however, soon returned, and again the roof was stripped, when a large quantity of comb was removed, but very little honey. This attempt to get rid of these busy but irritating friends also proved ineffectual, and again the roof was removed, and 1½ cwt. of honey taken. The Vicar of the parish says the honey is better than that taken from an ordinary hive.

"THE HOLD BUFFER."

Dr. Boyd Carpenter, who recently retired from the bishopric of Ripon, was at one time being constantly called upon to officiate at fashionable weddings. On one occasion the Bishop was to conduct the ceremony at a West End church, and the usual crowd of interested spectators had assembled to witness the arrival of the wedding party. Magnificent motors and carriages drew up at the strip of red carpet and disgorged their splendidly dressed occupants. At last an extremely ramshackle old four-wheeler was driven up. Two policemen at once rushed forward. "Here! hi!" they shouted, "you can't stop here! The Bishop is just coming!" "The cabman surveyed the constables with an air of scorn, and then exclaimed "Keep your 'air on; I've got the 'hold buffer' in here." And out of the ancient vehicle stepped Dr. Carpenter.

WORK OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL COMMISSIONERS.

The report from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for the year ended November 1st, 1911, issued this week, states that there has been but little variation in the income from the estates. A moderate increase in the receipts from ground rents and tithe rent charge has been counterbalanced by a decrease in mineral royalties and the rents of London house property. Expenditure upon farm buildings has been somewhat above the average of recent years. The receipts from dividends and interest continue to improve as the surplus income appropriated to the augmentation of livings is invested. To sum up the results for the year, using approximate figures, the net rental of estates produced £1,406,300, dividends and interest £457,200, and £1,000 was received from the Church Estates Commissioners. These amounts, together with the balance brought forward, viz. £333,700, make up a total of £2,198,200. Of this amount the payments to benefices, bishops, chapters, and other charges, including expenses of administration and income tax, absorbed £1,302,800: £401,600 was appropriated as capital for the further endowment of benefices; £80,000 was transferred to the Minerals Depreciation Fund; and the balance, viz., £413,800, was carried forward to the new account. The prospects for the current year are such as to justify the Commissioners in again appropriating to the augmentation and endowment of benefices the sum of £400,000, which they propose to distribute in the following manner:

1. £105,000 in meeting benefactions offered in favour of benefices by grants of capital in augmentation of incomes, or towards providing or improving parsonage houses, and in meeting benefactions towards the maintenance of assistant curates for parishes where the population is not less than 5,000 persons.
2. £100,000 in endowing with not more than £200 per annum churches in public patronage to which districts have been newly assigned with a population in each case of 4,000 or more at the date of such assignment.

3. £55,000 in grants in special cases where the population is 6,000 or more, and the income does not exceed £300.

4. £140,000 in meeting local claims.

During a period of seventy-one years, extending from 1840 when the Common Fund was first created, to October 31st last, the Commissioners have augmented and endowed upwards of 7,000 benefices by annual payments charged on the fund, by capital sums expended in the provision of parsonage houses, etc., and by the annexation of lands, tithe rent charges, etc. The value of these grants exceeds £998,000 per annum in perpetuity.

TEIGH CHURCH.—Anyone who possesses a taste for the curious or picturesque, would find both gratified by a visit to the quaint little church of this parish. It is said that there are only three of its character in England, the remaining two being one at Stapleford, and the other a college chapel at Cambridge. One would upon entering the church be struck by the apparent absence of the pulpit, lectern, and reading desk, but on looking round one finds them in the west wall, in the form of three recesses or niches—the one on the south side being the prayer-desk, on the north the lectern, and above and between the two the pulpit. The font, too, is in the corner of the church, and the pews range from east to west; three rows on the north and three on the south, facing each other. The original font, an urn, was suspended by a brase bracket. The church was restored a few years ago at the cost of £350 or so, new windows with mullions and coloured glass being inserted, which greatly added to its beauty.

SHAKESPEAR AND THE BIBLE.—In the word Shakespear there are four vowels and six consonants. These may form the number 46. If you turn to the 46th Psalm you will find that the 46th word in it is "Shake," and the 46th word from the end of it is "Spear."

The Rev. R. K. Harris, Rector of Runwell, Essex, has installed an apparatus by which the peal of bells at the Parish Church is rung by electricity, a distinction possessed by no other church in England. The church and vicarage and other houses in the village are also lighted by electricity supplied from the Rector's generator.

The congregation of All Hallows, East India Dock Road, Poplar, is too poor to buy furniture for their church, so two industrious curates have set to work to supply the want by turning carpenters and making the furniture themselves.

A muffled peal was rung on the bells of Portsea parish church on Wednesday evening as a tribute to the crew of the ill-fated submarine A 3. There are many naval memorials in the churchyard, including the tombs of victims of the wreck of the Royal George.

An interesting ceremony took place at St. George's church, Deal, in the presence of a large number of people, on Monday, when the Bishop of Dover (Dr. Walsh), unveiled the new gates erected to commemorate the reign of King Edward VII. The Mayor and Corporation attended.

In their final report, the Royal Commission on Vivisection vindicate this method of research. The Commissioners have come to the conclusion that "experiments upon animals, adequately safeguarded by law, faithfully administered, are morally justifiable, and should not be prohibited by legislation."

NEWPORT (Mon.)—On Thursday, February 29th, for practice, at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. E. Morgan, V. Morgan, J. W. Jones, B. Millard, S. Jones, C. Greedy, F. E. B. Charles, conductor, T. Max. First quarter-peal in the method by B. Millard, and first quarter-peal as conductor in the method.

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CHURCH NEEDS IN EAST LONDON.

Alderman and Sheriff Hanson presided at the annual meeting of the East London Church Fund at the Guildhall on Monday afternoon. Extracts from the report were read by the Secretary, the Rev. H. A. E. Standfast, who emphasised the fact that the ordinary receipts of the fund were not sufficient to meet the ordinary expenditure. They had only been saved from deficit during the last three years by extraordinary means. In fact, they were only solvent through the receipt of gifts as unexpected as they were welcome. Another point dwelt on was that in no quarter last year could the Council meet the demands made on them without borrowing. Although their income last year was £22,000, the second largest on record, it was not sufficient for their aims.

The Bishop of Islington said that what weighed most on their feelings was this terrible coal strike. He asked for their prayers that courage and unselfishness might be given to all who were trying so nobly to find a settlement. They could understand that it might be desirable that there should be a minimum wage in this industry, and they could also understand the difficulty of so adjusting it that the mines should not be worked at a loss. But surely it was a reproach to Christianity that it should not be possible to find a solution without recourse to what he had almost called barbarous methods.

Lord Barnard, speaking as Chairman of the Archbishop's Committee on Church Finance, emphasised the necessity of reviving the spirit of giving. Ancient endowments were insufficient to meet the demands of the Church to-day. But the existence of these endowments had had a numbing influence on the generosity of Church people of the present time. Of the whole English speaking race they were the only people who did not build churches without help from endowments.

The Bishop of Stepney said that it was their duty in claiming the confidence of the City to bring their work up to the highest level of efficiency. He spoke of a parish in a district which had an unenviable reputation for crime. On Ash Wednesday there were 519 communicants, there had been 8200 since last Easter, and for the last Confirmation there had been 110 candidates. He mentioned those figures in no spirit of jealousy, but to show that the Church did not fail to get at those who, to human eyes, appeared to be the lowest of the low.

AN ESTABLISHED CHURCH.

At the present time, with Disestablishment looming large before us, the following, from the pen of Cobbett, may be quoted. He says:—"I was a sincere Churchman because experience has convinced me that uniformity in the religion of my country was a most desirable thing, because it was reasonable and just that those who had neither house nor land, and who were the millions of a country, and performed all its useful labours, should have a Church, a churchyard, a minister of religion, and all religious services performed for them at the expense of those who did possess the houses and land. In a word, in the Church and its possessions I saw the patrimony of the working people, who had neither house nor land of their own private property. An Established Church—a Church Establishment on Christian Principles—provides an edifice sufficiently spacious for the assembling of the people of each parish; it provides a spot for the interment of the dead; it provides a teacher of religion to officiate in the sacred edifice, to go to the houses of the inhabit-

ants, to administer comfort to the distressed, to counsel the wayward, to teach children their duty towards God, their parents, and their country (hence our parish schools), and particularly to initiate children in the first principles of religion and morality, and to cause them to 'communicate,' that is, by an outward mark to become members of the Church of Christ."

These were telling arguments in favour of an Established Church when they were written, and in the main are as true to-day. What would be the position in hundreds of country parishes but for the existence of the parish church and its parsonage? The spiritual needs of the people would be entirely ignored, or left in the hands of chance preachers who happened to be in the parish. True the secular education of the children and burial of the dead have been provided for in other ways, but religious instruction, baptism, marriage, visitation of the sick and many other needs of a parish are totally unprovided for were it not for the presence of the Established Church and its clergy.

DISESTABLISHMENT IN WALES.

WESLEYAN MINISTER'S PROTEST.

The Bishop of St. David's addressed a mass meeting at the Shoreditch Town Hall on Tuesday on the subject of Welsh Disestablishment. The chair was taken by the Hon. Laurence Brodrick, and letters of regret at absence were read from the Bishop of Stepney and the Rev. A. E. Gregory, a Wesleyan minister who had been asked to speak.

Dr. Gregory, writing from Harpenden, said that he was convinced that Disestablishment would not further the general interests of religion in the Principality, and he laid stress on the unfairness of treating the Welsh dioceses as though they were not an integral part of the Anglican Church. He characterised the disendowment proposals of the 1909 Bill as grossly unjust, dishonourable to the nation, and even dishonest, and he assured the Bishop of St. David's that many quiet Nonconformists and very many Wesleyans were with him in the contest.

The Bishop of St. David's asked whether the Welsh Disestablishment Bill would do good to religion? Was it just? No Nonconformist had tried to show that it would do good to any Nonconformist chapel. He knew, and he expressed the general opinion of Welsh clergy and Church laity, that any Bill like that of 1909, would do serious harm to the Church in Wales, which it would feel for more than one generation. Consequently, as it would do no good to any Nonconformist chapel and would injure the Church, it followed that it would do untold harm to the cause of religion in the Principality. He asked them to oppose the Bill because it was not a right or just way to deal with a great question. The Government were only nibbling at the question. If on religious grounds it was a good thing to Disestablish the Church in Wales why did not they Disestablish the Church in England? He protested against the Bill because it was a piecemeal legislation. The Church in Wales and the Church in England was one. There was a clause in the Bill to turn Welsh bishops and clergy out of Convocation. Welsh clergy had sat there ever since Convocation first met, which was before Parliament did.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on March 19th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 28th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 19th; and Southwark Cathedral on the 27th. St. Magnus 7.30; the others at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings at 7.30

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.
32, Edgely Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, to-day, Sat., March 16th. The tower will be open from 4 to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 6.15 p.m.

WILLIAM HOTTER, Hon. Sec.
42, Thornhill Road, Bainsbury.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—A quarterly general meeting will take place on Monday, April 1st, at St. Clement Danes, Strand. Tower open at 8 p.m. Business Meeting in the tower room at 9.30. The society also meets at the above tower the second and fourth Sunday in each month for service ringing. Visitors welcomed.

F. J. HARDY, Hon. Sec.
34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dulverton to-day, Sat., March 16th. Meeting at The Lamb hotel at 3.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Service at 6 p.m. E. E. BURGESS, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The meeting of the above branch will be held at Oldham parish church to-day, Sat., March 16th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. There will be a committee meeting on the same day.

J. H. BASTOW, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Borden, near Sittingbourne, to-day, Sat., March 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Half rail fares up to 2s. allowed at this meeting. Subscriptions are now due. It is hoped that all members who possibly can, will attend to discuss the proposed Benevolent Fund.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brookfield, Gorton, on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7.

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity church, Burnley, on Saturday, March 30th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

J. WATSON, Branch Sec.

Notice.—Practice is discontinued at St. John's, Deptford, during rehanging.

F. W. RICHARDSON.

HOW BELLS ARE MADE.

Let us imagine ourselves at White-chapel during the process. In the centre of a large pit stands a post, the height of the future bell. On the top of this, as on a pivot, turns two great wooden frames, reaching to the ground, and shaped to the outline of the inside and outside of the bell. Around the stake is built up a hollow cone of brickwork, which is afterwarde carefully covered with soft clay, and roughly moulded to the shape and size of the bell. The inner crook is then revolved, and, in its motion, shaves off the soft surface to the exact size and shape of the interior of the bell. A fire is then lighted within the brickwork cone, and the whole dries. When quite hard, the finished mould, or core is greased and sprinkled with tan to prevent adhesion, and a friable clay is plastered over it to a thickness equal to that of the intended bell. The outer crook is then caused to revolve, and the smoothed surface represents the outside of the bell. On this ornaments are moulded, and the crooks having been removed, a model of the handle, or canon, is affixed. The completed surface is again covered with well tempered clay, forming the outer mould or cope. Fire is again used to bake this; and when completed it is lifted by a crane. The clay model between the core and the cope is then destroyed, and the latter lowered again, so that between the interior of the cope and the exterior of the core is left a space exactly corresponding in shape and size to the desired bell. Meantime the adjoining furnace has been charged with the proper proportions of copper and tin, the quantity being generally much more than is required for the immediate occasion. A channel is made from the furnace to the top of the moulding pit, the plug is removed, and the molten metal runs into the space left for it. Days are allowed for the cooling, and, the cope being first removed, the bell is hoisted on high.

It is now tested by taps on different parts of its surface, and, if necessary, thinned to pitch by a revolving cutter which pares off a slice round the edge. It should give its own note at the brim, the third an eighth higher, the fifth three quarters up, and the octave on the shoulder. Thus the bell, when properly struck, yields a perfect common chord.

It is authoritatively stated that the Bishop of Sheffield will not take the stipend of £400 a year attached to the canonry in York Minster, to which he has just been appointed, in addition to his stipend as Suffragan-Bishop.

DUNSTER, SOMERSETSHIRE.

This version of ringers' rules occur in the belfry of the above church:—

You that in ringing take delight,
Be pleased to draw near;
These articles you must observe
If you mean to ring here.

And first, if any overturn
A bell, as that he may,
He forthwith for that only fault
In beer shall sixpence pay.

If anyone shall curse or swear
When come within the door,
He then shall forfeit for that fault
As mentioned before.

If anyone shall wear his hat
When he is ringing here,
He straightway then shall sixpence pay
In cyder or in beer.

If anyone these articles
Refuseth to obey,
Let him have nine strokes of the rope,
And so depart away.

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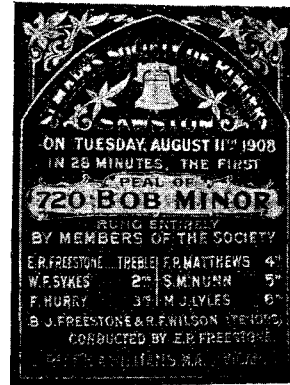
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SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1912.

OURSELVES.

WITH this issue we commence a new volume, the thirty-first, a fact upon which we congratulate ourselves and our numerous supporters. We also start a new era in our history, an era which will, as far as lies in our power, be one of improvement. Our motto shall be "Deeds not words," and we will refrain from making large promises which we may find it impossible afterwards to carry out.

There is, however, one improvement which we can, and do promise. Recognising that punctuality is the soul of business, arrangements have been made to ensure that "THE BELL NEWS" shall be in the hands of the publishers on Friday mornings, and ringers may depend on getting their copies on the following day. This will, we hope, lead to an increased circulation, which, from our point of view, is of first importance.

To our many correspondents we tender thanks for their contributions, which enable us to present to their fellow-ringers news of doings in the various associations and guilds throughout the country. We appreciate their efforts, and venture to express a hope for a continuance of them. Reports of meetings will, as hitherto, always be welcome, as also short histories of bells, towers, and churches. Notices of restorations, rebuilding, etc., will receive our attention: in fact, while reserving the right of publication, we shall be glad to receive Church news of any kind. Our efforts will be concentrated on retaining

all the special features which have made the journal an interesting, readable compendium of information to bell-ringers and churchpeople generally, while introducing others as occasion demands.

To this end we ask our readers, correspondents, advertisers and agents to assist us, and on our part we will do our best to supply them with a journal which shall be worthy of the highest traditions of "THE BELL NEWS."

The Metropolis.

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

On Wednesday, February 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR H. HARDY Treble.	JAEZ A. TROLLOPE 5.
FREDK. G. SYMONDS* .. 2.	FRANK I. HAIRS 6.
ALFRED W. GRIMES 3.	HENRY J. RANZETTA .. 7.
EDWIN F. PIKE 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by C. HATTERSLRY, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Hollier.

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

On Friday, March 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. Treble.	JOSEPH MILNER 5.
ROBERT W. GREEN* .. 2.	ARTHUR D. BARKER .. 6.
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES .. 3.	FREDERICK J. HARDY .. 7.
HAROLD P. BURTON .. 4.	THOMAS WALKER Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

*First peal with a bob bell in any method.

BARROWBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

REGINALD SCOTT Treble.	ARTHUR MACEBARS 4.
REV. C. J. STURTON 2.	ARTHUR DRURY 5.
FRANCIS CRADDOCK* 3.	JOSEPH LORD Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR MACEBARS.

*First peal of Minor.

BENHILTON, SUTTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

FRANK FORD Treble.	ALBERT CALVER 5.
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT 2.	JAMES WARWICK 6.
EDWARD MILES 3.	ALFRED CLAYTON 7.
WILLIAM H. JOINER 4.	JOHN WEBB Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED CLAYTON.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qts. 10 lbs. in E flat.

HARRY PAGE Treble.	THOMAS HAMLIN 5.
GEORGE CROSS 2.	GEORGE WINES 6.
JAMES CROSS 3.	TOM PAGE 7.
WILLIAM PAGE 4.	SAMUEL WEAVER Tenor.

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss S. Page (sister to the conductor and ringers of the treble and 4th).

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, March 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HERSE* .. Treble.	*CHARLES I. EDWARDS .. 5.
SYDNEY CARTER 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. 6.
JOSEPH J. PRATT 3.	*ALAN R. MACDONALD .. 7.
HENRY C. CHANDLER .. 4.	†ERNEST R. GLADMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and Conducted by ERNEST R. GLADMAN]

*First peal in the method, †First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Alan R. Macdonald,

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER AND BLACKBURN BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, March 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qts.

THOMAS WILSON Treble.	*WILLIAM WATTS 5.
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 2.	JOHN WATSON 6.
WILLIAM HY. IDLE 3.	WILLIAM ED. WILSON .. 7.
WILLIAM HOLEROOK .. 4.	ROBERT DAVIES Tenor.

Conducted by W. E. WILSON.

*First peal. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS, SEN. Treble.	*FRANK COPEMAN 5.
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN .. 2.	GEORGE HOWCHIN 6.
ALFRED FUNNELL 3.	JOHN ALDIS, JUN. .. 7.
WILLIAM STEELE 4.	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WM. STEELE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to B. J. Howchin, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. *First peal of Treble Bob.

The annual report of the Southwark Diocesan Branches of the Queen Victoria Clergy Fund records an increase in income of over £400 as compared with that of 1910. Grants for sustentation amounted to £1,180, and for endowment £395.

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On Saturday, March 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 26 lbs.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble.	CHARLES J. FRAY 5.
WALTER G. ROWE 2.	*CHARLES H. RUSSELL .. 6.
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS .. 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 7.
HENRY W. WILKES 4.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal in the method. Rang as a birthday peal to W. H. George, also to Mrs. Williams (mother of the conductor), who completed her 93rd year on the day previous.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes.

AT THE TOWN HALL, ALBERT SQUARE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 52 cwt.

JOHN T. BOTTRILL* .. Treble.	TITUS BARLOW 6.
ISAAC SCHOFIELD* 2.	JOSEPH RIDYARD 7.
FRED PAGE* 3.	WILLIAM DAVIES 8.
GEORGE R. NEWTON* .. 4.	RICHARD NEWTON 9.
CHARLES PAGE 5.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by H. CHAPMAN.

Rang as a birthday compliment to Police-sergeant Wm. Cartwright, conductor of the Town Hall band; also to Mr. and Mrs. R. Newton; and also on the completion of 26 year's service in the Manchester City Police Force by Mr. Rd. Newton, P.C. Mr. C. Page was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal, and is his first peal on ten bells; also Mr. W. Davies's 100th peal. *First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

FREDERICK S. PRICE .. Treble.	PERCIVAL PRICE 5.
ALLAN R. HICKTON 2.	RICHARD DRAGE 6.
EDWARD C. GOBEY 3.	JOSEPH BAILEY 7.
J. CHARLES DICKEN 4.	NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON.

First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rang as a birthday compliment to the conductor and the ringer of the 4th, and as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

Handbell Peal.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT "LEYLAND," QUEENS ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 1-2.	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD .. 5-6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 3-4.	*FERRIS SHEPHERD, SEN. 7-8.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and Conducted by WM. SHEPHERD.

*First peal in the method on handbells. This composition contains the 6th her full extent at home. Umpire—Ferris J. Shepherd.

A DIAGRAM OF UNION TRIPLES (1893), may be had gratis, on application by letter to W. H. THOMPSON, 5, Sillwood Street, Brighton, to whom the unsold remainder has been returned by the publishers.

HAGGERSTON, LONDON, N.E.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 8, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE "GEORGE THE FOURTH," BRUNSWICK STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS. 5021 CHANGES.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 1-2.	*FRANK BENNETT 5-6.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 3-4.	*FRANK I. HAIRS 7-S.
†ALFRED GRIMES 9-10.	

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire—Mr. E. Grimes, First handbell peal in the method by the Association. †First peal on handbells. *First peal of Caters on handbells.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The St. Peter's Amalgamated Society.)

On Sunday, March 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT 11, FISHER ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES.

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

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—James Evinson.

CAMBRIDGE.—THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, March 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

In the President's Rooms, Trinity College,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 1-2.	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 5-6.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 3-4.	*REGINALD O. STREET .. 7-8.

Composed by H. DAINS, and

Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

*First peal of Treble Bob. Umpire—J. B. Williamson. This is the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey's 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

THE REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY'S 100 PEALS.

On tower bells: Minor, 3 methods, 1; Minor, 7 methods, 1; Bob Major 4; Grandsire Triples 6; Grandsire Caters 1; Little Bob Major 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 8; Oxford Treble Bob Major 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 9; Stedman Triples 30; Superlative Surprise Major 1; Cambridge Surprise Major 3. Total 68. On handbells: Bob Triples 1; Bob Major 12; Bob Royal 4; Bob Maximus 1; Grandsire Caters 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 4; Kent Treble Bob Royal 1; Stedman Triples 6; Stedman Caters 1. Total 32. Including first peal of Double Norwich in hand, and the first peal of Little Bob ever rung.

THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

SWANSEA.—On Tuesday, March 12th, for practice at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. C. Hoare, W. Rice, R. Morse, C. Morse, J. Davies, F. Morgan (conductor), J. Hoare, E. Davies.

CORRECTION.—The peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Walter Smith, reported in our last issue as having been rung at Beckenham, was rung at Eynsford, Kent.—[We followed copy.—Ed.]

We have been asked to state that the 1260 Grandsire Triples by H. Price, was composed by Mr. Geo. H. Daynes, of Lewis-ham, about 18 years ago.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINSLADE (Bucks.)—On Sunday, March 10th, for afternoon service, 336 Grandsire Triples. E. Seddon, W. Seabrook, J. Nicholls, F. Dedman, A. Vickers, W. Dedman, F. Vickers, R. Seddon. For evening service 336 Grandsire Triples. Rev. W. S. Mahony, W. Dedman, E. Seddon, W. Bacchus, A. Vickers, C. White, F. Vickers, R. Seddon. On Monday, March 11th, for practice, 168 Grandsire Triples. H. Price, F. Vickers, E. Seddon, W. Bacchus, A. Vickers, C. White, W. Dedman, R. Seddon. And 336. Rev. W. S. Mahony, W. Dedman, W. Bacchus, A. Vickers, C. White, F. Vickers, R. Seddon.

LUTON (Beds.)—On Sunday, March 3rd, for morning service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. A. King, J. Rookwood, C. Wing, B. Wilson, F. Hunt, H. Shepherd, H. Walker (conductor), H. Shaw. First quarter-peal as conductor. On Sunday, March 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples 1260 changes, in 45 mins. C. Wing, H. Walker, B. Wilson, T. H. Colburn, F. Hunt, J. Rookwood, A. King (conductor), H. Shaw. First quarter-peal in the method by all except the ringers of the 4th and 7th. Longest touch in the method as conductor. All the ringers belong to the local band except T. H. Colburn, who resides at Croydon.

CHURCH NEWS.

At a meeting of the Church League of Women's Suffrage held on Tuesday at Leamington, a resolution was passed condemning the organised attacks on private property.

The Duke of Devonshire and the Bishop of St. Asaph will be the principal speakers at an anti-disestablishment meeting to be held next Monday at Buxton.

The spring conference of the Church Association is to be held at Bournemouth on April 24 and 25. An executive committee has been appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

The Rev. A. D. Perrott, formerly an assistant master at Cheltenham College, and for five years head master of Coventry Grammar School, has been appointed diocesan inspector of schools in the diocese of Ely.

A lecture on the history and architecture of the church of St. Bartholomew-the-Great, West Smithfield, will be given on Saturday, the 16th inst., and repeated on Saturday, the 23rd, at 2.30 p.m. The crypt and the remains of the cloister will be open for inspection without charge, but a collection will be made to defray the cost of the recent excavations, which have been made with the view of ascertaining the original plan of Rahere's church.

Dr. Horton, the leading Nonconformist, recently made the following interesting remarks on the relative progress of the Church and the Dissenting communities: "I rejoice with the Church of England in the success which is attending her work. The Free Churches only exist to supplement her deficiencies. When she is able to meet the wants of our community they can joyfully sing their *Nunc Dimittis*. But her prosperity is our joy. We desire nothing better than to see the Church of England proclaiming the Gospel of our Lord to this country in its fullness and its freedom and gathering in the people of this country to the fold of Christ. We are content to decrease, if her increase means the glory of our common Lord."

An important step forward in Church extension in Cardiff was taken last week, when the foundation stone of the permanent nave of St. Stephen's Church was laid by the Bishop of Llandaff and Mr. W. J. Tatem, High Sheriff of Glamorgan. St. Stephen's parish is situated in the midst of the Docks, and serves a poor population of nearly 6000 people for which the completed church is most urgently needed. The chancel and tower have already been built, but the accommodation thus provided is totally inadequate. A parish hall was opened some two years ago, where a Sunday school of over 400 is now in existence. A good sum of money has already been raised in donations, ranging

from one penny upwards, while many of the dock firms have contributed liberal sums. Much more, however, is required before the church and parish hall can be considered free from debt. It is surprising how much has been accomplished in the midst of such a poor neighbourhood since the advent of the present Vicar two years ago, and it bears testimony, not only to the activity of the Church, but to the affection and readiness with which the working classes receive its ministrations, and the heartiness with which they help forward its work.

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DR. GORE AND DISESTABLISHMENT.

In consequence of numerous protests made by Churchmen in the Diocese of Oxford against Dr. Gore's attitude on the subject of Welsh Disestablishment the Bishop writes in the current number of his *Diocesan Magazine*: "It is a great distress to me to find myself so much opposed to the general opinion of the Church as to the wisdom of root-and-branch opposition to Disestablishment in Wales, and to any proposals for Disendowment. I hope no member of the diocese will doubt my cordial approval of his taking any such public and strenuous action in defence of the present situation as his conscience approves."

THE COAL STRIKE.

A DAY OF INTERCESSION.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have sent the following notice to all the Diocesan Bishops of England and Wales:

The threatened continuance of the industrial strife and the consequent increase of widespread confusion and distress seem to us to call for the appointment of a day of humble prayer and intercession throughout England and Wales.

We authorise for our own dioceses, and we recommend for other dioceses in the two provinces, the observance, under due authority, of next Sunday as such special day of prayer. Should Sunday be for any local reason an inappropriate day, another day near at hand should be chosen.

While we are anxious not to interfere unduly with diocesan, or even parochial, initiative as regards the manner of observing such a day, we have thought that it would be for the general convenience that we should suggest suitable forms of prayer and special lessons and psalms.

Papers containing the suggested order of service, including a special Litany of Intercession, can be obtained in any quantity from the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, Northumberland Avenue, W.C.

We have reason to know that others beside the members of our own communion will join in the observance of the suggested special day.

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P.S.—Should a settlement be happily reached during the present week-end, and the strife terminated, the observance of a special day in the manner suggested would, of course, become inappropriate.

A BISHOP'S APPEAL.

Writing to the *Times* the Bishop of Durham makes an appeal, in the course of which he says: The main immediate disaster of the strike lies in its tremendous effects on the industrial multitudes other than miners. The unemployed in all sorts of labour and trade are multiplying at a terrible rate. Scarcity of food is imminent. Every day of strike drives this misery further afield and deeper in. And, of course, even if the strike ceases next week, the sequel of want will last long, not to speak of permanent and irremediable sequels in the diversion of employment from this country altogether.

I appeal, in view of all this, to the well-to-do. I entreat them, in the common interest, somehow to let the working people see that they care. One way will be a manifest restraint on their own indulgences. The daily Press records, often in parallels, here the labour troubles, there a long series of social events, dances and the like. I hear from those who know that many people are planning to go abroad, I suppose to Italy or Egypt, where they can be "warm without coal," sending their servants to their homes to add, of course, by their presence, to the need of needing families. Such action would be a grave disservice to the community, sheer selfishness without a veil.

VICAR BY POPULAR ELECTION.

The quaint and almost unique election by popular vote of a new vicar took place at Orton, Westmoreland, on Wednesday. Purchased by several landowners in the seventeenth century, the advowson has remained in the gift of the resident landowners ever since, twelve feoffees and two covenanters acting as trustees. A candidate, to be successful, must have an absolute majority, and if there is any doubt on this point a second vote is taken. At one time the candidates prepared and delivered nomination

speeches of five minutes duration, but now they preach trial sermons from local pulpits some time before the polling day. Women are allowed to vote, provided that they are landowners, and an old rule, which has now fallen into disuse, provided for "married women having a qualification to vote, or their husbands, but not both; and in case of any dispute between the two the woman to have the preference." On this occasion there were fourteen candidates, but only thirteen went to the poll, and of these no less than seven failed to receive a vote. The Rev. H. F. Tilbury, who has been organising secretary for Dr Barnardo's Homes in the dioceses of Durham and Newcastle since 1902, headed the poll with 58 votes, while other candidates received 19, 15, 10, 8 and 1. There are 117 electors of whom 111 polled.

THE OLDEST NORTHERN CHURCH.

At Lindisfarne four churches have been erected in the days now long past. In 635 A.D. Aidan, a Scottish monk, strove to evangelize the rough Northumbrians, and built a structure composed of wood, and the bents found on what is now called Holy Island. This gave place to a more substantial edifice, also of wood, about the year 750 A.D., but through the active interest of an early bishop of Lindisfarne and there were sixteen in all—a substantial stone cathedral took its place in the closing years of the eighth century. It had, however, a short life, for in 798 the Vikings or Danes swarmed upon the coast, burnt the cathedral, and slew all the inhabitants, leaving the sea-birds in undisturbed possession for upwards of two centuries. It was not until 1070 A.D., when the Conqueror marched north to punish the Scots for rebellion to his rule, that a few faithful monks, carrying the bones of St. Cuthbert, found a refuge within the walls of the ruined cathedral. Here they set to work to rebuild the walls around the temporary shrine guarding the bones of the saint.

DEATH OF A NOTABLE CLERGYMAN.

A notable clergyman has been taken from the Church by the death of the Rev. the Hon. Cecil James Littleton, a brother of Lord Hatherton, at Rugeley, in his 62nd year. He was the fifth son of the second Lord Hatherton, his mother being Lady Margaret Percy, youngest daughter of the fifth Duke of Northumberland. Educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford, he became vicar of Penkridge, 1880; vicar of Chesterfield and hon. canon in Southwell Cathedral 1893; and rector of Stafford 1898. Mr. Littleton was the author of several devotional works, among them "Through the Way of the Wilderness," "The Office and Work of a Priest," "The Message of the Cross," (1907), and "The Work of the Holy Spirit." Mr. Littleton married, in 1881, Miss Katherine Rowley, daughter of Sir Charles Rowley.

QUEEN ANNE'S BOUNTY.

The governors of this corporation have made their annual distribution of surplus funds in grants to meet benefactions offered to augment poor benefices in England and Wales, the number being fifty-five, ranging in value from nil to £199 per annum. The benefactions offered were of the value of £18,385, and the grants amounted to £17,985. The governors, in addition to these grants, set aside a further sum of £6,000 to be applied during the current year in carrying out powers conferred under the Royal Sign Manual for the benefit of livings not exceeding £200. Those who took part in the distribution were the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishops of St. David's, Bangor, Llandaff, and Southwark, Lord Ashcombe, the Right Hon. T. F. Halsey, the Right Hon. James Round, Sir Kenneth Muir Mackenzie, Sir C. E. H. Chadwyck-Healey, Sir C. L. Ryan, Lord Barnard, and Sir L. T. Dibdin.

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BISHOP WORDSWORTH MEMORIAL

A report has been received from Sir George Frampton, R.A., with reference to the Bishop Wordsworth memorial, and the General Committee have decided that the recumbent figure should be in marble, and be placed on the north side of the Lady Chapel in Salisbury Cathedral. Professor Carpenter has informed the Committee that the estimated cost of the figure in marble would be about £1,400. The stall canopies, fifty-four in all, would cost, approximately, £3,680. The first section of the canopies, from the choir-screen to the organ, comprises eight on each side. The work upon these is in hand, and, it is hoped, will be completed before the end of the year, nearly the whole cost of them being already promised. The second section, from the organ eastwards, includes ten on each side, and the third, those in front of the organ, nine on each side. Should the necessary funds be forthcoming,

the whole will be completed by October, 1914, the date by which Sir George Frampton considers that the figure will be erected, the length of time being partly due to the frequent difficulty of procuring a suitable block of marble. Precentor Carpenter would be very grateful for the loan of any profile photographs of the late Bishop to submit to the artist.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has conferred the Lambeth degree of D.D. upon the Ven. Arthur Evans Moule, B.D., lately Archdeacon in Mid-China, and now Rector of Burwarton-with-Cleobury North, in the diocese of Hereford, on account of his eminence as a scholar, as a theologian, and as a missionary to the Chinese.

The memorial-stone of the completion of St. John Baptist Parish Church, Southend-on-Sea, was laid a few days since by

the Dean of St. Albans in the presence of a large and representative gathering. This scheme of completion includes the addition of chancel, side-chapel, choir-vestry, clergy-vestry, north transept, south transept, and narthex, and the furnishing of these additions. Accommodation will be provided for 130 more people, the church accommodation in the parish then amounting to 1,250 for a winter population of 11,923. The Dean in his sermon spoke of the fact that Southend had increased in population during the last census period more rapidly than any town in England with one exception.

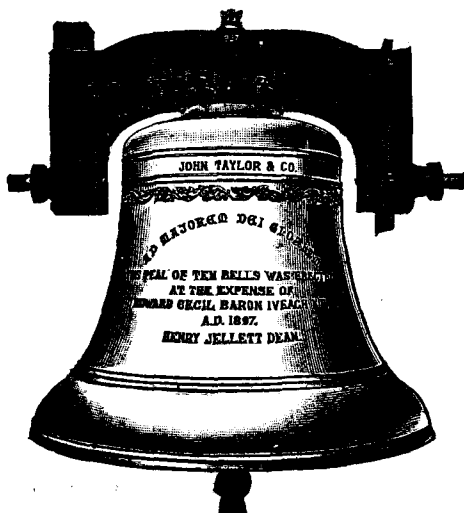
The foundation-stone of the Bernard Wilson Memorial Church was recently laid by Miss M. H. Wilson, niece of the late Canon Wilson, Vicar of Portsea, to whose work it is to be a memorial in Portsmouth. It will form the new parish church for Milton, the eastern suburb of the borough, which the Bishop of Winchester, who conducted the service, described as the "premier need" of the diocese. With a population of 18,000, the existing little church accommodates only 200. Some two thousand persons took part in the service there being about sixty clergy present in robes. The Bishops of Southampton and Guildford both attended to show the sympathy and goodwill of the Church throughout the Diocese, and the Lesson was read by the Archdeacon of Westminster, who has taken a keen, personal, and very practical interest in the parish of Milton and its many problems.

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A ROYAL SUPERSTITION. — Canterbury Cathedral, like most Gothic cathedrals, is decorated with innumerable niches for statues. At Canterbury a series of these niches is occupied with statues of kings and queens of England, and there are only four niches left unoccupied. An old tradition has it that when all the niches are filled, the throne of England will come to an end. Queen Victoria was approached with a view to a statue of herself being placed in one of the four remaining niches, but her late Majesty was aware of the old tradition and refused. One wonders whether in the future there will be four monarchs of England sufficiently indifferent to superstition to defy the tradition and allow their effigies to fill the unoccupied spaces.

CATHEDRAL LIBRARY THEFTS. — John Edward Tinker, of London, was brought up at Peterborough on Wednesday, on remand, charged with stealing books from Peterborough Cathedral Library. The witness Champion, recalled, deposed to selling one of the missing books to Mr. Dobell, Charing Cross Road, for £20, receiving £1 on commission. Edward Dring, manager to Mr. Bernard Quaritch, the well-known bookdealer, produced a list of forty-two books purchased from accused's agents for £337. Most of the books had been sold, and one returned to the Dean and Chapter. Counsel intimated that another charge would be preferred prisoner, who was committed for trial, bail being refused.

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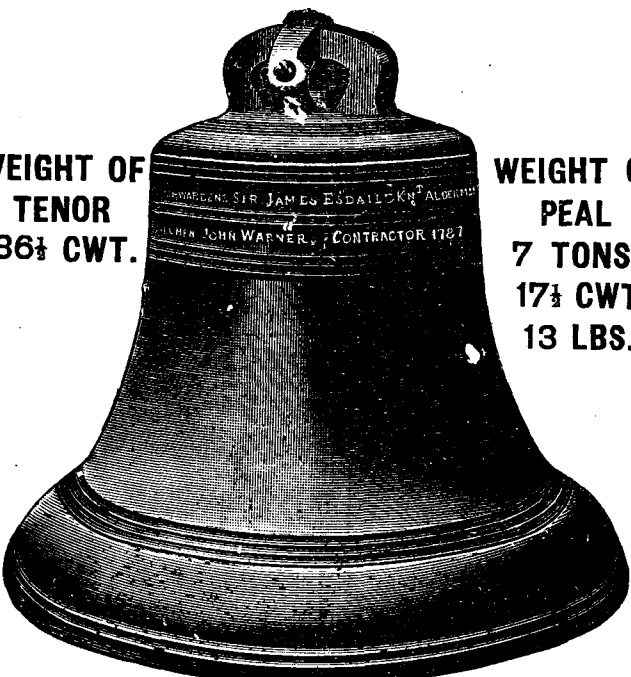
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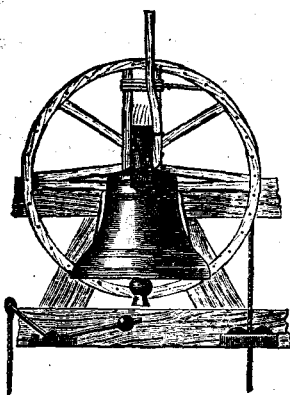
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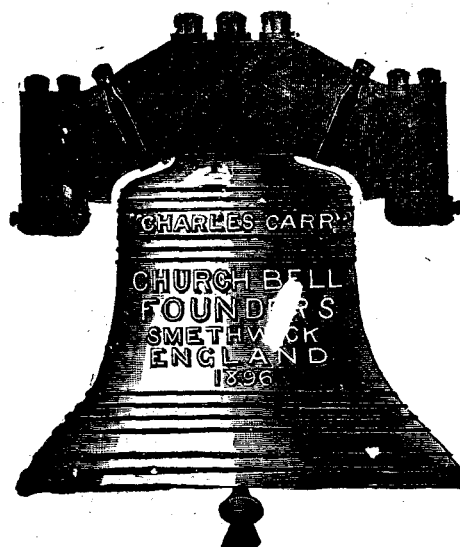
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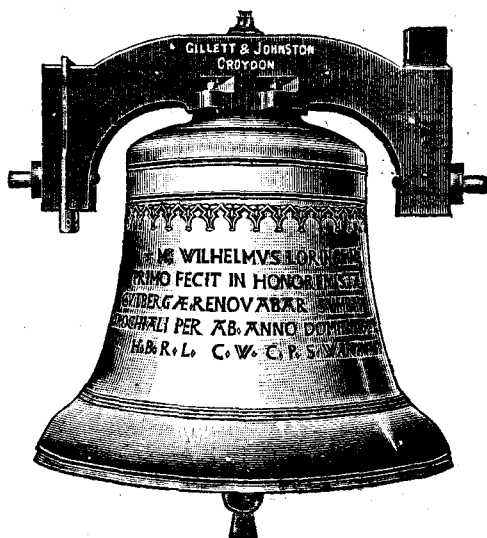
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FAREWELL GATHERING AT WIGAN.

On Saturday evening, March 16th, a pleasant little gathering of ringers took place in the tower of the Parish Church, to bid farewell to Mr. J. Watts, who is leaving Wigan, for Canada, on March 29th. Mr. W. Bentham (Aughton), as chairman, explained to those present the nature of the meeting, and spoke of the many happy hours he and Mr. Watts had spent together in visiting various towers and doing all they could to put forward the art of change-ringing. He believed there were no bells where Mr. Watts was going, so he had great pleasure in presenting him with something which would remind him of the happy times they had spent together in England. —The present was 14 handbells, and they were greatly admired by those present.—Mr. Fisher (foreman of the tower) added a few words, and Mr. T. Walker (Standish) spoke of the sterling worth of Mr. Watts, who had given them every assistance he could.—Mr. Watts, who was taken by surprise, thanked the donor for his kindness, and added that the bells would remind him of the old friends he was leaving behind him.—A touch of Grandsire Triples (504 changes), by the following members of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild, viz., R. Fisher treble, A. Shaw 2nd, J. Gummerson 3rd, W. Bentham 4th, J. Watts 5th, R. Fisher, jun., 6th, J. Barker and T. Walker 7th, and S. Hall tenor, brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

THE BELLS OF BISHOP AUCKLAND CHURCH.

The ceremony of re-dedicating the bells of the Parish Church, Bishop Auckland, took place on Wednesday in last week, at three o'clock, the Lord Bishop of Durham officiating, assisted by the Rural Dean and Vicar of the parish and assistant clergy. Members of the Durham and Newcastle Association were present from Darlington, Newcastle, North Ormesby, Chester-le-street and Staindrop, together with the local ringers, and a representative band rang the opening touch.

The whole peal has been re-cast, the mechanism renewed throughout, and the bells tuned on the Simpson principle by Messrs Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The old oak frame has been retained, as it was found to be in splendid condition, and it now contains the heaviest peal it will carry. The new tenor weighs 12cwt., and the total weight of the peal is 52cwt. 2qrs. 21lb. The "go" and tone of the bells left nothing to be desired, and the greatest satisfaction with the work was expressed on every side. It was felt by the Vicar, Churchwardens and Bell Committee, who are highly pleased with the result, that they have a peal worthy of the ancient and venerable church.

After the ceremony the ringers were entertained to an excellent tea at the Cockton Hill Hall, when, in the unavoidable absence of the President, the Secretary (Mr. Charles Todd) expressed the great pleasure it had been to the members to attend and open the bells. After tea touches of Stedman, Double Norwich, and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung. A peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was scored on Saturday, the verdict of the ringers being summed up in one word—"excellent."

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHESTER DISTRICT.)

The half-yearly meeting of this district was held on Saturday last, at Borden, near Sittingbourne. The tower was open for ringing from three o'clock. About 60 members were present, representing Queenboro', Bobbing, Tunstall, Rodmersham, Sittingbourne, Upchurch, Gillingham, Chatham, Rochester, Milton-next-Gravesend, (Herne Hill and Boughton in the Canterbury District), and the local band.

The business meeting was held in the belfry at 6.30 p.m. Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins being elected as chairman. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and 26 new members were elected. Eastchurch, Isle of Sheppey was selected as the next place of meeting, in June. The proposed Benevolent Fund was considered desirable, and the General Secretary was requested to bring it before the annual meeting on Whit Monday. A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for placing the tower at the disposal of the members.

During the evening touches were rung in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Major.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BIGGLESWADE BRANCH.)

A meeting of the above branch was held at Everton on Thursday March 7th, when about 16 members attended from the following towers, viz., Potten, Sandy, Clifton, Blunham, Biggleswade, and the local band. The business meeting was held in the tower, with Mr. A. F. Love, of Sandy, in the chair. One probationer who had qualified was elected a ringing member, and two new members, one from Everton, and the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake (curate of Sandy), who has recently taken up the appointment; also two new members from Everton—the Rev. F. Bell (Vicar) and Sir Henry Mance. Five honorary members from Biggleswade were also elected, including the esteemed vicar, the Rev. R. S. Bagshaw, Mr. J. G. Cooper, Mus. Bac. (organist), Mr. W. W. C. Birch (organist of Old Warden, Beds), Dr. R. D. Bridger, and Mr. J. C. H. Daniels. A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the tower and bells, proposed by the Rev. B. H. Drake, was accorded, as was also a similar vote to the Chairman. The latter, in his reply, said he was pleased to be with them, and hoped the branch would continue to progress as it had done in the past. The meeting over, ringing was indulged in till nine o'clock, when the members finally separated, well pleased with the result of this, the second meeting in North Bedfordshire. The next meeting will be held at Blunham, on Thursday, April 18th.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Members will note that the meeting announced to be held at St. Clement Danes on April 1st, has been postponed till April 15th.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN DISTRICT.)

A meeting of the above District was held at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, on Saturday last. Ringing commenced at four o'clock, a good number of members putting in an appearance. Mr. Turner, leader of the St. Mary Magdalene band, provided a substantial tea, but the number who sat down to it was rather disappointing. The business meeting was presided over by the Master (Mr. A. D. Barker), and a programme of meetings for the year put forward by the committee unanimously adopted. Mr. Barker presented a chairman's hammer in the shape of a bell, for the use of the District, the gift being much appreciated. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and churchwardens, for the use of the tower and room, and to Mr. Turner for providing the tea. This concluded the business, and an adjournment was made to the tower till eight o'clock.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Dulverton on March 16th, when about 30 members were present from Chipstable, Stogumber, Milverton, Taunton St. James, Dulverton, and some from Tiverton. The meeting was held at the "Lamb" Hotel, at 3.30 p.m., the Rev. C. C. Parker (Master of the Association) presided, supported by the Rev. H. J. Green, vicar of Dulverton, and Dr. G. F. Sydenham, one of the churchwardens.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, three honorary and sixty performing members were elected, four towers becoming affiliated to the Association. The next meeting being the annual, will be held at Yeovil. A hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Green for the use of the bells and arranging the service brought the business meeting to a close.

A meat tea was then partaken of, after which a move was made to the tower, where the bells were kept going in Grandsire and Stedman Triples until six o'clock, when the service was held, the Vicar officiating and giving a suitable address. The full choir were also present. The service concluded another visit was paid to the tower, and the bells were kept going till train time. Thus ended another very pleasant gathering.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(TUNBRIDGE DISTRICT.)

Miss Macalpine-Leny wishes, through our columns, to thank members of the above District for the handsome and appropriate present which they gave her on her leaving Speldhurst. She has been, and still is, confined to her bed owing to a long and tedious illness, but she quite hopes that later in the year she may be able to acknowledge in person their kindness to her,

EGHAM, SURREY.

The six old bells in the tower of the Parish Church are being re-cast, and two new bells are to be added. The work is being entrusted to Messrs Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The opening day is fixed for March 30th, when a mixed band of ringers will ring various methods.

SHOREDITCH CHURCH. BELLS.

"When I grow rich," said the bells of Shoreditch.

We have been asked to insert the following appeal, and willingly do so, in the hope that the Restoration Fund may materially benefit thereby:—

The fund to repair these bells has now reached about £100. It is proposed to put in a new steel frame to carry the top five bells, thus reducing the weight on the lower frame; the bottom frame to be braced up with massive angular plates, and steel girders to run under the whole, so as to make a good foundation; new stocks and fittings to all the bells; the bells themselves to be tuned and cleaned. This work will once again give Shoreditch one of the finest peals in London, and we are now looking forward to the day when we may give an invitation to all ringing associations to visit the tower. After the work is completed ringing societies will be welcomed from time to time, whether it be for a peal or for practice. Of course the work will cost far more than was at first anticipated, and will mean an expenditure of some hundreds of pounds. Ringers and friends are therefore earnestly asked to support us in the undertaking, and even a modest sixpence will be welcome. In a neighbourhood like Shoreditch, where there are so many poor, it is impossible to raise a large sum of money.

The work is to be put in hand as soon as possible, and it is hoped that a good response will be made to this appeal. Subscriptions may be sent to Mr. St. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec. to the fund, the Parish Church (who will supply collecting cards), or to the Vicar, the Rev. E. R. Ford, M.A., Shoreditch Vicarage, E.

PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY.

The sixty-third annual report of this Company presents all the features we have been accustomed to see for many years. It shows that during the year no less than 60,012 new policies in the Ordinary branch were issued, producing a new annual premium income of £325,699. The premiums received during the year amounted to £4,812,268, while claims absorbed £3,423,273. In the Industrial branch the premiums received brought in £7,631,408, and the claims paid came to £2,976,058. The assets of the Company have reached the enormous total of £81,239,682, an increase of over three millions on the total for 1910. An increase in the rate of bonus in both branches is announced, a fact which will be hailed with satisfaction by policy-holders. The full report and balance sheet appear on page 24.

IN MEMORY OF A JUDGE.—In memory of the late Mr. Justice Grantham three new bells are to be placed in the tower of the Parish Church at Barcombe, Sussex, and the three old bells re-cast.

Correspondence.

YOUNG RINGERS AND FIRST PEALS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Some years ago, when a band of young ringers were about to attempt their first peal, it was mentioned to me that they should not be disappointed if they were unsuccessful, as a peal had not, up to then, been scored at the first attempt. The peal was successful at the first attempt, and was the first by all the band, including the conductor. As the statement has always appeared to me to be rather a large order, considering that ringing has been in vogue for some 350 years or more, I shall be much obliged if, through the medium of your columns, any of your readers learned in the history of Change-ringing can give any information on the point.—Yours faithfully

J. S. McCULLOCH,

Edinburgh,
20th March 1912.

HISTORY OF EDUCATION FOR TEACHERS.

The annual meeting of the Teachers' Training Association was held on Saturday, at the London Day Training College. Mr. M. W. Keatinge, presided. He was afterwards re-elected president. Mr. C. Fox was re-appointed hon. secretary. Dr. S. F. Fletcher, of Cambridge, was added to the vice-presidents, and vacancies on the committee were filled by the election of Miss Stephenson, of Edinburgh, Miss Tremayne, of Dublin, and Mr. T. Bell, of Cambridge. The hon. secretary reported an increase of 14 members. Their organisation would have a joint representative with the Training College Association on the new Registration Council. For this the members decided to nominate Professor John Adams, who was the first president of the Association, and is now the president of the Training College Association. Representatives were selected to attend a conference of teachers' organisations in the Empire, convened for July by the League of the Empire.

Discussion took place on a number of papers dealing with the "History of Education" in relation to its place and value in the training of teachers.

Professor Welton (Leeds University) argued that a training which emphasised points of view and ideals developed power which grew and spread. It inspired purpose and hindered that limitation of attention to the school and to teaching which was the besetting sin of teachers; it made axiomatic the so easily forgotten truth that school was only one factor in the child's life, and unless that factor was truly related to the life it inevitably became harmful. Too often the practically trained teacher talked and wrote—and to a less extent acted—as if the school were the one great and good thing in a child's life, with which all the rest of his life ought to be harmonised. Against that most deplorable form of pedantry he knew no preservative so valuable as the study of the history of education. In that history nothing stood out so clearly as a warning as did the evil results of a school losing touch with life, refusing to be influenced by the remonstrances of the outside public, and holding on in the dogmatic assurance that it alone was great and wise and good.

Professor E. T. Campagnac (Liverpool) was of opinion the study of the history of education was necessary to the study of educational theory and to practice: that it need not be regarded as a separate subject, added to a crowded curriculum of work, but should be treated together with the theory of education, each illustrating the other; and that a general outline, with some special period and some special text should be attempted. The period should be short, and should be represented by the working career of one great personage, and the special book should be his book.

The President believed that, got up against time for examination purposes, the history of education was as little likely to lead to pedagogic fitness as the Church Catechism to morality. It should be a leisured study, and might be excluded from examination.

Mr. Fox thought the history of education was essential to the education of intending teachers, and could only be supplied during their professional training.

Miss Mary Hay Wood, Cambridge Training College for Women, suggested a modification in the course laid down on this subject by the Cambridge Syndicate for students for the teachers' certificate of that University.

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By JOHN CARTER.

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This peal has the 6th twenty-four times at home in the tittums, and ten courses with her at home in the hand-stroke home position, with all the 5 6-7-8s with the treble a second bell throughout. First rung upon this plan at St. Martin's, Birmingham, December 5th, 1911, conducted by A. Walker.

PENALISING CHURCH SCHOOLS.

In the House of Lords, on Wednesday, answering a question put by the Earl of Portsmouth as to the delay in bringing up the salaries of the Llanbraduck schools to the level of those paid in the neighbouring provided schools,

Earl Beauchamp (First Commissioner of Works), stated that the delay on the part of the Board of Education, was due primarily to the fact that there had been a change of Education Ministers, while soon after the new President of the Board of Education assumed office, the Permanent Secretary, Sir Robert Morant, and another important member of the staff, accepted appointments outside the Education Office. On Thursday last the Committee of Managers which was dealing with this question, intimated to the Board that they were prepared to deal with the question of the increase of salaries on its merits, and in the event of a satisfactory arrangement not being arrived at, the President of the Board would either order an inquiry to be held, or take whatever further steps might be necessary in the matter. The Government were most anxious that there should not be any breach of the law as laid down in the Swansea judgment, and any steps that might be necessary to enforce it would be taken.

The Archbishop of Canterbury said this was not by any means the only case of delay in payment to these poor teachers the few additional pounds which were of vital importance to men in their position. He trusted that rules would be laid down to prevent such delays.

WELSH CHURCH DISESTABLISHMENT.

HISTORY OF THE MOVEMENT.

The Hon. W. Ormsby-Gore, M.P., in opening a discussion on Welsh Disestablishment, said that the basis of the movement in favour of the Disestablishment and Disendowment of the Church in Wales was found in the year after the Disestablishment and Disendowment of the Church in Ireland, when a private member brought in a motion in the House of Commons which was defeated by 250 votes to 40. It was next heard of at the time of the first Home Rule Bill, when Nonconformist votes were being lost. A motion brought in then was again defeated, but the Radical Party had to learn its lesson. So in 1894 to 1895 a Disestablishment Bill was brought in by the Government concurrently with the Home Rule Bill. From that time to 1900 nothing more was heard of it. The Radicals never mentioned it in opposition, and in 1906 three candidates only alluded to it, and Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, who went and made a speech in Wales, entirely avoided it. The sole reason and the sole motive of its being brought forward now was that the Government had to bring in a Home Rule Bill, and they had to bring in something at the same time to take away the attention of English Nonconformists and prevent them from listening to the Protestants of Ulster and from going to their aid. The broad case against Disendowment was that it was not merely a crime against religion, but a crime against the country. The great value of the Church was that it was the only religious body in Wales which had a real pastoral organisation, and this was made possible by the possession of ancient endowments. As regards Disestablishment, he believed that the connection between the Church and State was a great vitalising force which sanctified the State. He himself would rather see the Church reduced to the most absolute poverty than see the historic connection of the Church and State put at an end.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—On Thursday, March 14th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. H. Page conductor, J. Cross, G. Wines, F. Chamberlain, T. Hamlin, W. Page, T. Page, H. Crabbe. Arranged for Mr. Chamberlain, a visitor from Cardiff, this being his first quarter-peal in the method. Also 168 of Erin Triples, standing as above, with S. Weaver on the tenor.

THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

SWANSEA.—On Tuesday, March 5th, for practice at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. F. Morgan (late of Newport), W. Rice, R. Morse, C. Morse, J. Davies, C. H. Hoare, J. A. Hoare conductor, E. Davies.

—ALDERSHOT.—On Wednesday, March 13th, at St. Michael's church, 720 Bob Minor, the first on the bells with local men taking part. G. Fisher, C. Edwards, W. C. Fisher, J. Mann, A. Croucher, J. Hall. Conducted by C. Edwards, of Farnham.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET (Wilts).—On Saturday, March 16th, at St. Margaret's church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. T. Moulden, R. W. Hyner, W. G. Lancaster, F. Looker, G. Lanter conductor. C. J. Gardiner. First 720 in the method on the bells.

WOOLWICH.—Recently, for morning service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob. A. Neale, A. Scambler, W. Watchorn, W. Truss, W. Aldridge, J. Scholes, G. Hayden, H. Torble conductor.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.

MUNIFICENT GIFT TO THE PARISH CHURCH.

A further anonymous gift of £2000 has been received by the Rector of Slough towards the cost of completing the parish church, bringing the total of anonymous gifts towards this object to £9300. £4000 have in addition been subscribed by parishioners. The scheme for the rebuilding of the nave, west front and tower will now be carried out in its entirety, and the new portion of the church opened free of debt in June by the Bishop of Oxford. The shower of gifts which has recently descended upon the parish will also provide for a new peal of bells, a new organ, and overhauling of the seating and heating arrangements.

A SINGULAR BEQUEST.

"Thomas Nash, by his will, dated 14th day of May, 1813, bequeathed £50 per annum to the ringers of the Abbey Church, Bath."—See "BELL NEWS," Feb. 17.

Come muse, let's sing of Tommy Nash,
Who found a wife at Bath;
Who gnashed his teeth while queathing cash
For ringers' gain and mirth,
Upon the 14th day of May—
His anniversary wedding-day.

No joyous peals were they to ring,
But long, sad, doleful knells:
His love had proved a wretched thing,
So muffled are the bells;
With proper intervals for rest
You're sure the ringers try their best.

Whole pull and stand they labour on
From morning until night,
Not sorry when the hours are gone,
To see the end in sight;
Diversions then employ the cash,
Left by the will of Thomas Nash.

And since poor Tom has gone aloft,
They ring for his decease,
Most joyous peals come stealing forth,
In praise of his release,
From all the miseries of life,
By taking to himself a wife.

Bob Majors now ring wild and true,
To tell poor Tom is dead,
Reminding those he never knew
To pause before they wed;
Great is the ringers' grief for Nash,
But tears subside where there is cash.

G. F. M.

SWINDON (Wilts).—On Sunday, March 17th, for morning service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Lawrence, O. W. Layng, R. W. Hyner, G. W. Townsend, T. Robinson, S. Palmer, C. J. Gardiner (conductor), E. J. Oliver.

MIRFIELD.—On Tuesday, March 5th, at St. Paul's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. R. Ellam conductor, P. Gott, T. Crawshaw, J. P. Lapish, J. Hooson, T. Dawson. First 720 by all except the ringer of the 3rd, also the lougest length on the bells for a great number of years.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, March 28th; and Southwark Cathedral on the 27th. St. Magnus 7.30; Southwark Cathedral 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings at 7.30
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31, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—A quarterly general meeting will take place on Monday, April 15th, at St. Clement Danes, Strand. Tower open at 8 p.m. Business Meeting in the tower room at 9.30. The society also meets at the above tower the second and fourth Sunday in each month for service ringing. Visitors welcomed. There will no meeting of the society on Monday, April 1st.
F. J. HARDY, Hon. Sec.
34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brookfield, Gorton, to-day, Sat., March 23rd. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7.
W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity church, Burnley, on Saturday, March 30th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.
J. WATSON, Branch Sec.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford—The annual meeting will be held at Wolverhampton on Easter Monday. Ringing at St. Peter's (12) from 11.30; St. Luke's (8) from 11.0; Tottenhall (8) from 11.0. Evensong in St. Peter's at 4.0. Tea at Fleming's Restaurant, North Street, at 4.30, 6d. each to fully-paid members, to others 1s. Please send word not later than Tuesday, April 2nd.

H. KNIGHT, Hon. Sec.
13, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

The Surrey Association.—Quarterly meeting at Mitcham on Easter Monday. Ringing at the parish church and Christ Church during the afternoon and evening. Short service at Christ Church, to be followed by tea at the invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens. Further details next week.

C. F. JOHNSTON, Hon. Sec.
Bell Foundry, Croydon.

The Midland Counties Association.—The thirtieth annual meeting will be held at Nottingham on Easter Monday, April 8th. The bells at St. Peter's, Holy Trinity, Lenton, and St. Mary's, Bulwell, will be available for ringing from 10.30 a.m. Committee meeting at Calvert's Cafe, Long Row, at 3.15. Tea 1s. 3d. each in the same room at 4 o'clock. Will those who intend taking tea kindly notify the Honorary Secretary by Thursday, April 4th (1st post) at the latest. All the towers will be closed during the time of tea and meeting.

W. E. WATTS, Hon. Sec.
Cotgrave, Notts.

The Hertford County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, when the towers of the city

will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Service in the Cathedral at 5 p.m., with address by the Rev. A. J. Langdon, Rector of Great Munden, followed by tea and business meeting in the Abbey Institute at 5.50. Tea 6d to members, 1s. 3d. to non-members. Will band correspondents kindly notify the probable number of their members who will attend.

G. W. CARTMEL, Hon. Sec.
"Duffield," St. Albans.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting of the above Association will take place at Huntingdon on Easter Monday, April 8th. A short service will be held in All Saints church at 12.30 p.m. The dinner and business meeting will be held at The George hotel at 1.30 p.m. The bells of All Saints (6), St. Mary's (8), will be available during the day, and Godmanchester (8) after 3 p.m. Will all those intending to be present, please notify me not later than Wednesday, April 3rd.

T. R. DENNIS, General Sec.
33, Clarendon Street, Cambridge.

Notice.—Practice is discontinued at St. John's, Deptford, during rehanging.
F. W. RICHARDSON.

DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By WM. GORDON, SEN., Stockport.

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The last eight courses three times repeated.

Rung at St. Mary's, Stockport, on March 14th, 1912.

The Rev. Townley G. L. Blackwood-Price, Vicar of St. John, Wimborne, since 1905, has been appointed Vicar of Spreyton, Devonshire, to which is attached the rectory of Hittisleigh.

NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.

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Each composition contains all the combinations of the 6th at home at twelve course-ends.

The Bishop of Peterborough has appointed the Rev. J. R. H. Duke, Rector of Thornhaugh-cum-Wansford, rural dean of Peterborough (second deanery), in this place of Canon James, resigned.

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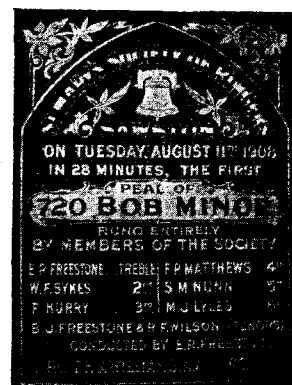
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The Editor tenders his thanks to correspondents for their promptness in sending reports this week. The punctual issue of the paper is ensured when this is done.

The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 1912.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED GRIMES Treble.	EDWIN F. PIKE 5.
CYRIL F. JOHNSTON* .. 2.	FRANK HAIRS 6.
HENRY J. RANZETTA .. 3.	THOMAS LANGDON 7.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

*First peal in the method.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ROTHERHITHE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FLUR-PAET. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE Treble.	HAROLD W. CLARK .. 5.
EDWIN F. PIKE .. 2.	REUBEN SANDBES .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. 3.	ERNEST PYE .. 7.
WILLIAM PYE .. 4.	HENRY DARE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY .. Treble.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 5.
FRANK BENNETT .. 2.	ALFRED GRIMES .. 6.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 3.	THOMAS LANGDON .. 7.
HENRY J. RANZETTA .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

This is believed to be the first peal of Cambridge Major on the bells.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY, SOUTHGATE)

On Thursday, March 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

HERBERT ARMSTRONG* .. Treble.	HARRY MILLER .. 5.
GEORGE BESTER* .. 2.	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON .. 6.
JOHN ARMSTRONG .. 3.	FREDERICK G. TEGG .. 7.
JOHN E. MILLER .. 4.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES HUNT, and Conducted by JOHN A. MSTRONG

*First peal of Double Norwich. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 3, and 7.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 22½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE* .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. 5.
ISAAC EMERY .. 2.	WILLIAM HEWETT .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. 3.	FRANK HALES .. 7.
HENRY J. RANZETTA .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

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

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WILLESDEN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford Bell College
Single, College Bob iv., Willesden Delight, and Old Oxford modernised
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 25 lbs.

ERNEST J. DANE* .. Treble.	HARRY KILBY .. 4.
GABRIEL CHALKLEY .. 2.	GEORGE M. KILBY .. 5.
LAWRENCE B. PORTER .. 3.	THOMAS LANGDON .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.

*First peal. Rung as a farewell peal to E. Dane, who is leaving Willesden for Canada.

ROCHESTER. KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHESTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, February 17, 1912 in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, NEXT ROCHESTER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PISTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM HAIGH .. Treble.	THOMAS MANNERING .. 5.
WILLIAM EASTER .. 2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 6.
CHARLES WINSER .. 3.	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT .. 4.	WILLIAM HUNT .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM,

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday March 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

PERCY O. LAFLIN .. Treble.	JAMES HOPKIN .. 6.
JAMES JONES .. 2.	JOHN JENNINGS .. 7.
WILLIAM H. JONES .. 3.	WILLIAM G. ELLIS .. 8.
JOHN CORRIGAN .. 4.	FRANK BENNETT .. 9.
JOHN CARTER .. 5.	WILLIAM DAVIES .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled for the late John Fulton, who was a much respected member of the Aston Society. The peal has the 6th six times right and twenty-four times behind the 7th, in the inverted titmuss position, and twenty-four times at home in the handstroke home position.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5055 CHANGES.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs.

HARRY THOMAS* .. Treble.	WALTER THOMAS .. 5.
EDWARD EDWARDS .. 2.	RICHARD JONES .. 6.
ROBERT SPERRING .. 3.	ALBERT E. RICHARDS .. 7.
GEORGE JONES .. 4.	JAMES MORGAN .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

*First peal of Major.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.

CHARLES W. SMITH .. Treble.	WILLIAM WARD .. 5.
THOMAS L. SIMMONS .. 2.	GEORGE N. PEICE .. 6.
FRANK T. MARTIN .. 3.	HUBERT EDEN .. 7.
CHARLES N. LEMAN .. 4.	HENRY HODGETTS .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by HUBERT EDEN.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt 12 lbs.

CHARLES PIDGEON* .. Treble.	ROBT. CHRISTIAN .. 6.
JOHN G. W. HARWOOD* .. 2.	HARRY WRIGHT .. 7.
CHARLES HARDING* .. 3.	DENISON HAYWARD .. 8.
WM. T. BLYTH .. 4.	FREDK. PESTELL .. 9.
EDWIN R. TODD* .. 5.	WM. LER .. Tenor.

Conducted by D. HAYWARD.

From the Clavis. *First peal on ten bells. Arranged as a birthday peal for E. R. Todd.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, March 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs.

THOMAS H. BURKITT .. Treble	WILLIAM BAYLISS 6.
THOMAS HUGHES 2.	ALBERT E. BLUNDELL .. 7.
WILLIAM FISHER 3.	GEORGE HUGHES 8.
SAMUEL BAKER 4.	HARRY PRICE 9.
DANIEL JONES 5.	BENJAMIN GOUGH .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD, and Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

First peal of Grandsire Caters by the ringers of the 4th, 5th, and 6th. This peal was arranged and rung as a farewell peal to Mr. Alfred I. Wallater, of Wood Green, Wednesbury, who is leaving England for San Francisco, and the above ringers desire through this medium to wish him a good voyage, safe landing, and God-speed in his new sphere of labour.

LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, GRASSDALE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

THOMAS J. MORRIS .. Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE 4.
THOMAS JENNION 2.	JOHN TURNER 5.
GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 3.	JOHN ALLEN Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

This peal was rung as a welcome home from Canada of the Vicar (the Rev. T. H. P. Hyatt, M.A.)

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOSEPH BIRD* Treble.	JESSE SCREEN 5.
FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. 2.	*JOHN BANT 6.
WILLIAM FISHER 3.	BENJAMIN GOUGH .. 7.
REUBEN HALL 4.	JOHN FORD Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK G. BURLEIGH.

*First peal.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of Norwich, Chester, London, Wells, Lichfield, Worcester, and Cambridge.

LEONARD CLARKSON .. Treble.	*ERNEST TIGWELL .. 4.
WILLIAM WHELDON .. 2.	DANIEL PRESTON .. 5.
CLEMENT POINTON .. 3.	CHARLES PRESTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by D. PRESTON.

*First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Tigwell.

BISLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

STANLEY COLE Treble.	WILLIAM IRELAND .. 5.
GEORGE DOWDESWELL .. 2.	WILLIAM HASTINGS .. 6.
GEORGE PACKER 3.	FRANK COLE 7.
ALBERT WRIGHT 4.	*WILLIAM BANYARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

*First peal in any method.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

W. H. METCALFE .. Treble.	JAS. BAXTER 5.
E. J. TITT 2.	J. ROBINSON 6.
G. W. PEVERELL 3.	M. T. WICK 7.
J. G. GREEN 4.	R. ROBINSON Tenor.

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

First peal on the bells since the re-dedication on Wednesday, March 13th, 1912.

BAKEWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM BARKER* .. Treble.	WILLIAM TAYLOR .. 5.
ALFRED WALLACE 2.	*JAMES L. WRIGHT .. 6.
HARRY GREGORY 3.	JOHN W. DEBBYSHIRE .. 7.
EDWARD ELLIOTT† .. 4.	WALTER WALLACE .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD, and Conducted by WALTER WALLACE.

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

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

CHARLES A. HUGHES* .. Treble.	THOMAS BRADLE 5.
JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. 2.	NEWLAND ALDERMAN .. 6.
ARTHUR N. HARDY .. 3.	RICHARD BEVAN 7.
HENRY DEW 4.	EDGAE WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

*First peal of Major. This peal was rung on the 58th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Wightman, of Creetingham, Suffolk, the father and mother of the ringer of the tenor.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN OLDHAM Treble.	CHARLES FOWLER .. 5.
FREDK. H. DEXTER .. 2.	JOSIAH MORRIS .. 6.
ARTHUR PETTIT 3.	RICHARD H. BARTRAM .. 7.
ERNEST MORRIS 4.	EDWARD READER .. Tenor.

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT, and Conducted by E. READER.

BELTON, RUTLAND.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Kent Treble Bob, and two 720s each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, all called differently.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN GROCOCK* .. Treble.	*THOMAS ATKIN .. 4.
CHARLES REEVE 2.	†JOHN J. JACKSON .. 5.
WILLIAM WILLSON .. 3.	*ALBERT JARMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN J. JACKSON.

†First peal. †First peal as conductor. All except Mr. Willson are members of the local band, and the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 4th, and tenor have learnt their ringing since last September.

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.
 THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
 On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
 A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being three 720s of Kent Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN POULSON Treble.	THOMAS REED 4.
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. 2.	JOHN KING 5.
HARRY CRICK 3.	ARTHUR SYMONDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

This is the first peal on the bells, also the first peal of Minor by Messrs. Reed and King. Rung for the 19th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. King, of Polstead.

WOOBURN GREEN, BUCKS.
 THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)
 On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
 A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Holt's Ten-Part REVERSED.

A. MARTIN Treble.	J. W. WILKINS 5.
G. TWITCHEN 2.	A. ASHMAN 6.
W. PHIPPS 3.	R. BUCKLAND 7.
J. GRANSBURY 4.	P. BOXALL Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WILKINS.

The band wish to thank the Vicar for the bells, and Mr. West, the local captain, for his kind assistance.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.
 WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
 On Monday, March 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
 AT THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

J. HERBERT BENFIELD .. Treble.	WALTER FIGOTT 4.
MISS SARAH FIGOTT 2.	GEORGE FIGOTT 5.
HORACE HOWELL 3.	JOSEPH FIGOTT Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH FIGOTT.

First peal of Minor by all the band except the conductor.

RYE, SUSSEX.
 THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
 (THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)
 On Monday, March 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
 A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lbs.

EDWIN H. WHITEMAN, JUN. Treble.	WILLIAM BENNETT 5.
HAROLD F. COBON 2.	GEORGE KENWARD 6.
ALFRED JOHNSON 3.	GEORGE BILLENNESS .. 7.
JOSEPH B. BENNETT 4.	GILBERT J. YOUNGS .. Tenor.

Composed by A. E. BAMES, and Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

Rung on the occasion of the 64th birthday of H.R.H. the Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, the eldest direct member of the Royal Family.

Will Mr. Walter Gilbert oblige the Editor by re-writing the peal to which he alludes in his letter of the 19th inst.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Messrs. W. H. Doran and F. Doran have removed to 89 Pitchford Street, West Ham Lane, Stratford, E.

Handbell Peals.

CROYDON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
 On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
 AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,
 A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Holt's Ten-Part.

SYDNEY R. ROPER .. 1-2	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5-6.
WALTER S. WISE .. 3-4	THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 7-8.

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE. Umpire—A. W. Clarke.

The above peal was rung at the Foundry of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the whole of the band being employees of the firm. It is the first time a handbell peal has been rung where the ringers are connected with one and the same bell firm.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
 THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
 (THE ST. JAMES SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.)
 On Monday, March 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
 In the tower of SS. Peter and Paul,
 A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

JOHN POULSON 1-2.	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 5-6.
ARTHUR SYMONDS .. 3-4.	WILLIAM DENT 7-8.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, and Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

First peal of Bob Major on handbells in Lavenham; also by the first three ringers. First peal on handbells by W. Dent. This is A. Symonds' 100th peal. Umpire—F. A. Poulson.

Date Touches.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
 STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Thursday, March 14th, at St. Mary's parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 12 mins. A. G. Clarke, W. Gordon, sen., J. H. Mason, J. W. Hartley, J. Fernley, H. Reynolds, A. S. Gordon, *E. A. Hulme. Composed by Wm. Gordon, sen., and conducted by A. S. Gordon. Longest touch as conductor. *Aged 16, first date touch. Rung on the 60th birthday of Charles Gordon, brother of the composer, and uncle of the conductor.

Miscellaneous.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
 COSELEY (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, March 17th, the local ringers rang at the parish church the following touches: for morning service, 266 Grandsire Triples and 336 Oxford Bob Triples. In the evening, for Confirmation Service, 512 Canterbury Pleasure Major, and 210 Darlaston Bob Triples; and after service 336 Bob Major. W. A. Jeavons, A. Baker, W. Grinsell, S. Pearce, B. Gough, W. Fisher conductor, R. Dunn, S. Baker, A. E. Law.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
 READING (Berks).—On Sunday, March 17th, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Giles' church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins. L. Osborne, Miss E. Goodship, N. Cox, C. Higgs, A. Bailey, F. Griffin, A. W. Osborne conductor, A. H. Burgess.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
 HERSHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday, March 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes). G. Edser, W. Shepherd conductor, A. F. Shepherd, W. A. Woodrow, A. Woodrow, J. Emery, F. J. Shepherd, F. Shepherd, sen.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.
 FULHAM.—On Monday, March 11th, for practice on handbells, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), composed by J. George. L. Attwater, 1-2; J. W. Driver, 3-4; W. Shepherd conductor, 5-6; F. J. Hairs, 7-8.

CHURCH NEWS.

The Bishop of Madras is paying a lengthy visit to England in connection with matters concerning the welfare of the Church in India. He was to leave Bombay to-day.

The Rev. H. Copley Moyle, who since 1902 has been Rector of Iping, Sussex, is resigning, having accepted the post of chaplain at Hong Kong, which carries with it the charge of the Cathedral there.

The Rev. M. S. Farmer, who has been Rector of Dogmersfield, Winchester, during the last five years, has exchanged livings with the Rev. S. P. T. Prideaux, of Chelsea, the exchange to take effect about the beginning of July.

The death occurred on Saturday of the Rev. Watkin Williams, stated to be the oldest clergyman in Wales. Mr. Williams, who was ninety-three years of age, was Rector of Llangor, Merionethshire, from 1858 to 1872, when he became Rector of Nannerch, near Mold.

Marldon, which has for many centuries been connected with Paignton, has been constituted a separate cure, and the Bishop of Exeter, with the concurrence of the Earl of Iddesleigh, a joint patron, has appointed as its first Vicar the Rev. Frederick Hollocke Trevaldlyn, of Barnstaple. Arrangements are being made to transfer the advowson of Marldon to the Bishop of Exeter.

To celebrate the bicentenary of the death of Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, a memorial window was dedicated on Sunday at East Woodhay parish church, of which Ken was Rector from 1669 to 1671. One of the Bishop's hymns "Glory to Thee, my God, this night," was sung at service, which was conducted by the Bishop of Winchester.

Mr. Edward Roberts, County Magistrate and retired Inspector of Schools, died suddenly at Carnarvon County Petty Sessions on Saturday. He was proceeding through the ante-room with his magisterial colleague to a seat on the bench, when after complaining of dizziness, he immediately expired. He was a leading Freemason, and had held a large number of leading offices in different lodges. In connection with the United Grand Lodge of England he held the rank of Past Deputy Grand Sword-bearer.

The Bishop of Southwark was the preacher at Southwark Cathedral on Sunday morning, and as he was about to begin his sermon a man wearing clerical attire, who was apparently in a very excited state, rose from his seat and addressed the large congregation in a loud voice. He was understood to say that he protested against patronage not being given to clergymen with large families. As he refused to remain quiet, he had to be forcibly removed from the Cathedral.

Arrangements for the Shakespeare commemoration service to be held at Southwark Cathedral on April 23rd, are practically completed. A memorial in alabaster, consisting of a semi-recumbent figure of the poet, is being prepared. In the background will be seen representations of St. Saviour's church, the name by which the Cathedral was formerly known, and of Shakespeare's Southwark home. The service will be of a special character, and Mr. F. R. Benson is to give an address on "Shakespeare and the fuller life of the people."

A meeting in aid of the North China and Shantung Medical Mission was held on Monday afternoon at Catherine Lodge, Chelsea, by invitation of Mrs. Albert

Gray. The chair was taken by the Rev. F. W. Isaacs, Vicar of Chiswick and Commissary to the Bishop in Shantung, and the other speakers were Dr. Anderson Robertson, medical secretary of the S.P.G., and Mrs. Leonard Burrows. Dr. Robertson in his speech made a special plea on behalf of Ten Cho Fu, in the diocese of Shantung, and mentioned that as the shrine of Confucius was there hundreds of thousands, most of them sick and suffering, came there yearly in the belief that their great teacher would help them, and they would die happy.

CHARTERHOUSE MISSION LADIES' GUILD.—The annual gathering of members and friends of the Charterhouse Mission Ladies' Guild took place on Saturday afternoon at the Charterhouse. The Mission serves a large district adjoining Guy's Hospital, a locality with the distinction of being the poorest in London, and of including the notorious Tabard Street area, which is about to be cleared by the County Council; and the Ladies' Guild exists to assist, by means of girls' clubs and in other directions, the work among the women and girls of the neighbourhood. After a short service in the chapel, at which the address, in the absence of the Bishop of Southwark, was given by the Rev. E. A. Down, of St. John the Divine, Kennington, there was a largely-attended reception in the hall, where tea was served.

GRAVESEND (Kent).—On Sunday, March 10th, for evening service, 1440 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 54 mins. J. Avis, R. Tall, A. Constant, R. Smith, R. Constant, J. Constant, A. Martin, L. Silver conductor.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On Sunday, March 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Collins, G. Ambrose, G. Jones, J. Allen, J. Burles, F. Mitchell conductor. First 720 in Treble Bob by G. Collins. On Tuesday, March 12th, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Collins, F. Hayes, C. Constant, R. Constant, J. Avis, F. Mitchell (conductor) First 720 in the method by C. Constant. On Sunday morning, March 17th, 720 College Single. J. Fenwick, J. Burles, J. Allen, G. Ambrose, F. Hayes, F. Mitchell conductor First 720 in the method by J. Fenwick and G. Ambrose, as conductor by F. Mitchell, and by all members of the present band. On the same evening, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. J. Allen, F. Mitchell, G. Jones, F. Hayes, J. Burles conductor, G. Ambrose. First as conductor in the method by J. Burles.

CORRECTION.—The name of the ringer of the 5th in the peal of Grandsire Triples, rung at Rusholme, Manchester, on March 9th, and published last week, should have been given as Walter Watts, not "William," as stated.

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At Hackney, this week, Dr. Wynne Westcott inquired into the circumstances attending the death of the Rev. George Barnes, eighty-one, who had resided with his son, an engineer, in Upper Clapton Road. The evidence showed that Mr. Barnes had been Rector of St. Alban, Wood Street, Cheapside, and only retired from that position last Christmas. He was very healthy and an extremely active man, but his sight was slightly affected. On Saturday evening he went for a walk, and while returning home and crossing the road near his home, was knocked down by a motor-car, owned and driven by Mr. Henry Stokes. He died shortly afterwards from shock and concussion of the brain. It was shown that Mr. Barnes was standing on the kerb when the car was about a dozen yards off, that the horn had been sounded when he suddenly crossed the road, and before the vehicle could be pulled up, he was struck. The jury intimated that they were satisfied that the affair was a pure accident and a verdict to this effect was returned.

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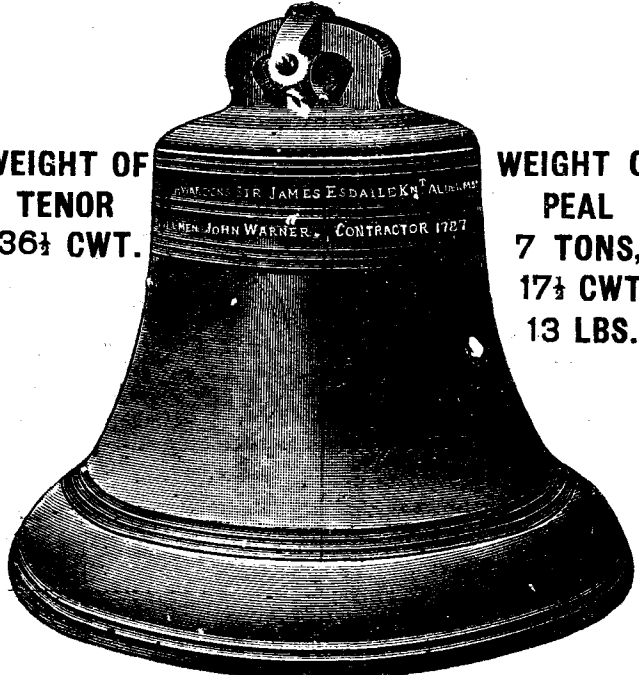
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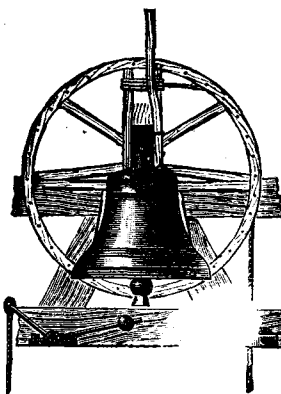
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ST. ALBANS ABBEY.

The Monastery was founded in 793. Offa, King of Mercia, had treacherously murdered his intended son-in-law, Ethelbert of East Anglia. As a result he found his reputation rapidly leaving him, and it was not restored until he received pardon from Rome, on his determination to found a great memorial in honour of the national saint. The first church which King Offa may have erected or repaired is believed to have been a temporary one for the relics of the Saint to rest in. We read that the King received Divine guidance in his efforts to recover St. Alban's body, which had been secretly hidden a few years previously to save it from the Danes. Of the first temporary or repaired church nothing remains to-day, and even of the second church erected by Offa there are only a few traces; but some ballusters of the triforium of the south transept are still pointed out as Saxon work which the Normans may have allowed to remain. St. Alban's Abbey church of to-day is practically the work of the first Norman Abbot, Paul de Caen, who was a nephew of Lanfranc, and it was Paul de Caen who built the present transepts, choir, and part of the eastern portion of the Nave in 1077. Between 1115 and 1166 were built the slype and a part of the cloisters, of which fragments remain. Between 1195 and 1214 the north-west porch and the lower part of the central western porch were erected by John Cella, and from 1214 to 1235 William de Trumpington built the upper part of the central western porch, the south porch, the western part of the nave, etc. John de Hertford constructed the sanctuary and foundations of the eastern chapels between 1235 to 1260, and from 1260 to 1301. Roger de Norton and John de Berkhamsted built the antechapel. The lady chapel was erected between 1308 and 1326 by Hugh de Eversden, as well as a part of the south nave and cloisters, and the shrine of St. Alban is assigned to about 1303. Eversden's work was completed, between 1326 and 1329, by Richard de Wallingford and Michael de Mentmore, and the holy rood screen, the shrine of St. Amphibalus and the gateway to the Monastery were erected between 1349 and 1396, by Thomas de la Mare.

Entering the Abbey from the west front and walking along the nave the visitor cannot fail to notice the Norman arches which date from 1077, and the frescoes on the walls of the lower arches which date from the end of the twelfth century. The nave generally strikes one as being of a severe character, but it must not be forgotten that the Roman brick and flint which Paul de Caen used did not admit of much decorative art work. On the left hand side of the nave the junction of the Norman and Early English work will be noted, and it is also interesting to observe that the Early English workman worked downwards.

Early in the fourteenth century a serious collapse of the Norman piers took place, which necessitated renovation. Hugh de Eversden undertook the work and built five splendidly decorated bays and new cloisters. An examination of his work will reveal the splendid bays in the foreground, the work behind being Early English.

Now let us pay attention to the western wall of the

south transept. Here the arches and the two little windows on the right of the doorway will be noticed. This served as a watching chamber, where the altars were watched, and the doorway was the entrance to the cloisters. Close by there is to be seen an interesting combination of Roman, Saxon and Norman work, namely, Roman tiles and Saxon shafts, which were utilised by the Normans. It is interesting to notice that the balluster shafts were turned in a lathe by the Saxons in the eighth century. A beautiful Norman door is situated in the south transept; this was removed to its present site by Lord Grimthorpe. The beautiful decorations of the Norman period are admirably depicted, and cannot fail to excite admiration.

From 1420 to 1440 the west window (now no more), the windows on the north of the nave, the choir and the watching loft, were erected by John Whethamstede.

Saint Alban's was the premier Abbey of England in by-gone days, and remained so until the death of Thomas de la Mare in 1396. Then the honour of pre-eminence passed to Westminster. After this, however, the Abbots still retained the freedom from Episcopal control that had been secured for them by Offa when he visited Rome. The Abbots were "mitred" and had seats in the House of Lords until the Dissolution. At that time the domestic buildings of the Monastery were sold to Sir Richard Lee, who destroyed all excepting the great gateway. The church was sold to the Corporation for the magnificent sum of £400, and it then served as a parish church and grammar school combined until well into the nineteenth century. But even to-day the fine Norman tower stands out pre-eminent in all its massive grandeur. And if the Abbey of to-day be viewed from the north-east, one cannot fail to notice the lady chapel as well as the fine old cedar tree (not a yew tree as it is often erroneously called) which was brought from Lebanon by one of the Countesses Spencer. The visitor to the Abbey is sure to observe the difference between the turrets of the Normans and those of Lord Grimthorpe, who, some twenty-seven years ago, carried out the work of restoration which has given rise to much controversy.

The total exterior length of the Abbey is 550 feet, and the length of the nave is 296 feet, this being the longest Gothic nave in the world. The tower is 150 feet high, and is considered the finest Norman tower in great Britain. In the nave to-day it will be observed that in restoring this part of the building a portion of the cloister arcade has been utilised; this cloister extended 150 feet square, and is a fine example of fourteenth century work.

Many famous pilgrimages have been made to the Saint's Chapel, containing the shrine of St. Alban, and the watching loft erected by Abbot Whethamstede. From this loft the Monks used to watch the precious shrine, which was in the first instance very richly jewelled, and to which a ceaseless flow of pilgrims made their way. Especially noticeable are the beautiful sharp arches in this chapel which illustrate thirteenth century work.

The oak watching loft, with its narrow staircase, cannot fail to interest all those who pay a visit to it to-day. The

shrine has undergone many vicissitudes. In 1842 portions of it were discovered in the Abbey, but no further search was made until 1872. At that time about 2000 fragments were collected and, as we see it to-day, pieced together as it is, we cannot but admire the work of Mr. John Chapple, who, acting under Sir Gilbert Scott, undertook the great task of fitting the pieces together. The shrine is made of Purbeck marble, and one can trace gold, red and blue colouring upon it. Previously it must have presented a gorgeous appearance, with the priceless ornaments which were arranged upon it, the Saint's relics being in a gold and jewelled shrine which rested on the top of the pedestal, the whole being surmounted by a rich silk canopy suspended from the roof. At the time of the Dissolution, in 1539, the articles of value disappeared, and the remains of the great Saint were also carried off. Not many then remained, as the Danes in A.D. 930 had purloined several, and taken them to their own country. The Reformation days saw the structure smashed into pieces, and used up largely as building material. For 330 years the shrine disappeared, the only record of its former existence being a slab which rested in the centre of the chapel.

On the other side of the Saint's Chapel is Duke Humphrey's tomb, erected in 1446, and the visitor should particularly note the ironwork, or fine trellis Grille, which was erected in 1275, and is equal to any iron work this side of the Pyrenees. Through this Grille—which is the earliest known example of its kind—the poorer pilgrims gazed at the sacred relics of St. Alban. It was only the rich who could afford to approach closely. Near by there are two old coffins, which were found by Sir Gilbert Scott between 1870 and 1875. They contained remains of monks buried probably in the twelfth century. This brings us to the shrine of St. Amphibalus which was erected, as I have hinted in passing, between 1349 and 1396. The bones of the Saint were discovered in 1170, and were brought to the Abbey with much pomp and ceremony. The fragments of the shrine were discovered in 1872, but it is in a much more imperfect condition than that of St. Alban.

In St. John's Chapel on the east wall of the south transept, there is an interesting figure of a Red Cross Knight, which, from the armour, has been attributed to about 1400. Above the Knight is a portion of the reredos from St. Andrew's Chapel, which was the parish church of monastic days but which was demolished at the Dissolution.

We will now have a peep at the north transept, where will be found the Freemason's Pulpit, erected by the Freemasons, as they claim St. Alban to be their patron saint. Hereabouts will be noticed what has been called "the monstrous Rose Window," built by Lord Grimthorpe, but the most interesting sights at this point are the transepts, which appear to-day much as Paul de Caen built them. At the far end of the north transept there can just be discerned the tomb of Bishop Claughton, who was the first Bishop of St. Albans. He died in 1892, and his tomb was erected in 1895.

The Lady Chapel is well worth a pilgrimage. Some of the window work was executed by Hugh de Eversden, and dates from about 1308, and the floral figures on the modern arcade represent the flora of the district. The flower around the window on the left is the Ball flower, and the stem connecting every flower is uncommon. When it is borne in mind that this chapel was used as a Grammar School for over 300 years, it is matter for congratulation that we see it to-day in such a good state of preservation. Restored by Lord Grimthorpe from its former ruinous

condition, it now presents quite an attractive and interesting appearance. It was used as a Grammar School from 1553 to 1870, when the school was removed to the great gateway—which up to then had served as the county gaol—where it still flourishes.

We now come to the wonderful high altar screen, erected by William Wallingford between 1476 and 1484. The figure of St. Alban occupies the premier position on the left at the bottom, and St. Amphibalus is on the right. This wonderful piece of work was restored by the late Lord Aldenham a few years ago. The very beautiful work in this screen is one of the finest examples to be seen anywhere, and the oldest portion of it is immediately over the new small figures which stand out whiter than the rest, and above the modern representation of the Resurrection. The beautiful roof at this point dates from the time of Abbot John de Whethamstede, whose chantry is on the right of the screen. In this chantry the splendid brass of Thomas de la Mare has been placed. The brass is 111 ins. by 52 ins. in size, and dates from 1375. The remaining figures upon the screen are those of various saints and martyrs who have borne testimony to the Faith by their lives and deeds. On the left will be found the chantry of Abbot Ramryge, which is an example of Late Perpendicular work erected about 1521.

The visitor should not fail to observe an old poor box, which was no doubt found to be quite large enough to receive offerings on behalf of the poor and needy. Above it, on the wall, may be seen a curious little wooden figure, carved by an old sexton. Beyond the doorway is to be seen a view of the other side of the chantry of John de Whethamstede, which dates from the 15th century.

Two stained glass windows placed in Marshfield church, near Newport, to the memory of Lady Forestier Walker have been dedicated by the Bishop of Llandaff.

The Rev. J. E. Watt-Ditchfield, Vicar of St. James-the-Less, Bethnal Green, begins this week a tour of New Zealand, Australia and Canada, on behalf of the Church of England Men's Society.

The Archbishop of Canterbury will unveil the window which is to be erected in Eastchurch parish church to the memory of the Hon. C. S. Rolls and Mr. Cecil Grace.

A bronze tablet placed on the wall of the Battersea Dispensary for Consumptives in memory of the late Dr. L. S. McManus records his kindness to the sick poor and his untiring efforts to establish in Battersea a dispensary for the prevention of consumption and other forms of tuberculosis.

The Rev. J. O. Stephens, the retiring Vicar of All Saints, Tooting Graveney, has been presented by his parishioners with an address bound in vellum in recognition of his work. A tablet recording his services at Tooting is to be placed in the church.

The Rev. G. Litting, late Vicar of St. Thomas-in-the-Moors, Birmingham, has died suddenly at Shrewsbury, on his seventy-fifth birthday. Mr. Litting took the B.A. degree at the University of London in 1864, the M.A. in 1872, and the LL.B. in 1873. He was head master of Stevenage Grammar School from 1869 till 1894, and, having been ordained in 1878, was curate of Watton-at-Stone from 1878 till 1880, and of Hitchin in 1880 & 81. From 1894 till 1896 he was Rector of Northbourne, Kent, and from 1896 till 1908 Vicar of St. Thomas-in-the-Moors, Balsall Heath, Birmingham.

SOUTH WEALD (Essex).—On Sunday, March 24th, for morning service at St. Peter's church, 720 Bob Minor. F. March (South Weald), E. Furbank (Havering), R. Mison (Navestock), G. Rashbrook (Warley), A. Rainbird (Bentley), W. Leggett (Shenfield). Conducted by G. Rashbrook.

A JUBILEE CELEBRATION.

[COMMUNICATED.]

"Merrily, merrily rang the bells,
The bells in St. Michael's tower."—*Old Refrain.*

A man's jubilee, while it must inevitably remind him of the passing years, is nevertheless an epoch which many like especially to celebrate, and the bells of a Hampshire village, as well as those of one of London's proudest churches, were set ringing on Saturday, the 16th inst., to commemorate the fiftieth birthday of Mr. Francis Edward Dawe, a past Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, who probably holds the record as Master of the Society, having been elected no less than six times. Years ago Frank Dawe was a leading spirit in the exercise in the Metropolis, but, like Rip Van Winkle (from whom he derives a sobriquet by which he is well known among his intimates, the older ones at any rate, in various parts of the country), he went to sleep so far as ringing was concerned. Now, however, the old enthusiasm has once more been awakened, and he celebrated his jubilee by ringing two peals in one day (a feat he had never before attempted)—a peal of Kent Treble Bob at West Meon in the morning, and one of Stedman Cinques in London in the evening.

Mr. Dawe was born in a charming old thatched house in the picturesque village of West Meon, Hampshire, on March 16th, 1862, and he returned thither for his fiftieth birthday peal on the bells which he was always told were ringing when he was born, in the beautiful battlemented tower and church, all built of "Faced Flint." To fit in two peals in one day, the one in the heart of Hampshire and the other in the City of London would be no mean accomplishment at any time, but with the train service disorganised through the great coal strike the difficulties seemed almost insurmountable. With the cordial co-operation of his friends the College Youths, however, the obstacles were overcome, and the peals recorded at the end of this article were the result. On reaching the village of West Meon, on Friday night, Mr. Dawe received a special welcome from the local ringers, the bells sounding sweetly in the frosty evening air. The London contingent arrived next morning, and a good peal of 5280 of Kent was brought round in 3 hrs. 5 mins., after which the bells were "fired" 50 times. Then a photo of the ringers was taken as a memento of the occasion, and the thatched house visited in resplendent sunshine.

After a hurried luncheon the band returned to London for the peal of Stedman Cinques (Mr. Dawe's favourite method) in the evening,

... at St. Michael's 'pon Cornhill,
In famous London City;
Where the big bells are so grand,
And the little bells so pretty.

Here, again, success was achieved, and the many listeners who assembled were unanimous in the opinion that the ringing would rank amongst the best of the twelve-bell peals in St. Michael's tower, for, as the College Youths' bard, James Dwight, says:—

Course after course did roll away,
In cadence sweet and grand.

Mr. Dawe wishes to express his highest thanks to the band, some of whom had to leave home at 4 a.m. in order to catch the train, and to all who did their best to make the day the great success it proved to be. Particularly he wishes to thank the Rev. J. H. Fair for the use of West Meon bells: also Mr. Gregory, head ringer at that church, and Mr. Trodd, for having the bells up and everything

in order; Canon Bell for granting permission for the peal at Cornhill, and Mr. A. Hughes for having the bells up and greased, and ready for the start. The ready and willing way in which both the Rev. J. H. Fair and Canon Bell acceded to the request for permission to use the bells of their respective towers was an outstanding feature of the occasion.

It is an interesting fact that Mr. Dawe rang St. Michael's tenor for the late Mr. H. W. Haley's last peal, and among the many other excellent achievements in his record he conducted a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on his 20th birthday, and a peal of Stedman Cinques from the 11th at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on his 21st birthday. He also had the gratification of conducting a peal of Triples on the golden wedding day of his own father and mother, and, a year later, on that of his wife's parents.

On Monday, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells at King Edward the Sixth's School, Guildford, by the Winchester Guild, to celebrate Mr. Dawe's birthday, these gentlemen being unable to use the tower bells for this purpose.

JUBILEE BIRTHDAY PEALS.

A record of the peals rung to commemorate the fiftieth birthday of Mr. Francis E. Dawe, as reported in the foregoing article. The bells at West Meon were "fired" fifty times at the close of the peal.

WEST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs. in F.

EDWIN HORREX .. .. .	.. Treble.	FREDERICK J. HARDY	5.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY	2.	ARTHUR D. BARKER	6.
HENRY R. NEWTON	3.	ALFRED B. PECK	7.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	4.	FRANCIS E. DAWE .. .. .	.. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

LONDON CITY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-UPON-CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5919 CHANGES.

Tenor 41 cwt. in B.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. .. .	.. Treble.	FREDERICK J. HARDY	7.
SAMUEL E. JOYCE	2.	FRANCIS E. DAWE	8.
ALFRED B. PECK	3.	ALFRED W. GRIMES	9.
GEORGE R. FARDON	4.	HENRY R. NEWTON	10.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	5.	HERBERT LANGDON	11.
CHARLES S. BURDEN	6.	WALTER PRIME .. .. .	.. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

HANDBELL PEAL.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes.

AT KING EDWARD VI'S SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANE'S FOUR-PART.

MAURICE SMITHER	1-2.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD	5-6.
ALFRED H. PULLING	3-4.	FRANK BLONDELL	7-8.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

5019 STEDMAN CINQUES.

By JOHN CARTER.

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512346

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314652

413256

315246

514236

416352

412653

214356

123456 B

A. 1, 2, 4, 6, 9s, 10, 12, 14, 16, 19, 20, 22.

B. 2, 6, 9, 10, 15, 16, 18, 19.

This peal has the 6th twenty-four times at home: also the 5th eighteen times at home in the tittums.

5019.—By the same Author.

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The above, three times repeated, by calling the first course in each part, 5-19, and omit the 19 in the last part, produce—

1 5 6 7 19

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4132658709x A

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This peal has the 6th twenty-four times at home in the tittums, and ten courses with the 6th at home in the hand-stroke home position, with all the 5-6-7-8s, with the treble a 2nd bell throughout.

A. 2, 5, 13s, 15s, 19.

5019.—By the same Author.

2314567890x 5 6 19

51432678x90 A

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415326

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214356

514623

The above three times repeated, by calling the first course 5-19, and omit the last course in the last part produce—

315426

4135628709x B

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312465

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A. 1, 5s, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16.

B. 2, 4s, 7, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23.

HOLLOWAY.—On Sunday evening, March 17th, for service at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples, in 45 mins. A. Hart, H. Ranzetta, J. Cornford, H. Dains, G. Charge, A. Baynes, A. Turner conductor, W. Pate-man. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. On Sunday morning, March 24th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major, in 45 mins. *A. Baynes, *A. Hart, R. Charge, H. Dains, H. Dew conductor, A. Turner, *G. Charge, H. Flanders. *First quarter-peal in the method.

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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. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on April 11th and 25th, at 7.30 p.m.; at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 16th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 19th and 50th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 30th, at 8 p.m.; also on Saturday evenings at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, 7.30.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.
32, Edgely Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—A quarterly general meeting will take place on Monday, April 15th, at St. Clement Danes, Strand. Tower open at 8 p.m. Business Meeting in the tower room at 9.30. The society also meets at the above tower the second and fourth Sunday in each month for service ringing. Visitors welcomed. There will no meeting of the society on Monday, April 1st.

F. J. HARDY, Hon. Sec.
34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, April 13th, 1912. Service at 5 p.m., with sermon by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Willesden. Tea. 6d. each, at 6 o'clock, with meeting to follow. Members and friends cordially invited. The following towers will be available for ringing: St. Matthew's, from 3-5, and after the meeting; St. John at Hackney, 3-5; St. Paul's, Homerton, 3-5; and St. Mary's, Walthamstow, 7.30-9. Will all who intend being present kindly inform their district secretary before April 10th.

C. T. COLES,
173, St. John's, Road, Walthamstow.

H. C. CHANDLER,
Hon. Secs. Church Road, Heston.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity church, Burnley, today, Sat. March 30th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

J. WATSON, Branch Sec.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The annual meeting will be held at Wolverhampton on Easter Monday. Ringing at St. Peter's (12) from 11.30; St. Luke's (8) from 11.0; Tettenhall (8) from 11.0. Evensong in St. Peter's at 4.0. Tea at Fleming's Restaurant, North Street, at 4.30, 6d. each to fully-paid members, to others 1s. Please send word not later than Tuesday, April 2nd.

H. KNIGHT, Hon. Sec.
13, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

The Surrey Association.—Quarterly meeting at Mitcham on Easter Monday. Bells open at 3 p.m. Ringing during the afternoon and evening at the parish church and Christ Church. Short service at Christ Church at 5.15, to be followed by tea in the Church Room (High Street, Collier's Wood), at 5.45, at the invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens and local band. Business meeting after tea.

C. F. JOHNSTON, Hon. Sec.
Bell Foundry, Croydon.

The Midland Counties Association.—The thirtieth annual meeting will be held at Nottingham on Easter Monday, April 8th. The bells at St. Peter's, Holy Trinity, Lenton, and St. Mary's, Bulwell, will be available for ringing from 10.30 a.m. Committee meeting at Calvert's Cafe, Long Row, at 3.15. Tea 1s. 3d. each in the same room at 4 o'clock. Will those who intend taking tea kindly notify the Honorary Secretary by Thursday, April 4th (1st post) at the latest. All the towers will be closed during the time of tea and meeting. A proposition will be made to give to new members a copy of the rules, in lieu of a report, and to alter Rule 4B accordingly.

W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.
Cotgrave, Notts.

The Hertford County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, when the towers of the city will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Service in the Cathedral at 5 p.m., with address by the Rev. A. J. Langdon, Rector of Great Munden, followed by tea and business meeting in the Abbey Institute at 5.50. Tea 6d. to members, 1s. 3d. to non-members. Will band correspondents kindly notify the probable number of their members who will attend.

G. W. CARTMEL, Hon. Sec.
"Duffield," St. Albans.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting of the above Association will take place at Huntingdon on Easter Monday, April 8th. A short service will be held in All Saints church at 12.30 p.m. The dinner and business meeting will be held at The George hotel at 1.30 p.m. The bells of All Saints (6), St. Mary's (8), will be available during the day, and Godmanchester (8) after 3 p.m. Will all those intending to be present, please notify me not later than Wednesday, April 3rd.

T. R. DENNIS, General Sec.
33, Clarendon Street, Cambridge.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Evesham on Easter Monday, April 8th, 1912. Service at 1.30. Address by the Vicar, the Rev. J. M. Walker. Meeting at 2.30 in the Parish Hall. Tea will be provided at 4.30 for those who notify me by Wednesday, April 3rd. Subscriptions received, etc., in the Parish Hall between 12 and 8. Bells available—Bell Tower (10), Bengeworth (6), and Great Hampton (6).

J. R. NEWMAN, Hon. Sec.
Bransford, Worcester.

The Essex Association.—South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Widford on Easter Monday. Bells at 2 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 8d. each, at The White Horse. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by Thursday, April 4th. Whistle bells will be open for ringing from 2 to 4, and 7 to 9 p.m.

HENRY F. COOPER, Dis. Secretary.
County Offices, Chelmsford.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday.

REV. A. H. RUST, Hon. Sec.
Husborne Crawley Vicarage, Aspley Guise.

The North Wales Association.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Wrexham on Easter Monday, April 8th. Bells (10) available from 9 a.m., and Gresford (8) from 12 noon. Full particulars from Mr. H. Moore, jun., Castle, Pentrefeliu, Wrexham. All welcome.

S. A. CULLINGTON, Hon. Sec.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Annual meeting at Cheltenham on Easter Monday, April 8th. Service at the parish church at 11 a.m. Preacher—the Rev. F. L'Estrange Fawcett, M.A., Rector of Cheltenham. The business meeting will be held immediately after the service. The bells of the parish church (12) will be available from 10.30 to 11, and for one hour in the afternoon. Prestbury (8), and Charlton Kings (8), will also be available in the afternoon. Dinner at the Criterion Restaurant at 1 p.m. Usual allowance made towards the same only to those who inform me of their intention to be present by Thursday, April 4th.

W. A. CAVE, Hon. Sec.
10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

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First rung at Hammersmith on hand-bells, March 22nd, 1912, conducted by W. Shepherd.

A BIRTHDAY PEAL.—At the church of SS. Peter and Paul, Kirton, 1008 Bob Major was rung on Tuesday week in honour of Mr. A. O. Barber's 70th birthday. The ringers were—J. Daughton, 1; T. Howard, 2; F. W. Bishop, 3; G. Coleman, 4; W. Barker (conductor), 5; G. Edgoose, 6; H. Taylor, 7; C. Flatters, 8. It was intended to ring a full peal, but owing to one of the band being unable to attend in time, this could not be accomplished.

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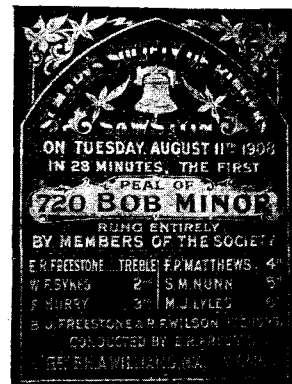
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All business communications should be addressed to "Mr. Geo. Carter, 1, Selborne Road, Walthamstow."

Notices of any kind, to ensure insertion in the current issue, should reach us not later than first post on Thursday morning. Unless this is done we cannot insert them till the following week.

The Editor tenders his thanks to correspondents for their promptness in sending reports this week. The punctual issue of the paper is ensured when this is done.

The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1912.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS AND ADVERTISERS.

Friday next being Good Friday we shall go to press on Thursday. To enable us to do this without having to hold over items, will correspondents oblige by sending their copy so as to reach the Office not later than the first post on Wednesday.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

May I call the attention of those Hon. Secretaries of Guilds and Associations affiliated to the Council, who have not yet sent in their affiliation fees, to the fact that nearly three months have passed since the fees became

due. At this moment little more than half the number (22 out of 40), have sent their quota. I would earnestly urge those who have not done so to forward the amount without further delay, accompanied by a list of names and addresses of their newly-elected (or re-elected) representatives to the new Council.

Now that I am writing, I take this opportunity of saying that I shall be out of England from April 8th (Easter Monday) until the 19th or 20th. All important communications will be acknowledged at once, and will receive full and careful attention on my return.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

Fretherne, Stonehouse, Glos.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 23, 1912, in Four Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES.

Tenor 50 cwt.

EDWIN HORRER Treble.	WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. 7.
HARRY R. PASMORE 2.	FREDERICK DENCH 8.
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THOMAS FAULKNER 4.	HERBERT LANGDON 10.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDEE .. 5.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 11.
HENRY R. NEWTON 6.	ALFRED B. PECK Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by A. B. PECK.

HANDBELL PEALS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT GEORGE THE FOURTH, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. 1-2.	ERNEST PYE 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE 3-4.	ALFRED W. GRIMES .. 7-8.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpires—F. Bennett, R. Sanders, and W. Hewett.

HAMMERSMITH, LONDON, W.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, March 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT 16, ST. PETER'S GROVE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 1-2.	*FREDERICK G. SYMONDS 5-6.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 3-4.	FREDERICK G. WOODISS 7-8.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and Conducted by WM. SHEPHERD.

Umpire—Mr. William A. Garrard. *First peal on an inside pair. This composition to be found on page 29. is now rung for the first time, and contains either the 5th or 6th in 5 6 at every course-end.

FULHAM, LONDON, S.W.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Monday, March 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD .. 1-2.	JAMES W. DRIVER .. 5-6.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 3-4.	FRANK I. HAIRIS .. 7-8.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WM. SHEPHERD.

Umpire—Mr. W. J. S. Knights. This composition contains all the combinations of 4, 5, 6, with the 2nd never in 5-6 at a course-end.

The Provinces.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS' (CITY),

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HENRY PRING Treble.	JESSE B. TYLER 5.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 2.	GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. 6.
HENRY BROWNJOHN 3.	JOHN A. BURFORD 7.
GEORGE SEAWARD 4.	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

H. Johnson's variation of Middleton's peal. First Surprise peal by G. Seaward, and rang as a farewell peal to him on the occasion of his leaving for Australia.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, March 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM MORT Treble.	JOHN MAKIN 5.
WILLIAM HENRY MAKIN* 2.	PETER NUTTALL 6.
JOHN NUTTALL 3.	†WILLIAM PENNINGTON .. 7.
WILLIAM TEBAY 4.	PETER CROOK Tenor.

Composed by J. ASPINWALL, and Conducted by WILLIAM PENNINGTON.

*First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung at the first attempt.

THORNABY-ON-TEES, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp,

GILBERT THOMPSON* .. Treble.	NORMAN ADDISON 5.
JOHN SINCLAIR* 2.	GEORGE CATTLE 6.
WILLIAM RUDD 3.	WILFRID ADDISON 7.
R. CHISHOLM* 4.	JOHN H. PINKNEY Tenor.

Composed by H. PRICE, and Conducted by J. H. PINKNEY.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by a Thornaby company.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, March 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

CHARLES FAULKS Treble.	WILLIAM GOODMAN 6.
GILBERT GUEST 2.	FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. 7.
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. .. 3.	HARRY GOODMAN 8.
HERBERT SHEPPARD 4.	BENJAMIN GOUGH 9.
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. .. 5.	HORACE BELCHER Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, of Birmingham, and Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. B. Gough, and at its conclusion he received the hearty congratulations of the band.

A DIAGRAM OF UNION TRIPLES (1893), may be had gratis, on application by letter to W. H. THOMPSON, 5, Silwood Street, Brighton, to whom the unsold remainder has been returned by the publishers.

**BRAMLEY, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, March 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, and Oxford Treble Bob.

ERNEST THORNTON Treble.	GEORGE B. BOLLAND .. 4.
SAMUEL HELLIWELL 2.	JNO. W. T. HOLGATE .. 5.
JOHN W. CHADWICK 3.	GEORGE HILL Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE B. BOLLAND.

First peal. Mr. Bolland hails from Tong, and Mr. Hill from Hoyalmswaine. The peal was arranged for Mr. Hill, who was on a visit to Leeds.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Monday, March 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of London, York, Lightfoot, Wearmonth, Durham, Wells and Cambridge.

GEORGE S. TAYLOR Treble.	MICHAEL F. HARRISON .. 4.
WILLIAM A. CARR 2.	R. H. BLAKKRY 5.
JAMES AYERS* 3.	JOSEPH W. PARKER Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

*First peal away from the treble. Rung in honour of the Festival of the Annunciation. Also as a farewell peal to Mr. R. H. Blakey, who leaves for Canada next month.

Handbell Peals.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 23, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT 2, CARLTON STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

ALBERT V. INNS 1-2.	E. MAUFICE ATKINS .. 5-6.
DAVID J. NICHOLS 3-4.	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN .. 7-8.
FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 9-10.	

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

First peal of Caters by all and first in hand by the Association.

EYNESBURY, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

SYDNEY PECK 1-2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 5-6.
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3-4.	EDMUND C. CHASTY .. 7-8.

Composed by J. BARKER, and Conducted by GEORGE D. COLEMAN.

Umpire—H. Fields.

Date Touches.

THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday, March 17th, for morning service, a date touch of Stedman Triples, 1912 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. G. Cottis, T. Faulkner, G. W. Faulkner, C. Fenn conductor, D. Simons, J. Norris, A. C. Hardy, Churchwarden E. A. Davies. Composed by J. P. Bradley. Rung as a birthday compliment to Churchwarden E. A. Davies, the members of the above Society wishing him many happy returns.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Wednesday, March 20th, 504 Stedman Triples. T. East, conductor, G. F. James, W. Napper, J. Napper, jun., R. G. Rice, J. Bower, R. G. James, A. Woodley. Longest touch in the method by ringers of 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRECON.—On Sunday, March 4th, at St. Mary's church, for the morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. R. Kinsey S. Brooks, G. Giblin, W. Hargest, G. Hardwick, W. Evans conductor, A. Matthews, S. Watkins. For evening service 504 Stedman Triples. W. Evans conductor, S. Brooks, G. Giblin, G. Hardwick, A. Matthews, W. Hargest, S. Watkins, E. Jones. On Monday, March 11th, previous to attending a Minor Lodge of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. Bro. W. Hargest, Bro. S. Brooks, Bro. G. Giblin, Bro. R. Kinsey, Bro. S. Watkins, Bro. A. Matthews, Bro. W. Evans, C. P., conductor, Bro. E. Jones. All the above are members of the Usk Lodge No. 1218 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. On Sunday, March 17th, for the Men's Service, 630 Grandsire Triples. R. Kinsey, G. Giblin, S. Brooks, S. Watkins, W. Hargest, A. Matthews, W. Evans conductor, G. Hardwick. For the evening service 1008 Stedman Triples. W. Hargest, S. Brooks, R. Kinsey, G. Giblin, G. Hardwick, S. Watkins, W. Evans conductor, E. Jones. On Sunday, March 24th, for evening service, 672 Stedman Triples. W. Hargest, S. Brooks, G. Giblin, R. Kinsey, G. Hardwick, W. Evans conductor, A. Matthews, E. Jones.

THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday, March 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. G. Jackson, W. Beard, T. Faulkner, R. Fenn, G. W. Faulkner, J. Norris, G. Cottis conductor, C. Fenn. Composed by J. P. Bradley.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHESHUNT (Herts.).—On Sunday, March 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. W. G. Darlington, W. Irons, G. Maxim, H. Cornwall, G. R. Gray, R. Smith, H. G. Rowe (composer and conductor), H. Simmons. On Sunday, March 17th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Simmons, G. Andrews, G. Maxim, H. Cornwall, H. G. Rowe conductor, R. Smith, C. Dilley, D. Tucker. For evening service 504. W. G. Darlington, G. Andrews, H. G. Rowe conductor, H. Cornwall, G. Maxim, R. Smith, C. Dilley, H. Simmons. On Sunday, March 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. G. Andrews, W. G. Darlington, H. G. Rowe conductor, H. Cornwall, F. Jelf, R. Smith, G. Maxim, D. Tucker. First quarter-peal by local band.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORLEY (Surrey).—On Wednesday, March 20th, for a Confirmation Service held by the Bishop of Kingston (Surrey), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. W. Taylor, S. Lanaway, J. Kenward, A. Songhurst, G. Illman, S. Kenward, P. Etheridge, C. Osborn. Conducted by S. Kenward. Also a 504 of Grandsire Triples, with A. Harman, conductor, in place of J. Kenward; the rest as above.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

BRIDGNORTH (Shropshire).—On Sunday, March 24th, for evening service at St. Leonard's church, 756 Stedman Triples, in 27 mins. J. Hanley, J. Overton, A. Newsome, J. Elcock, F. S. Downing, W. Overton conductor, W. Saunders, J. Garbett. Longest length by the tenor man. The ringers of the treble, 5th, 7th and tenor belong to Coalbrookdale.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET (Wilts).—On Saturday, March 23rd, at St. Margaret's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. G. Lancaster, T. Moulden, R. W. Hyner, G. Lancaster, C. J. Gardiner conductor, F. Looker. First 720 in the method on the bells.

DEATH OF AN OLD WANSTEAD RINGER.

We are called upon to record, this week, one of those events which, though inevitable, make a gap in any society, which it is a hard matter to fill. This is all the more acutely felt when one who has been a member of a small company is taken away.

The members of the Christ Church, Wanstead, Society have just been called upon to mourn the loss of George Cornell, who passed away on March 11th, at the age of 70 years. For 36 years he had been a member of the Christ Church band, besides which he was a member of the Essex, Hertfordshire, and Cumberland Societies, and a regular attendant at all their meetings.

The funeral took place on Saturday, March 16th, at the Parish Church, Wanstead, the Rector (Canon Corbett), officiating, assisted by the Rev. A. J. Welch. Among those present in addition to the relatives, were members of the Wanstead, Leytonstone, West Ham and Chigwell Row bands, together with a number of deceased's old comrades of the Metropolitan Police Force.

The floral tributes included a floral bell on a cushion with a broken rope formed of violets from the Wanstead ringers, and a large bunch of lilies from Mrs. Squires, widow of the late F. Squires, a former member of the Wanstead company. Owing to the serious illness of Mr. W. Smith (one of the local band), it was not possible to ring a handbell peal at the graveside, a circumstance which caused much regret; but after the funeral, with the bells of Christ Church fully muffled, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung by Messrs. E. A. Lebbon, W. Doran, G. F. Margetson, J. Marks, W. Miller, and J. B. Marks (conductor). Following this the customary whole pull and stand was rung, Messrs. C. Petty and J. Smith taking part.

We extend our warmest sympathy with the relatives and members of the various societies to which the deceased belonged.

ARBORFIELD, BUCKS.

The bell frame in the church of St. Bartholomew, Arborfield, has, for some time, been in a most insecure condition. Now, however, this has been remedied; and the bells, six in number, have been rehung on a new steel frame, the work being admirably carried out by Messrs. Webb and Bennett, of Kidlington, who have previously done similar work in several of the neighbouring towers. The new frame is provided with accommodation for two more bells, which it is hoped may be added at some future date. This would give a fifth eight-bell tower out of the eleven in the Sonning Deanery.

The dedication of the new frame, and re-dedication of the bells, took place at a special service on Saturday, March 16th. The Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild—the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn—officiated at the ceremony, and, after a shortened evensong, addressed a few most impressive words to a full congregation who had assembled for the festal service, among them being a number of the ringers from other parishes in the Deanery. During the remainder of the evening several touches were rung by the local band and others.

The Vicar, who is very keen on every good work connected with the church, is to be heartily congratulated on the successful completion of this restoration, and we feel sure that the ringers themselves, and other parishioners, are most grateful to those who financially supported the scheme.

WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the above Association was held at Aberavon on Saturday, March 23rd, when members from St. Mary's, Swansea, Sketty, Aberavon and Baglan were present. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the number of lady ringers present from Baglan, one of them (Miss Llewellyn) taking part in a 420 of Grandsire Triples which was rung among a variety of other touches. The meeting was held during an interval, when, among other business transacted, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Baglan, in June. The meeting, a very successful one, was brought to a close by a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells.

CITY CHURCH PLATE.

The church of St. Magnus the Martyr stands under the northern end of London Bridge, close to where the eel boats attract the attention of passers-by and the loungers on the bridge, and where the muddy tide of Billingsgate washes its walls. There is probably no church so rich in associations with Old London. As the mother church of the parish it succeeded to the relics of its demolished neighbour, St. Michael's, whose vestry once met at the Boar's Head Tavern, in Eastcheap. The valuable church plate and the choice vessels of the vestry are usually kept in the vaults of the Safe Deposit Co., but on Saturday last they were brought out for inspection by an interested company, who attended on the invitation of the vicar and churchwardens. The oldest pieces are a Pre-Reformation patin, dated 1470, and another fashioned in facsimile, except for the inscription, "Jesus said, 'This do in remembrance of Me,'" which indicates its Post-Reformation origin. There are, among other valuable examples, silver flagons and four silver gilt patins from the middle of the seventeenth century, and a still older alms dish, dated 1524. The vestry relics are a tobacco box with a painting of the tavern on the outside, and a drinking cup and goblet. Eastcheap believes, as did Washington Irving, who hunted it up long ago in Miles Lane, that this is no other than the parcel gilt goblet on which Falstaff made his loving but faithless vow to Dame Quickly, and no one would wish to disturb the pleasant illusion.

HUNTSAM, NORTH DEVON.—A large clock is to be erected upon the Parish Church, which will show the time on one dial and strike the hours on the tenor bell. Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, are carrying out the work.

RINGING COMPETITION AT GLASBURY, RADNORSHIRE.—St. Peter's Church.—Owing to the absence from home at Eastertide of Captain A. Glen Kidston, the ringing competition which was to have taken place on Easter Monday, has been postponed for a month or so. Tower ringers, belonging to the churches in Breconshire and Radnorshire will be invited to enter the competition, which will consist of 360 changes of either Grandsire or Stedman Doubles. Captain Kidston will give a gold medal to the band who satisfies the adjudicator, Mr. Harry Withers, of Birmingham, a great authority on the art of change-ringing.

THE KEEPING OF EASTER.

What a composite growth is our reckoning and naming of time! Archdeacon Holmes, in his delightful series of papers on the names of the weekdays and of the months, has shown us how Christian England has taken over the folklore of the heathen Saxons and Romans, as it were leading the heathen deities like captives in a triumph, and incorporating their memorials in a new order of things. Those who imagine that a piece of machinery with such diverse origins may be made mathematically uniform by a stroke of the pen, can hardly have understood the historical value of these time-honoured irregularities. It is like rectifying the varieties of style in a cathedral!

Christian instinct in the earliest ages was drawn in two directions. It was felt that Easter was naturally linked with the Jewish Passover, and that the anniversary of the Resurrection could be kept by following the Passover. On the other hand, the New Testament shows us that the first day of the week was regarded from the beginning as the Christian holy day. Should Easter be fixed on the first day of the week, or follow the moon without reference to days of the week? St. John was said to have adopted the latter rule in Asia Minor, but the general voice of Christendom was against it; and at the Council of Nicæa, in 325, it was ordered that all Christians should keep Easter Day on the first Sunday after the full moon falling on or next after the 21st of March, that being the day of the vernal equinox. This is the first of the Councils regarded by the whole Church as œcumenical, that is, universally binding.

The Celtic Church misunderstood the rule, and when St. Augustine came over in 597, there was trouble between the Roman and the British Christians on this point. A council or conference was held at Whitby in 664 to decide in the controversy, which had become acute, as a Northumbrian king would be keeping Easter, while his wife, a Kentish princess, was still in Holy Week. The decision was in favour of the Roman Easter, and the few who would not adopt it went to Ireland. So strong was the feeling that the Ven. Bede, in his history, almost apologises for saying so much in praise of St. Aidan, one of the sweetest and holiest characters that ever lived, and explains at some length that he really was a good man, though he kept the wrong Easter! It was even doubted whether a bishop could be canonically consecrated by those who adhered to the Celtic Easter. It is thus no light matter to create a new northern eccentricity in Paschal observance. The whole Church may be said to have had one rule from 664 to 1581.

CONSECRATION OF A BISHOP.

The consecration of Canon James Denton Thompson, Rector of Birmingham, as Bishop of Sodor and Man, took place yesterday in York Minster in the presence of a large congregation, mainly composed of clerical and lay friends of the Bishop-Designate, including about 300 of his parishioners, who had made a long journey from Birmingham by special train. A large contingent of former parishioners at Southport had also been expected, but were unable to attend, the special train by which they had intended to travel being cancelled by the railway company. The consecration ceremony was performed by the Archbishop of York, the Bishops of Newcastle, Wakefield, Manchester, Carlisle, Ripon, and Birmingham, and

there were also present the Suffragan Bishops of Beverley, Hull, Sheffield, Burnley, Whalley, Knarborough, and Bishop Tucker, of Durham, and Bishop Welldon, Dean of Manchester. Amongst the other clergy present were the Dean of York (Dr. Purey-Cust), and several members of the Chapter of York Minister, and about fifty clergymen from the diocese of Birmingham. Canon Denton Thompson was attended by his brother, the Rev. W. Thompson, of Tiverton, as chaplain. The sermon was preached by the Rev. G. S. Streatfeild, rector of Goddington, Bicester. The presenting Bishops were the Bishops of Birmingham and Carlisle, who read the Epistle and Gospel respectively.

CHURCH ARMY'S APPEAL TO THE CLERGY.

The Church Army makes a special appeal to the clergy of the United Kingdom for their co-operation in its efforts to secure a continual supply of candidates for training as officers and Mission Sisters. It offers a vocation to earnest Churchmen and Churchwomen of the superior working-class, who may feel themselves debarred from specialised Church work by lack of means and education. Free training, including board and lodging, laundry and uniform, is provided, and a County School education is sufficient. Church Army officers and Mission Sisters work under the control of the beneficed clergy to whose parishes they are sent. Before receiving their commission officers must pass the examination for "Lay Evangelists in the Church of God," and Mission Sisters an examination in Prayer Book knowledge, etc. The former are examined by one of the Bishop of London's chaplains, the latter by his Diocesan Inspector of Schools. A salary is guaranteed to each successful candidate as soon as the definite work begins. The age limit for candidates is nineteen to thirty for men, and twenty-five to thirty for women. Application should be made to the Candidates' Secretary, Church Army Headquarters, Bryanston Street, London, W.

CHURCH SCHOOLS IN WALES.

In the Secretary's report for the past year, recently presented to the annual meeting of the Llandaff Diocesan Association of Church Schools, it is recorded that in spite of the continued pressure brought to bear upon managers, and the heavy sacrifices they and the churches have been called upon to make, there is no diminution—except, it may be, in a few instances—in the determination to continue the struggle for definite religious instruction, and to insist upon the right of the Church to teach the children of the Church the Faith of the Church in schools erected by Churchpeople. This was well illustrated by the special efforts of certain Church school managers during the past year. At Pontypool and Llanfabon respectively nearly £1,000 were spent in reconstruction and improvements, and at Neath, after repeated attempts to get the school out of the possession of the trustees, and, although large sums of money have been spent during the past few years, the managers have now courageously decided to face an expenditure of £5,000. That there can be no real objection to the religious teaching given in Church schools is proved by the fact that the Diocesan Inspector in Religious Knowledge reported that of 17,798 children examined only 107 were withdrawn from religious instruction, and of these seventy were Roman Catholics and seventeen Jews.

5080 TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By H. PRICE.

23456	M	W	H
23564	2	2	I
25634		I	2
26354		I	2
26543	2	2	I
26435	2	2	I
24365		I	2
23645		I	2
24536	2	I	I
25346		I	2
23456		I	2

Note.—The second bell is at home every course-end. 4-5 6 are equal times in 6ths place.

5024 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By the same Author.

23456	I	4	5	6
43652	-	-	-	-
36452	-	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-	-
25634	-	-	-	-
36524	-	-	-	-
65324	-	-	-	-
53624	-	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-	-
43256	S	-	-	-
32456	-	-	-	-
24356	-	-	-	-
53426	-	-	-	-
34526	-	-	-	-
25436	-	-	-	-
54236	-	-	-	-
42536	-	-	-	-
35246	-	-	-	-
52346	-	-	-	-
23546	-	-	-	-

Repeated.

5040 TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

By the same Author.

23456	M	W	H
23564	2	2	I
32465	2	2	
53624	2	I	2
35426	2	2	
24536	2	2	
25346	I	2	
23456	I	2	

On the presentation of Eton College, the Rev. George Sevier Davirs was on Monday afternoon inducted by the Archdeacon of London as rector of St. Albans, Wood Street. Other clergy present were the Rev. Prebendary Reynolds (rector of St. Mary Aldermary, and Rural Dean of the West City), and the Rev. Prebendary Glendinning (rector of St. Alphege, London Wall).

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

On Easter Monday, all being well, eight members of the Hertfordshire Association will attempt a long peal of Bristol Surprise (12,000 changes), at Knebworth, starting at 9 o'clock.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL.

The King has signified, through the Archbishop of Canterbury, his intention of visiting Winchester in July, and of attending, on July 15th, the Thanksgiving Service in connection with the completion of the work of repairing the Cathedral. It is understood that the Queen will accompany his Majesty.

The whole of the week from Sunday, July 14th to the following Saturday will be devoted to celebrations in connection with the occasion, and the special preachers will be the Archbishop of Canterbury, who will occupy the pulpit on the occasion of the King's visit, the Bishop of Winchester, and the Bishop of Southwark.

The Bishop of Winchester (Dr. Talbot), who was translated from Southwark in 1910, has devoted the present he received from those he had ordained and others in his old diocese, to the beautifying of his chapel in Farnham Castle by the insertion of stained glass in the east window, the placing of a new frontal on the altar, the provision of a beaten copper alms dish, and the execution of minor improvements in the sanctuary.

THE GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION AT SOUTHWARK.

The arrangements for the Good Friday procession are now completed. No tickets will be issued; all Churchmen over fifteen years of age are invited to take part, and the help of Churchmen from the London diocese (which has no procession this year) will be warmly welcomed. Three processions will be formed up at the following three points: The Chapter House, St. Thomas' Street, London Bridge; Lambeth Parish Church, and St. Mark's Church, Kennington. These will start punctually at 4.30 p.m. and after uniting without breaking order at the Elephant and Castle at 5 p.m., will march to Southwark Cathedral. A short service, including an address by the Bishop of Southwark, will be held, lasting not more than twenty minutes. An overflow service will be held, if necessary, outside the Cathedral. Hymns will be sung en route to the Cathedral, the singing being led by cornet. There will be no return procession. Clergy and readers are asked to robe in cassock, surplice, hood, and college cap, or skull cap. Other laymen will walk in the procession in ordinary clothes. The procession will take place whether the weather is wet or fine.

The Rev. Arthur Wollaston Hutton, rector of St. Mary-le-Bow Church, Cheapside, has just died at Blackheath. Born at Spridlington, in 1848, he was educated at Bury St. Edmunds, Brussels, Cheltenham College, and Exeter College, Oxford, where he graduated B.A. in 1871, being placed first in the honours school of Theology. The same year he was ordained to a curacy at St. Barnabas, Oxford, but in 1873, on the death of his father, he became rector of Spridlington. Here he remained till 1876, when he succeeded to the Church of Rome. Returning to the Church of England he was rector of Easthope, Shropshire from 1899 to 1901 when he was appointed to a curacy at St. Luke's, Richmond, and in 1903 was appointed to the living of Bow.

CHURCH NEWS.

NEWPORT CHURCH SCHOOLS.—On Tuesday, in Newport Parish Church, Isle of Wight, while taking a Confirmation, the Bishop of Southampton, during his address, said that the Vicar of Newport, the Rev. H. E. Sharpe, had asked him to publicly announce that on Saturday morning he received an offer from a parishioner who wished no name mentioned, to discharge the debt of £1,170 on the new Church day schools. The Bishop said that knowing, as he did, all the circumstances of the case, and the extreme difficulty and crisis which had arisen, the danger had now been overcome, and the schools saved. "There will be a psalm of praise throughout the diocese, and it will be an encouragement to the whole Church of England." The schools, boys' and girls', had been entirely rebuilt at a cost of £5,000, of which £3,000 had been

raised, and were opened in October 1909, by H.R.H. Princess Henry of Battenberg. Owing to the Reverter Clause to the School Sites Act of 1857, the Vicar and manager had been unable to obtain a mortgage to pay off the £2,000 by yearly instalments. This noble gift enables the Vicar to claim a grant of £130 from the National Society, and the whole debt is now cleared. The Bishop of Winchester has written to express his "great joy and appreciation of the noble gift." The schools have over 600 scholars, and were originally built in 1816.

A CHURCHWARDEN'S SKILL.—Mr. H. W. Ward has presented to Frenchay parish church, Gloucestershire, of which he is churchwarden, a beautiful carved oak reredos. This, together with other furniture given by him to the church in former years, is entirely the work of Mr. Ward and the members of a carving class which

he has taught. The reredos, a work of many years, has recently been dedicated with the prayer that Almighty God would accept the gift wrought by the unworthy hands of many who had worshipped in that sanctuary.

EAST WOODHAY.—The Bishop of Winchester dedicated a memorial window of two lights in St. Martin's Church, East Woodhay, recently. One light represents Bishop Ken, and is erected in his memory by subscription, as he was rector of this parish from 1669 to 1672: the other represents William of Wykeham holding in his arms a model of the Cathedral of Winchester, and is erected by the Spicer family in memory of the Rev. Newton Spicer and Matilda his wife. The whole window forms a very beautiful memorial of these two former rectors of East Woodhay. It is the work of Messrs. Powell and Sons.

MALTBV.—This beautiful little town in South Yorkshire, once chiefly noted for its proximity to the historic Roche Abbey, but now more famous as the centre of a great colliery community, will shortly possess a new church, which, it is hoped will be consecrated by the Archbishop of York early in May. The church, which will be the first to be completed under the South Yorks. Coalfield Extension scheme, stands on the open space in the centre of the new mining village, and marks a departure from familiar styles of architecture, being in the Italian Romanesque style. It will afford accommodation for 500 worshippers.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV. MAURICE PARKIN.—As a memorial to the late Vicar of Selby Abbey it is proposed to raise a fund to help those left behind by him, who unfortunately are very insufficiently provided for. Mr. Parkin's last illness was mainly caused by the trying work he so nobly undertook in connection with the restoration of the Abbey after the fire of 1906. Few people realise the amount of work and self-denial which the raising of £45,000 in four years entailed upon him. Lectures, sermons, addresses, and meetings in all parts of England, numerous interviews, and the writing of thousands of letters meant for him great self-sacrifice, hard work, and worry, and the result was that before the work was finished, though all the necessary funds were raised, he completely broke down in health, eventually resigning the benefice, and for little more than a year he had been living in retirement in the South of England. The Archbishop of York is in entire sympathy with this proposal, and a strong local committee has been formed.

The annual report of the Central Board of Missions of the Church of England for 1911-12, which has just been issued, gives a list of members of the Board and recounts the activities of the year. The current number of the *Chronicle* of the Board contains a letter from the Archbishop of Canterbury on the subject of Indian Government chaplaincies.

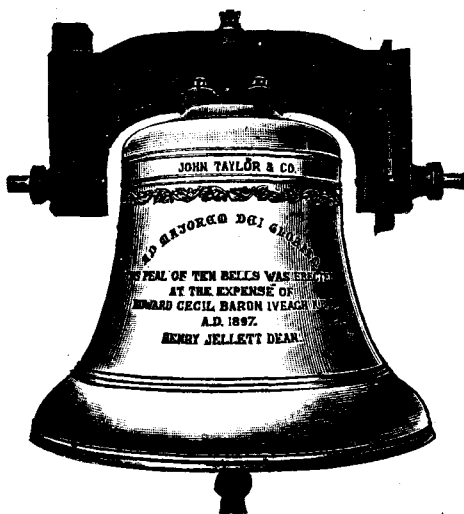
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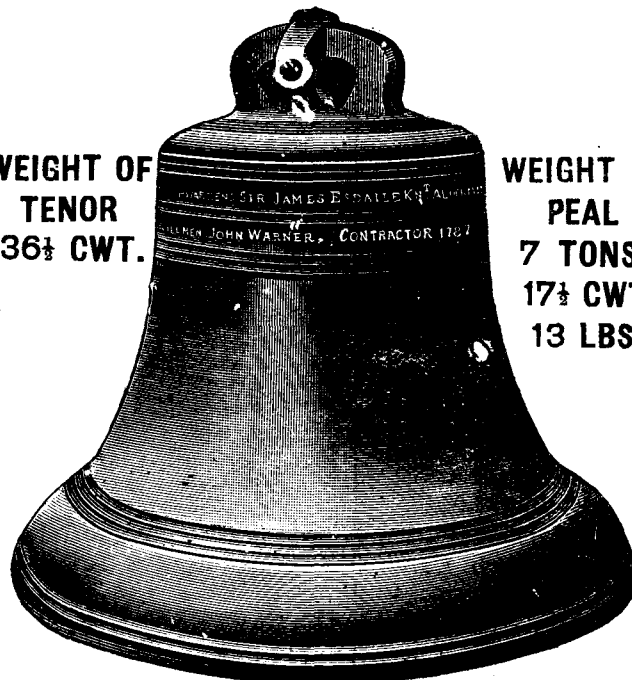
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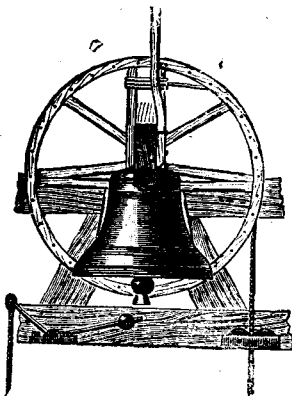
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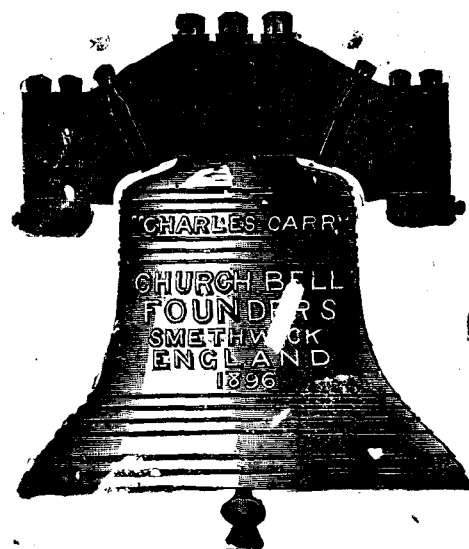
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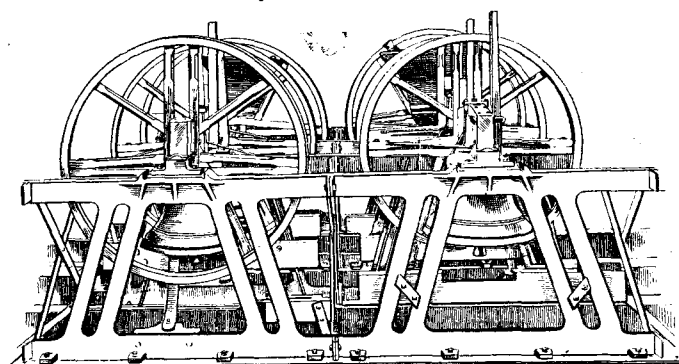
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OLD-TIME HANDBELL RINGERS.

PAST UTTOXETER SUCCESSES RECALLED.

On the evening of Friday, March 15th, at a Concert in the Town Hall, Uttoxeter, under the auspices of the Uttoxeter Pleasant Evenings, for the benefit of the local Nursing Association, among other items were several handbell selections by a band of young ringers including Messrs. W. Lunn, F. Richardson, J. Richardson and E. Roberts.

This revival of handbell ringing has moved the editor of the *Uttoxeter Advertiser* to recall the successes of a band of handbell ringers that existed at Uttoxeter some fifty years ago, which we are enabled, through his courtesy, to publish.

The appearance of the handbell ringers at the recent concert at the Uttoxeter Town Hall recalls the fact that at one time the Uttoxeter ringers were known throughout the United Kingdom—in fact the world, for on four occasions they defeated all comers in competitions at Manchester open to the world. The Uttoxeter men made their first appearance at Manchester in 1861, when they secured the fourth prize, and in the following year they secured second. In 1863 they had the honour of winning the championship, but they were unfortunately unable to compete in the following year through the illness of one of the members. In 1865 they again won the championship, and also succeeded in gaining the honours in the two following years, after which they were debarred from competing. In each of the competitions Uttoxeter was the smallest band in point of numbers, but in spite of this they used the largest number of bells. The ringers at that period had attained a remarkable degree of proficiency—due, of course, to assiduous practice and the enthusiasm of the members.

The leader and founder of the prize-winning band was the grandfather of Mr. William Richardson, coachbuilder, of the Wharf, and Mr. Richardson's father was a member of the band on each of the occasions mentioned. It is evident that enthusiasm for campanology is hereditary, for, as our readers are aware, Mr. W. Richardson is himself an expert ringer, and was for many years an enthusiastic member of the Uttoxeter Handbell Ringers. He has still in his possession the bells and the box used by the band when fulfilling their engagements. The box bears the inscription: "Royal All-England Handbell Ringers."

Much of the success of the old band of ringers was due to the conducting abilities of the late Mr. G. Gill, a clever musician (father of Mr. Frank Gill, who at present resides with his son at the Old Talbot). He possessed a wonderful aptitude for arranging music for handbells—in fact he arranged pieces which experts declared it would be impossible for eight ringers to perform on the bells; but these experts reckoned without the Uttoxeter band, who were able to successfully perform any piece of handbell music arranged by Mr. Gill. After the death of his father, the present Mr. Gill conducted the band for some years. There are now only two surviving members of the original

band of eight, viz., Mr. Robert Adams, of The Thurstaston Arms, Marston, Montgomery, and Mr. John Elks, shoemaker, of Uttoxeter.

After winning the world's championship on the third successive occasion, a special medal was struck for the Uttoxeter men, the medals being presented in the Uttoxeter Town Hall amidst scenes of the greatest enthusiasm by Mr. Jennison, the then proprietor of Belle Vue Gardens, Manchester. The members were also the recipients of medals from their patrons and friends in Uttoxeter and district. The late Mr. Charles Bunting (father of Mr. A. C. Bunting, C.C.) and the Rev. H. Abud, who were greatly interested in the band, were mainly instrumental in obtaining subscriptions for the latter medals.

Messrs. Spiers and Pond, the well-known caterers, were anxious to take the band on a world's tour, but for various reasons the members were unable to accept the offer.

At this period the Uttoxeter ringers were in great demand, and they performed before the late King Edward VII. when Prince of Wales, one of the Princes of Siam, the Duke of Sutherland (at Trentham Hall) and many other notabilities.

A contemporary of August 10, 1878, spoke in glowing terms of the performances of the Uttoxeter ringers at the Trent Valley Flower Show, held on August 5th of that year. In the course of the report it was stated:—"Each ringer had perhaps some eight or ten bells in front of him, and each bell had to be taken up to supply the note that was momentarily required. The tune was not a simple melody, but was beautifully harmonised. There was no unpleasant jangle, every note was stopped off the moment it was no longer required, and the brilliancy of the lighter bells was not drowned by the clang of those lower in the scale. Throughout the whole compass reached by the bells the quality and tone was beautifully tempered. But however much the attention of the listeners was absorbed by the charming music, it was impossible to avoid being amused by the intense absorption of the ringers in their work, and the dexterity with which the bells were picked up, jerked in the air and again laid upon the table. The leader, an elderly man, had in his care the largest bells, and it was wonderful to witness the evident enthusiasm with which he discharged his portion of the task. The observer might almost read on his impressive countenance the approach of any particularly fine passage, and the air with which he appeared to shake music out of his instruments indicated a master in the art. The first concert had but a limited auditory, but the subsequent ones were performed to a crowded tent. By way of variation four of the performers gave a specimen of change-ringing, which greatly pleased the audience. The leader stood in front, the others one behind each other, and swinging and elevating their bells first on one side and then the other, they rang some interesting changes. It was wonderful to see how the orders of the leader were obeyed and what an immense variety of combinations could be produced by the uttering of a single word. The bells were rung down in every direction, clashed, rung as muffled, in the lowest 'piano,' and again swollen out with the loudest effects till

at last when the bells were allowed gradually to fall, the players were rewarded by an enthusiastic round of applause. The leader is Mr. George Richardson, sen. He is the founder of the band and the leader in the belfry at Uttoxeter church. His son, George Richardson, and his grandsons, William Richardson and Samuel Kynnersley, and his son-in-law, James Kynnersley, are members of the band, the others being Joseph Richardson, John Elks, and Edward Saxelby."

The last entertainment given in Uttoxeter by the old band of ringers took place in the Town Hall in October, 1880, but they gave several concerts in the districts after that date. At this time Mr. J. Richardson (another grandson) and Mr. George Green, of Cheadle Road, were members of the band.

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Song, legend, poetry drama, and the halo of romance have been woven round them so much that it sets one thinking what there can be in these inanimate masses of metal that should inspire the poet and fire the imagination of the writer. Looking at the age-indented veterans as they lie voiceless in the peaceful churchyard above the bones of the departed fathers of the hamlet, one begins to realise why bells should engender such feelings. Have they not, with joyful clatter, announced the accession of many Sovereigns, and with mournful dirge told of their demise? How often have they knelled out the dying year, to usher in with cheerful acclaim the new and happier one? How their vibrant tongues must have rattled out over vale and river the glorious news of Trafalgar and Waterloo, and caused alternate feelings of pride and anxiety to fill the breasts of those who had loved ones at the wars. Joy, fear, sorrow, exultation, there are few phases in the gamut of human emotions in which the bells have not played their part. No wonder, then, that we cherish these historians of the past, and are desirous, in spite of strikes and national unrest, to once more set their voices going.

Curiously enough, most of Sonning bells have been cast and hung during even more troublous times than those through which we are now passing. The huge tenor, for instance, was in the mould during the fateful year 1641, when the country was on the eve of the great Civil War, when the brave but misguided Strafford met his fate on Tower Hill, and when Reading's famous ecclesiastic, Laud, was awaiting in his dungeon a similar doom. The year 1711 saw the birth of another of our bells, the 3rd, which bears the inscription "Ecclesiæ, Reginæ Sacheverellisque, Cano Laudes"—Of the Church, of the Queen, and of Dr. Sacheverell I sing the praises. Though the name of Dr. Sacheverell may be known only to students of history, its owner was the cause of a tremendous furore in those days. He stood for the High Church Party and the Divine Right of Kings, and he had the temerity to air his views by preaching two famous sermons in St. Paul's Cathedral which brought down upon him the wrath of the Whig Government. He was impeached for sedition, and his trial

took place in Westminster Hall, amid intense excitement. Queen Anne was an interested and sympathetic spectator at this memorable scene. Historians tell us that as she was being conveyed in her sedan chair the mob pressed upon her, shouting "God bless the Queen and Dr. Sacheverell. We hope your Majesty is for High Church and Dr. Sacheverell." She was, as we know, a great friend of the Church, but in spite of this and her sympathy for the outspoken doctor he was prohibited from preaching for three years, and the two sermons, the cause of all the turmoil, were ordered to be burnt at the hands of the common hangman. The lightness of the sentence was regarded as a victory for the Tories, and it considerably enhanced the popularity of the doctor, for when he set out to take possession of a living in Shropshire the following year, his journey through the towns and villages was marked by extraordinary ovations and rejoicings. Canon Pearson, in his "Memorials of Sonning," with a pardonable parochial pride, says that Sacheverell, on his way to Oxford, must have passed near Sonning and probably many parishioners must have witnessed his triumphal progress. But whether they did or not, the inscription on the bell is a novel and lasting testimony to Sacheverell, and incidentally it bears witness to the Church and Tory principles of the Sonning inhabitants at that time.

The 5th, 6th and 7th bells were all founded in the same year, 1640, a momentous one, for we had just laid the foundations of our vast Indian Empire, Ireland was seething with rebellion, and events and signs in our own country presaged the national upheaval which followed two years later. It is no wonder then that we find on these bells the inscriptions "Love God" (5th), "Fear God" (6th), "Love God" (7th); for, admonitory though they may be, they show a human reliance upon the Divinity in times of stress which seems sadly lacking in the Sacheverell inscription.

The 4th bell was cast by Lester & Pack, London, in 1759, and bears the inscription: "Our voices shall with joyful sound make hills and valleys echo round." The churchwardens' names are also inscribed. The 2nd has the following lines inscribed upon it:—"At proper times our voices we will raise in sounding to our Benefactor's praise." Also appear the name of the founders and the date—"Pack and Chapman, London, fecit 1778." The remaining bell, the treble, was recast when the church was restored, and it simply bears the words: "1853. C. and G. Mears, Founders, London."

The total weight of the eight bells is about five tons—the lightest, the treble, weighing 6 cwt. 1 qr., and the heaviest, the tenor, weighing 21 cwt. They are tuned in the key of E, and each bell in the octave corresponds in tone to the notes of this scale. To insure accuracy in this respect metal has been chipped away from the sound bows of the majority, but one or two are intact, and these are termed maiden bells.

A climb up the spiral stone staircase in the old square tower, brings one to the clock room, where the mechanism for the church clock is housed and where the bell ringers do the ringing. Glancing round the ancient walls one notices fragments of Saxon and early Norman carved stone work, inset amid the more modern flint and chalk; the former are undoubtedly evidences of a still earlier, and perhaps more magnificent edifice than the one we are now visiting. One also notices carefully prepared boards, whereon are recorded the performance of some special feat in bell ringing—a peal of Stedman Triples, involving 5040 changes was rung on such and such a date, and took 3hrs. 3mins. to accomplish; the names of the ringers on these notable occasions also appear in gilt letters,

To the uninitiated bell ringing appears to be only a matter of tugging at ropes, but campanology is a combination of art and science. Strength is by no means the chief requisite for a successful ringer; he must possess a good ear and have a head for figures. In fact, for the theoretical side of campanology one must combine the abilities of a musician and mathematician, for apart from the subtle and varying nuances of sound to be considered, it is rather a ticklish problem to determine the exact number of changes that can be rung on a peal of bells unless one is at home in the algebraic working of permutations and combinations, or its arithmetical equivalent.

A visit to the top of this tower reveals yet another interesting relic of the past, presumably an ancient Sanctus bell, for on it is inscribed the single word "Maria." It is now used to strike the hours. On the hinges of the tower door are engraved Latin sentences designating the functions of the bells: "Deum Laudo" (I praise God), "Vivos voco" (I call the living), "Mortuos ploro" (I bewail the dead). It might be of interest, now that the Vicar and Churchwardens have decided to spend a sum of something like £270 in putting the bells and belfry in thorough order, to quote an old record concerning the Sonning bells. It is taken from an old parish book, and is dated Nov. 15th, 1640, and runs as follows:—

"Whereas ye charge for casting ye four bells of ye parrysh, together with ye addition of new mettall for ye enlarging of ye same is guest by ye church-wardens and others that it will arise to ye value of £130, this day it is ordered and agreeed upon by

consent of Vestry that that part of ye parish which lies in Oxfordshire shall pay £40 for their part of ye whole, and that ye other £90 shall be layd upon the 3 other divisions of ye parish, viz., Sonning, Erley, and Woodley, according to ye proportion and number of ye yardlands therein contained."

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DEDICATING A MEMORIAL WINDOW.

The Bishop of Sheffield (Dr. J. N. Quirk) visited Rossington for the purpose of dedicating a handsome memorial window which has just been placed in the grand old church of St. Michael's, to the memory of the late Rev. J. W. Scarlett, who for thirty-five years was rector of the parish. Rossington is a charming village just off the Great North Road between Doncaster and Bawtry. It boasts neither public-house nor policeman, and has been agricultural but now a great colliery is to be sunk there. The Bishop was attended by Canon Sandford and by the new rector of Rossington (the Rev. C. Nicholson), who comes to the parish from the church of St Mary Abbot, Kensington. The parishioners subscribed for the memorial window, which was designed by Mrs. G. B. Shiftner, of Rossington. It depicts the Saviour as the Good Shepherd. The dedication service was attended by a large congregation.

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ST. MARK'S CAMPANILE.

ITS BELLS AND THE TELEPHONE.

The "Daily Telegraph" says: "When the bells of the restored campanile of St. Mark's, Venice, ring out on April 25th, their bronze voices will be heard by the Pope in the Vatican. His Holiness having expressed a desire to hear the sound of the bells when they ring during the inaugural ceremony, it had been arranged that a record of the first notes should be made by means of a conveniently placed phonograph. This proposal will be duly carried into effect, but at the same time it has also been arranged that the Papal apartments shall be in direct telephonic communication with Venice, so that his Holiness shall hear the bells at the moment they are being rung. Several telephonic transmitters will be placed in the Piazza San Marco and connected with the direct line to Rome. Four of the five bells are new, and were presented by the Pope to the restored campanile."

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on April 11th and 25th, at 7.30 p.m.; at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 16th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 19th and 50th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 30th, at 8 p.m.; also on Saturday evenings at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, 7.30.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.
32, Edgely Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—A quarterly general meeting will take place on Monday, April 15th, at St. Clement Danes, Strand. Tower open at 8 p.m. Business Meeting in the tower room at 9.30. The society also meets at the above tower the second and fourth Sunday in each month for service ringing. Visitors welcomed. There will be no meeting of the society on Monday, April 1st. F. J. HARDY, Hon. Sec.

34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, April 13th, 1912. Service at 5 p.m., with sermon by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Willesden. Tea, 6d. each, at 6 o'clock, with meeting to follow. Members and friends cordially invited. The following towers will be available for ringing: St. Matthew's, from 3-5, and after the meeting; St. John at Hackney, 3-5; St. Paul's, Homerton, 3-5; and St. Mary's, Walthamstow, 7.30-9. Will all who intend being present kindly inform their district secretary before April 10th.

C. T. COLES,
173, St. John's, Road, Walthamstow.

H. C. CHANDLER,
Hon. Secs. Church Road, Heston.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford—The annual meeting will be held at Wolverhampton on Easter Monday. Ringing at St. Peter's (12) from 11.30; St. Luke's (8) from 11.0; Teitenhall (8) from 11.0. Evensong in St. Peter's at 4.0. Tea at Fleming's Restaurant, North Street, at 4.30, 6d. each to fully-paid members, to others 1s.

H. KNIGHT, Hon. Sec.
13, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

The Surrey Association.—Quarterly meeting at Mitcham on Easter Monday. Bells open at 3 p.m. Ringing during the afternoon and evening at the parish church and Christ Church. Short service at Christ Church at 5.15, to be followed by tea in the Church Room (High Street, Collier's Wood), at 5.45, at the invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens and local band. Business meeting after tea. C. F. JOHNSTON, Hon. Sec.
Bell Foundry, Croydon.

The Midland Counties Association.—The thirtieth annual meeting will be held at Nottingham on Easter Monday, April 8th. The bells at St. Peter's, Holy Trinity, Lenton, and St. Mary's, Bulwell, will be available for ringing from 10.30 a.m. Committee meeting at Calvert's Cafe, Long Row, at 3.15. Tea 1s. 3d. each in the same room at 4 o'clock. All the

towers will be closed during the time of tea and meeting. A proposition will be made to give to new members a copy of the rules, in lieu of a report, and to alter Rule 4B accordingly. W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

Cotgrave, Notts.

The Hertford County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, when the towers of the city will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Service in the Cathedral at 5 p.m., with address by the Rev. A. J. Langdon, Rector of Great Munden, followed by tea and business meeting in the Abbey Institute at 5.50. Tea 6d to members, 1s. 3d. to non-members.

G. W. CARTMEL, Hon. Sec.
"Duffield," St. Albans.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting of the above Association will take place at Huntingdon on Easter Monday, April 8th. A short service will be held in All Saints church at 12.30 p.m. The dinner and business meeting will be held at The George hotel at 1.30 p.m. The bells of All Saints (6) St. Mary's (8), will be available during the day, and Godmanchester (8) after 3 p.m.

T. R. DENNIS, General Sec.
33, Clarendon Street, Cambridge.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Evesham on Easter Monday, April 8th, 1912. Service at 1.30. Address by the Vicar, the Rev. J. M. Walker. Meeting at 2.30 in the Parish Hall. Subscriptions received, etc., in the Parish Hall between 12 and 8. Bells available—Bell Tower (10), Bengeworth (6), and Great Hampton (6).

J. R. NEWMAN, Hon. Sec.
Bransford, Worcester.

The Essex Association.—South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Widford on Easter Monday. Bells at 2 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 8d. each, at The White Horse. Written bells will be open for ringing from 2 to 4, and 7 to 9 p.m.

HENRY F. COOPER, Dis. Secretary.
County Offices, Chelmsford.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday.

REV. A. H. RUST, Hon. Sec.
Husborne Crawley Vicarage, Aspley Guise.

The North Wales Association.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Wrexham on Easter Monday, April 8th. Bells (10) available from 9 a.m., and Gresford (8) from 12 noon. All welcome.

S. A. COLLINGTON, Hon. Sec.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Annual meeting at Cheltenham on Easter Monday, April 8th. Service at the parish church at 11 a.m. Preacher—the Rev. F. L'Estrange Fawcett, M.A., Rector of Cheltenham. The business meeting will be held immediately after the service. The bells of the parish church (12) will be available from 10.30 to 11, and for one hour in the afternoon. Prestbury (8), and Charlton Kings (8), will also be available in the afternoon. Dinner at the Criterion Restaurant at 1 p.m.

W. A. CAVE, Hon. Sec.
10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Todmorden Unitarian Church on Saturday, April 13th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome. J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassen-dale on Saturday, April 13th. Bells ready at 4.30. Members intending being present please send word to WALTER HUGHES, Sec.
3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Deansgate, Manchester, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7. Election of Committeeman.

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Branch Sec.

The Kent County Association.—The annual meeting of the Maidstone district will be held at Leeds on Saturday, April 20th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Short service at 5 o'clock. Meat tea at The George Inn at 5.30 p.m. All members intending to be present must notify me not later than Tuesday, April 16th. A charge of 3d. per member for tea will be made. This ensures a better tea.

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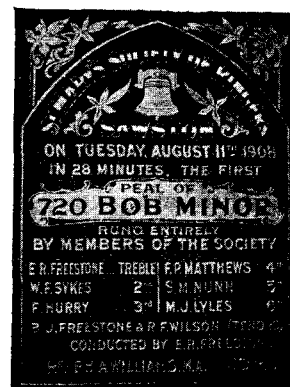
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All business communications should be addressed to "Mr. Geo. Carter, 1, Selborne Road, Walthamstow."

Notices of any kind, to ensure insertion in the current issue, should reach us not later than first post on Thursday morning. Unless this is done we cannot insert them till the following week.

The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 1912.

BELL-RINGERS AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

This week we met a change-ringer—a baker by trade—who since Christmas has been seeking, and seeking in vain, for a berth. Can any of our readers assist him in obtaining one. So far as we have been able to ascertain from enquiries made he is a competent workman, and we shall be pleased to hear from anyone who can help us to find him employment. This case has brought to our mind the thought that his is probably not an isolated one, but that many other bell-ringers may be in a similar, or even worse plight than him.

We are out to assist the bellringing world in every possible way, and if we are able to place some unfortunate ringer in the way of obtaining work we shall feel that at any rate we have done something towards it.

To further this object we have decided to open an Em-

ployment Exchange column which will be free, for a short announcement, to any *bona fide* Ringer, the only stipulation we make being that each applicant must satisfy us that he is so by giving his name and address, the name of his branch, and that of the Secretary or Captain, not for publication, unless desired.

Of course it must be understood that in opening this column we do not in any way hold ourselves responsible for those who may take advantage of it. We simply open it as a means of putting employers wanting men and men seeking employment in communication with each other.

Replies may be addressed "c/o 'BELL NEWS,' Walthamstow, London, N.E.," but in that case a stamped addressed envelope must be enclosed for replies.

The style of announcement we propose to adopt is as follows:—

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

May I call the attention of those Hon. Secretaries of Guilds and Associations affiliated to the Council, who have not yet sent in their affiliation fees, to the fact that nearly three months have passed since the fees became due. At this moment little more than half the number (22 out of 40), have sent their quota. I would earnestly urge those who have not done so to forward the amount without further delay, accompanied by a list of names and addresses of their newly-elected (or re-elected) representatives to the new Council.

Now that I am writing, I take this opportunity of saying that I shall be out of England from April 8th (Easter Monday) until the 19th or 20th. All important communications will be acknowledged at once, and will receive full and careful attention on my return.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

Fretherne, Stonehouse, Glos.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

On Easter Monday, all being well, eight members of the Hertfordshire Association will attempt a long peal of Bristol Surprise (12,000 changes), at Knebworth, starting at 9 o'clock.

The Provinces.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Monday, March 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 240 each of York, Durham, London, Wells, Norwich, Annable's London, Cambridge and Netherseale Surprise, Evening Star, Sandiacre Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars', Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob, College Single, St. Clement's, Double Bob, and Bob Minor.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CLARENCE GOOCH Treble.	FREDK. MANSEY 4.
GEORGE SNELLING 2.	JOHN SNELLING 5.
BERTIE TURNER 3.	FRED. SRAGER Tenor.

Conducted by F. MANSEY.

First peal in twenty-one methods by all the band, and by the Association.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, March 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

ALBERT WALKER Treble.	*MORRIS J. MORRIS 7.
THOMAS RUSSAM.. .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE.. .. 8.
CHARLES DICKENS 3.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 9.
ALF PADDON SMITH.. .. 4.	JOHN NEAL.. .. 10.
PERCY O. LAFLIN 5.	JAMES E. GROVES 11.
EDMUND J. HYLAND.. .. 6.	SIDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Fiftieth peal of Stedman Cinques by Mr. C. Dickens. *First peal of Stedman Cinques.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, March 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JOSEPH F. SIMPSON* .. Treble.	†JOHN J. TAYLOR 5.
ROBERT PICKERING 2.	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY 6.
DANIEL JONES 3.	HERBERT KNIGHT 7.
GEORGE CLAYBROOKE 4.	*BENJAMIN CLARKE Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT PICKERING.

*First peal. †First peal of Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to D. Jones and A. Fallon, tower-keeper and secretary respectively at St. Luke's church.

GOSFORTH, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 29, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 22½ cwt.

NORMAN C. FLECK Treble.	R. ALDER GOFTON 5.
ROBERT W. FALCONSE 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER 6.
JOHN F. BIRD 3.	THOMAS T. GOFTON 7.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 4.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Tenor.

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER, and
Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.BURNHAM, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

RICHARD BUCKLAND Treble.	GEORGE MARTIN 5.
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 2.	JAMES BLACKMORE 6.
CECIL C. MAYNE 3.	GEORGE ALLDER 7.
HARRY COX 4.	JESSE ELDRIDGE Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

First peal in the method and first attempt by the ringer of the 6th.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

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

On Saturday, March 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF PRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lbs.

FRANCIS A. SMITH* Treble.	WILLIAM PYE 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	ROBERT E. STAVERT 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	*MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. 7.
CHARLES T. COLES 4.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal in the method.

NETLEY ABBEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANE'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. Treble.	CHARLES H. RUSSELL .. 5.
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS .. 2.	*FREDK. J. OXENBURY .. 6.
ALAN R. MACDONALD .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
WILFRED ANDREWS .. 4.	OWEN GILES Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal in any method.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 17 cwt.

A. BUTLER* Treble.	J. GLRW 5.
W. BATES 2.	J. FLOWER 6.
A. BRAINES 3.	F. HICKLING 7.
G. DAWSON 4.	H. WARD Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. HAYWOOD, and Conducted by F. HICKLING.

First in the method by F. Hickling. *First peal. This is H. Brajane's first attempt on tower bells.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt

FRED H. DEXTER Treble.	ERNEST MCERRIS 5.
J. LEONARD ALLEN 2.	SAMUEL COTTON 6.
LOUIS E. ALLEN 3.	CHARLES H. FOWLER 7.
ARTHUR PETTITT 4.	JOSIAH MORRIS Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by CHARLES H. FOWLER.

This is the first peal of Double Norwich rung in the borough of Leicester by an entire company of resident Leicester ringers.

HOLBETON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Court, Canterbury Pleasure, and five of Plain Bob.

REV. E. S. POWELL .. Treble.	ERNEST W. MARSH 4.
WARREN HORN BROOK* .. 2.	*WILLIAM RUNDLE 5.
REGINALD DOBSON 3.	WILLIAM D. JAMES Tenor.

Conducted by W. D. JAMES.

*First peal of Minor. First peal in three methods in the county.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. Treble.	FREDERICK BUTCHERS .. 5.
ANDREW MARSHALL 2.	PHILIP HODGKIN 6.
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT* .. 3.	JIM BEACH 7.
CHARLES W. PLAYER 4.	EDWIN LAMBERT Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

*Fiftieth peal. First peal on the bells since re-hanging by Messrs. Bowell, of Ipswich.

Handbell Peals.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE 1-2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN 5-6.
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN 3-4.	HERBERT FIELDS .. 7-8.

Composed by J. BARKER, and Conducted by GEORGE D. COLEMAN.
Umdire—E. C. Chasty.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, March 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

IN THE BELFREY OF THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

ARTHUR E. MOORE .. 1-2.	FREDK. G. DEWELL .. 5-6.
HARRY A. TURNER .. 3-4.	FRANK J. LEVITT .. 7-8.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by FRANK J. LEVITT.
Umpire—Charles Woodcock.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
 (THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY).

On Wednesday, March 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE.

FREDE. G. DEWELL .. 1-2. | ARTHUR E. MOORE .. 5-6.
 HARRY A. TURNER .. 3-4. | †WALTER RADLEY .. 7-8.

Conducted by ARTHUR E. MOORE.

Umpire—Frank J. Levitt. †First peal double-handed.

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

On Sunday, March 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. OSBORN.

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

JOHN W. LAKE* .. 1-2. | *JAMES OSBORN .. 5-6.
 RUPERT RICHARDSON† .. 3-4. | *ARTHUR I. HOLMES .. 7-8.

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and Conducted by J. W. LAKE.

Witnesses—Mrs. J. Osborn, and Mrs. A. Holmes. First peal in the method in the county, and by the Guild; also the first handbell peal of Major by a resident band. *First peal of Major in hand. †First peal in the method in band.

Date Touches.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOLNEY (Sussex).—For evening service on Sunday, March 31st, at the parish church, a date touch (1912 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. King, G. Weller, A. Absalom, W. Wheeler, T. Gasson, G. Lewry, W. Vincent, W. Walder. Composed and conducted by T. Gasson.

Miscellaneous.

THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

SWANSEA.—On March 19th, at St. Mary's church, 504 Stedman Triples. Frank Morgan conductor, P. Kneath, R. Morse, C. Morse, J. Hoare, C. Hoare, J. Davies, E. Davies.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Sunday, March 3rd, a quarter-peal in 46 mins., for evening service. H. Long, A. Brooks, H. Hollis, E. Brown, T. Bull, J. Monk, F. Brooks, G. Brooks. On Saturday, March 16th, a Confirmation was held at the parish church by the Lord Bishop of Oxford, when the following touches were rung: 420, 168 and 84. H. Long, A. Brooks, T. Bull, E. Brown, J. Monk, G. Brooks, J. Brooks, C. Walker. On Monday, March 18th, 896. C. Walker, A. Brooks, T. Bull, E. Brown, G. Brooks, J. Monk, J. Brooks, A. Trinder. Longest length by C. Walker, and A. Trinder. On Tuesday, March 26th, a quarter-peal, in 47 mins. H. Long, A. Brooks, G. Bull, E. Brown, G. Brooks, J. Monk, J. Brooks, C. Walker. On Sunday, March 31st, for morning service 420. For evening service 420, standing as above, and all being in the Grandsire method, conducted by J. Monk.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Monday, April 1st, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Groombridge (conductor, 1-2; A. J. Perkins, 3-4; W. S. Wise, 5-6; T. H. Colburn, 7-8. And 504. A. W. Clark, 1-2; A. J. Perkins, 3-4; W. S. Wise, 5-6; S. R. Roper, 7-8.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BENNINGTON (Herts).—On Tuesday, March 26th, a quarter-

peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. J. Kitchener, A. Talbot, F. White, L. Chapman, A. Kitchener, J. Warner, S. Page conductor, H. Bolter. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th. On Sunday, March 31st, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Kitchener, A. Talbot, F. White, H. Bolter, A. Kitchener, J. Warner, S. Page, E. White. Rung as a farewell to F. White, who is going to Enfield.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, March 24th, at St. Mary's church, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. C. Nunn, E. Youngs, L. Last, G. Kemp, W. Clover, W. Rose conductor.

EYE (Suffolk).—On Sunday, March 31st, for Divine Service, 672 Kent Treble Bob Major. E. Duntton, E. Youngs, longest length, W. Clover, L. Last, F. Day, W. Rose, H. Moss, E. F. Poppy conductor.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRADING (Isle of Wight).—Recently, at St. Mary's church, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples was lost after ringing nearly 3000 changes. M. Pink, F. Chaffey, E. Squibb, G. Wilkins, J. W. Pain, C. Price, H. Jennings conductor, A. Pain.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

WOLSTANTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, March 30th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. A. Austin, H. Roberts, W. Allman, C. Bishop, J. Simister, J. Morley, W. Fitchford, sen., W. H. Fitchford, jun. Conducted by W. Fitchford, sen.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On January 24th, at St. John's church, 720 College Single. J. Tipping (conductor), C. Kerr, D. McLellan, E. Loose, J. Hardman, E. Tipping. Also 720 Imperial Treble Bob. C. Kerr, E. Tipping, J. Tipping, D. McLellan, J. Hardman (conductor), T. Allanson. On January 31st, 720 College Pleasure. J. Fell, C. Kerr, T. Allanson, J. Tipping, J. Hardman, E. Tipping (conductor). On February 7th, 720 Arnold's Victory. J. Fell, C. Kerr, J. Tipping (conductor), D. McLellan, J. Hardman, E. Tipping. On February 25th, 720 Woodbine. C. Kerr, J. Fell, J. Tipping (conductor), E. Tipping, J. Hardman, R. Cardwell. On March 1st, 720 London Single. C. Kerr, J. Fell, D. McLellan, E. Tipping, J. Hardman, J. Tipping conductor. On March 3rd, 720 Duke of York. C. Kerr, J. Fell, D. McLellan, J. Tipping (conductor), J. Hardman, E. Tipping. On March 17th, 720 St. Clement's Minor. C. Kerr, J. Fell, D. McLellan, E. Tipping, J. Hardman, J. Tipping (conductor). First 720 in this method by all. On March 31st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Kerr, J. Fell, D. McLellan, J. Tipping (conductor), J. Hardman, E. Tipping.

SWINDON (Wilts.).—On Thursday, March 28th, at the parish church, for Confirmation Service, 560 Double Norwich. T. Lawrence, O. W. Layng, A. Lawrence, G. W. Townsend, R. W. Hyner, T. Robinson, C. J. Gardiner, E. Bishop (conductor). Also 504 Stedman Triples. O. W. Layng, A. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, G. W. Townsend, T. Robinson, H. W. L. Wells, C. J. Gardiner (conductor). J. M. Brinkworth. On Sunday, March 31st, for morning service, 560 Double Norwich. A. Lawrence, O. W. Layng, R. W. Hyner, G. W. Townsend, C. J. Gardiner, S. Palmer, R. Thompson, E. Bishop (conductor). For evening service 504 Stedman Triples. A. Lawrence, T. Robinson, R. W. Hyner, G. W. Townsend, C. J. Gardiner, L. A. Wilson, E. J. Oliver (conductor), J. M. Brinkworth.

TWICKENHAM.—On Sunday, March 17th, for evening service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins. G. E. Naish, J. N. Frossell, J. H. B. Hesse, W. New, G. Spencer, G. Woodiss, J. Howes (conductor), H. G. Naish.

A DIAGRAM OF UNION TRIPLES (1893), may be had gratis, on application by letter to W. H. THOMPSON, 5, Sillwood Street, Brighton, to whom the unsold remainder has been returned by the publishers.

NEW PEAL OF BELLS AT EGHAM, SURREY.

Last Saturday will be a day long remembered by most of the residents of Egham, for this was the day they first heard the sound of eight bells peal forth from the tower of their parish church. The old six bells have been recast and two new ones added, thus making a fine ring of eight. The frame is also new, and is of iron, instead of the old wooden one. Another feature is the tuning of the bells on the Simpson principle, and this is the first Surrey Association tower to claim this distinction. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston were entrusted with the contract, and the well-known Croydon firm are to be congratulated upon the success they have attained, for the whole of the work gave general satisfaction to everyone.

The dedication service will not take place for a week or so, but at 3.30 p.m. a special band were due to ring the first touch under the conductorship of Mr. W. Shepherd. Owing to the curtailed train service three of the band did not arrive in time, and three of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's men kindly took the spare ropes, and a fine touch of 312 Stedman Triples was the result. Visiting ringers were numerous, and touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung by mixed companies. Many were the non-ringing visitors inside and outside the belfry, and both pronounced in un-mistaken terms their approval of the "go" of the bells and also the tone.

A splendid knife and fork tea was partaken of at 5.15, which was presided over by the Rev. W. T. Nicholson (Vicar), supported by the Rev. A. C. Tranter (curate), J. Hopkins and W. J. Hill, Esqs. (churchwardens). Amongst others present were Messrs. Hughes, Budgen, Danby and C. F. Johnston. After tea a fine course of Grandsire Caters on handbells was rung by F. G. Woodis, 1-2; F. Shepherd, 3-4; W. Shepherd, 5-6; A. F. Shepherd, 7-8; F. J. Shepherd, 9-10.

The Vicar, in a well chosen speech, then voiced the great joy and pleasure it was for them all to hear what a lovely peal of bells they had got, and he was sure that everyone knew that though the voice of the reader in reading the lessons could not be heard outside the church, also the voice of the preacher, the voice of the bells could be heard for miles.

Speeches were also made by W. J. Hill and J. Hopkins, Esqs. On behalf of the bellfounders Mr. C. F. Johnston responded. A 224 of Bob Major was then rung by F. G. Woodis, 1-2; W. Shepherd conductor 3-4; A. F. Shepherd, 5-6; F. Shepherd, 7-8. On returning to the tower, in spite of a large crowd both outside and in, one could easily pick out some well-known ringers. The writer of this account ran across Mr. J. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, and Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Wolverhampton, was also a visitor.

Ringling was continued till 8.15 when a move was made to The Catherine Wheel hotel, where change and tuning on handbells delighted everyone. The tunes by the local band deserve special mention, for the writer was quite unaware of such an array of talent in Egham. The time for parting came all too soon, and before this little account is ended the writer feels sure that all the company of ringers can cheerfully say "Seldom have we been looked after so well." To Mr. Gigg, the steeple-keeper, our best thanks are due, for he worked hard and long to assist in making the time go "too swiftly for words."

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

There was a large attendance of ringers at the monthly meeting of the Swindon Branch at Corsham last Saturday. In addition to the local men there were present members from Bremhill, Grittleton and Swindon. The tower of St. Bartholomew's church contains a grand ring of six bells, with a tenor about 25 cwt. Ringing commenced at three o'clock and was continued until five, the methods rung being Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Minor. A substantial tea was provided by Mr. J. Daymond, and a meeting followed, when the business of the Branch was dealt with. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. Ernest Bishop, Branch President, Mr. O. W. Layng was voted to the chair. Six new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Bishopstone (Wilts.) on April 27th. A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar, the Rev. A. A. Slack, for allowing the use of the bells. During the evening several six-scores of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles were rung, in which some of the local ringers took part.

DEDICATION OF PEAL TABLET AT CHATHAN PARISH CHURCH.

On Thursday, March 28th, previous to a Confirmation Service at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, the Lord Bishop of Rochester, the Right Rev. J. R. Harmer, accompanied by the Rector, Dr. Burr, who acted as Bishop's Chaplain, ascended the belfry stairs to the ringing chamber and dedicated a beautiful Marblette Peal Tablet recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on October 28th, 1911 (Dedication Festival). The tablet was presented to the tower by his Lordship. It is mounted on a 4-inch English oak frame, and reflects great credit upon the manufacturers Messrs. Caspar and Co. A vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. F. Belsey, and seconded by Mr. G. Riordan was accorded to the Bishop for the presentation. Before the Confirmation Service a touch of 630 Grandsire Triples was brought round in good style on the bells by the local ringers, and another touch was rung after the service.

BATH, SOMERSET.

At St. Michael's church, where extensive repairs have been carried out, the restoration of the bells is to be taken in hand. The peal of eight (tenor 16 cwt.) were cast by Abel Rudhal in 1757. The 7th is now to be recast, and the whole ring retuned and rehung in a modern steel frame. The work has been entrusted to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of Spitalfields Foundry, London.

Mr. Arthur E. Moore, of 131, Cemetery Road, Bury St. Edmunds, writes pointing out that the peal of Treble Bob Royal (5080), by H. Price, published by us last week, was published in "BELL NEWS," November 7th, 1903, under the name of H. Dains, but was afterwards pointed out to be by Robert Williams. It was rung on the Norman Tower bells, Bury St. Edmunds, on December 26th, 1903, for the Norwich Association, conducted by the late Frederick Mee.

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RETURN OF THE BISHOP OF LONDON.

The Bishop of London reached London on Tuesday, after an absence of three months, during which he has visited Khartoum, and travelled extensively in the Holy Land. He has come back looking bronzed and well. Some two or three hundred people gave him an effusive greeting at Charing Cross, when he alighted from the Pullman car in which he had travelled from Dover.

Among others present were the Bishops of Stepney, Islington and Willesden, the Rev. Prebendary E. de M. Rudolf, the Rev. A. W. Robinson (vicar of All Hallows, Barking), and the Rev. Cyril Bardsley (secretary of the Church Missionary Society). The crush around Dr. Winnington-Ingram was so great that he smilingly submitted to be "mobbed," and for a quarter of an hour he was in the midst of a surging throng of friends, who grasped his hands in quick succession.

Eventually his lordship was able to say a few words, his first response to numerous interrogatories being "Well, I am jolly glad to be home again." Then, in more serious tones, he added, "The strike has been on my mind probably more than if I had been here. When you are away you don't know what is happening, and it has been weighing upon me." Speaking of his travels, his lordship said he had visited nearly every mission station in his tour through Palestine. "I hope I have been able to do a little good, and certainly I have myself derived some benefit."

Amid cheers the Bishop literally fought his way to his motor-car, where his further progress was checked by photographers. Then there was more handshaking. When he had taken his seat in the car, a grimy little news-boy climbed on the step to "see the Bishop." Instantly his lordship ordered the window to be lowered, and leaning out, he cordially shook the hand of his humble but highly delighted admirer. Then the car moved on amid more cheers.

It is officially notified that the King has been pleased to approve the appointment of the Rev. Sidney Wilton to the living of Hedworth.

Dr. Perrin, Bishop of Willesden, preached "Mr. Wilford's Anniversary Sermon" on Wednesday, at the annual special service at St. Margaret's Church, Lothbury, which members of the Merchant Taylors' Company attended.

The Bishop of Worcester has appointed the Rev. C. F. Eagles, Vicar of Coughton, in Warwickshire, to be Canon of Coventry, in the place of Canon Holbech. Mr. Eagles has been an incumbent of the diocese for 23 years, and is rural dean of Alcester.

Another important gift to Selby Abbey is announced by Dr. Solloway, the vicar. Mr. W. Liversedge, of Selby, who is defraying the cost of the south transept, has given a six-light stained glass window for the transept, representing scenes in the abbey's history. The work will be completed for the dedication of the new transept on Aug. 1.

The Rev. C. Henry Berkeley Molyneux, whose death at Plymouth at the age of forty-eight, occurred on Sunday night, was a son of Major C. B. Molyneux, and before taking Holy Orders held a commission in the Army. He was educated at Cheltenham College and at Salisbury Theological College, and was ordained by the Bishop of Exeter in 1896, when he was licensed to the curacy of All Saints, Plymouth.

The appointment by the King of the Rev. F. G. Wilson, who has held since 1904 the post of general

superintendent of the Missions to Seamen, to be one of his honorary chaplains, has given much satisfaction to merchant seamen. During the twenty-eight years he has been connected with the society, he has laboured with devotion, zeal, and ability for the welfare of sailors.

To the two vacant prebendal stalls in York Minster, the Archbishop of York has appointed the Rev. William James Baker, rector of Brandesburton, and the Rev. William H. Bateman, vicar of Mexborough. Each of the new Canons has spent the whole of his ministry in the diocese.

The Rev. H. Thomas O'Rorke, rector of Feltwell, Norfolk, has died at the rectory at the age of seventy-nine. He graduated at Trinity College, Dublin, in 1854, and was ordained in 1857, serving various curacies until 1867. He was vicar of Sheriff-Hales with Woodcote, Shropshire, from 1867 till 1876, when he was presented to the living of Feltwell.

Canon C. E. Hammond, vicar of Menheniot, in Cornwall, for the last twenty-five years, has informed his parishioners that he has tendered his resignation, as from Midsummer next, to the Rector and Fellows of Exeter College, Oxford, the patrons of the living. His decision, he explained, is due to the effects of an accident thirteen years ago, and to the strain of administering so large and difficult a parish.

Subscribers to the Bishop Gore Memorial at Birmingham have unanimously adopted the recommendation of the committee that a bronze statue of the first occupant of the See be erected in the Cathedral grounds, and that a tablet with appropriate inscription be placed within the Cathedral itself. The sculptor to be entrusted with the work is Mr. Stirling Lee, who executed the panels in St. George's Hall, Liverpool, and is now engaged on a statue of the Bishop of Winchester (Dr. Talbot). Dr. Gore (now Bishop of Oxford), was rather opposed to the idea of a statue of himself in the Cathedral precincts, but he acquiesced in the decision of the Committee, with a "mingled sense of gratitude and repugnance."

SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS.—A return just issued by the Federation of Teachers in Central Classes points to a very serious dearth of teachers in elementary schools in the near future. The Federation have collected the figures from forty-three County Boroughs and twenty-two County Councils for the past six years, and these show that while the forty-three County Boroughs have a normal annual wastage of 2,441 adult teachers, they had a supply of 1,857 in 1910, 1,550 in 1911, and will have 1,263 in 1912; while the twenty-two County Councils, having a normal annual requirement of 4,928, had a supply of 2,159 in 1910, 1,653 in 1911 and will have 1,343 in 1912. The supply figures are for junior teachers only, and will be further diminished before they get to the certificated stage.

The Editor has been asked by a ringer who contemplates emigrating to Australia, for information as to bells and towers in that colony. He naturally desires to select a district where he can be sure of an opportunity to practice his favourite exercise. Will any of our numerous readers who can supply the information, please forward same to "THE BELL NEWS" office, 1, Selborne Road, Walthamstow, N.E.

CHURCH NEWS.

GREAT SHEFFORD.—The Archdeacon of Bucks. dedicated a new reredos in St. Mary's church, Great Shefford. The reredos is of carved oak with five panels exquisitely painted by Mr. Byam Shaw. The central panel represents our Lady with St. Joseph and the Holy Child. The side panels are pictures of the Magi and the Shepherds. The reredos was given by the late Stephen Waldron and his family. Beneath the central panel is a tablet bearing the following inscription: "In worship of God and memory of Mary Waldron. The gift of her husband and children. Christmas, 1911."

A "MARY WINDOW."—On Lady Day, in the church of Codford St. Mary, Wilts., a beautiful window, by James Powell and Sons, was dedicated in reverent memory of Our Lady, having been given by, or in memory of about 300 persons, living or

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CLERGYMEN AS COLLIERS.—The distress is so acute in Sheffield that children were fed during the week-end. The Rev. W. M. Irwin, curate-in-charge, Darnall Church Rev. F. D. Humphreys, Congregational minister, and Mr. H. Holdsworth, school-master, Sheffield, acted as coal-heavers on Saturday for the purpose of getting fuel

from an outcrop seam at Darnall for the use of soup kitchens. They were heartily cheered by a crowd of miners.

EASTRY, KENT.—The Rev. C. Dudley Lampen, who for nearly twenty-two years has been Vicar of Eastry Kent, and chaplain to the Eastry Union, has been appointed rector and dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Nassau, Bahamas. During the period that Mr. Lampen has held the benefice of Eastry, the fine thirteenth century church has been thoroughly restored, the organ rebuilt, and a reredos of striking beauty erected at a cost of £625. The Church schools have also been twice enlarged. A surpliced choir, with stately and reverent ritual and choral services, has been introduced. There are now a District Visitors' Society, a Communicants' Union, and branches of the C.E.M.S. and the Mothers' Union. Eastry vicarage has also been the centre for a series of conferences between clergy and Nonconformist ministers, over which the Bishop of Croydon has presided. The Archbishop of Canterbury has appointed the Rev. C. E. Meeres, rector and dean of Nassau, to succeed the Rev. C. Dudley Lampen at Eastry.

BISHOP DRURY AND HIS OLD DIOCESE.—The Bishop of Ripon and Mrs. Drury met a large company of their Manx friends at Douglas Town Hall, and were presented with a set of silver candlesticks, and a diamond tiara for Mrs. Drury, as a remembrance of their work in the Isle of Man. The Governor, Lord Raglan, made the main presentation, and Lady Raglan put the diamond ornament round Mrs. Drury's neck. The Bishop, returning thanks, said the gift in one sense was unreasonable, for when a Bishop cried "down tools" after only four years' work he was not even entitled to the minimum wage allowed him in the Isle of Man, much less to a "dhoorach," or present. The Bishop spoke of the heartiness of his reception in Yorkshire, and bespoke forbearance and goodwill for his successor, Bishop Thompson. There was plenty of work to do both in Yorkshire and the Isle of Man, and they needed a great deal of mutual forbearance. It was class and party feeling which separated people to-day, and did so much damage to the nation.

The Duchess of Albany, attended by Captain Seymour, Comptroller of the Household, and Miss Heron Maxwell (Lady in Waiting), attended on Saturday the consecration of the new church at Oxshott, Surrey, by the Bishop of Winchester. The church has been built at a cost of £5,000, of which £4,000 has been raised by subscription. The plans provide for the extension of the nave, and the addition of a tower at a further cost of £5,000, but this work will not be undertaken until the need arises. As soon as the present debt is cleared off, steps will be taken to make Oxshott a separate ecclesiastical parish, instead of it being included, as at present, in the parish of Stoke D'Abernon. The foundation-stone of the church was laid by the Duchess of Albany last summer.

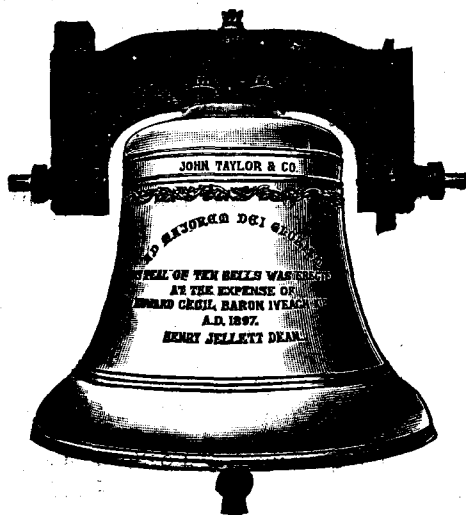
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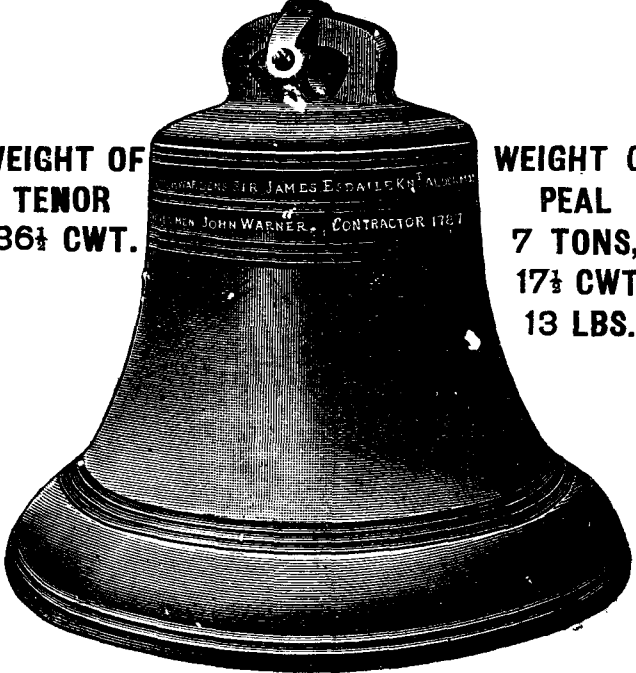
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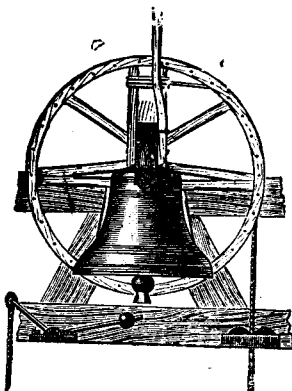
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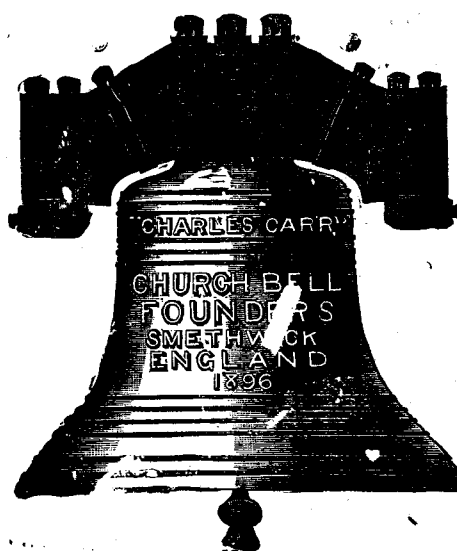
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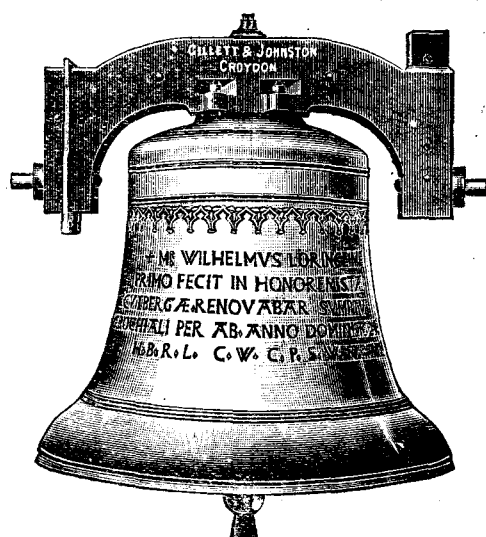
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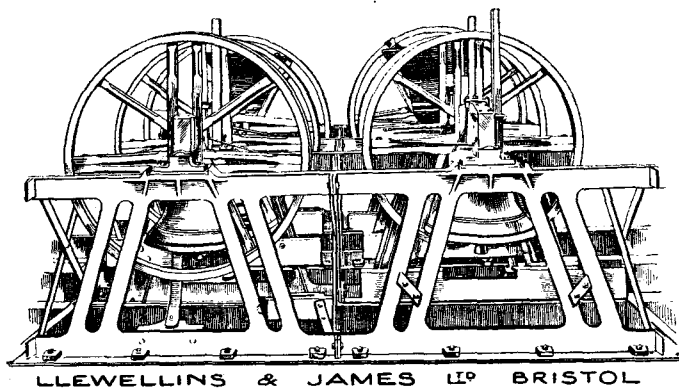
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THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The members of the Hertfordshire Association met at St. Albans on Easter Monday, and during the day the bells of the Abbey, and those of St. Peter's St. Stephen's and St. Michael's Churches gave evidence of the fact, for from each of them various touches were rung. In the afternoon a service was held in the Abbey, the Rev. A. G. Langdon, rector of Great Munden, preaching from the words "It is more blessed to give than to receive." The Bible, he said, knows nothing about bell-ringing, but there were many texts, applicable to bell-ringers, because they wished to be considered as artistes, and because they were church workers. The great artistes were those who had given and had not received, or who had received less than they had been content to give. Every art had its limitations. The limitations of the art of bell-ringing arose from the fact that it was connected almost entirely with the Church, and that it could only be exercised in sacred buildings. There were various points connected with the art, which should be applied. Firstly, the ensuring of punctuality and giving up their time for others; secondly, always being ready to help beginners; and thirdly, consideration for those outside the Church. Bell-ringers should not use the belfry merely to practise methods in which they themselves took particular interest, unless they could manage to have a "good strike," and so edify those outside.

After the service an adjournment was made to the Old Abbey Institute, where the annual tea and business meeting was held. Upwards of one hundred sat down to the excellent repast, Mr. H. L. Waddington, president of the Association, presiding. Immediately supporting him were the Dean of St. Albans, Canon T. L. Papillon, Sir Hildred Carlile, M.P., Alderman H. J. Toulmin, Mr. E. P. Debenham, the Rev. A. G. Langdon, and Mr. G. W. Cartmel, the hon. secretary.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed.

Messrs. C. E. Gabian and D. Head, of Bushey, and A. P. Ginn, of Hertford, were elected as hon. members of the Association. Other members elected were as follows: Messrs. C. T. Coles, Walthamstow; F. G. George, Bushey; W. B. Bennett, J. Scott and E. Godman, Aldenham; Wm. Nash, Hatfield; W. J. Bowden, Edmonton; J. Titmus, S. Farmer, F. Peters and A. Halsey, St. Michael's St. Albans; Thos. Hester and Chas. Fisher, St. Stephen's St. Albans; Rev. W. A. Errington, Hunsdon; Messrs. J. Hale, Bennington; A. Smith, A. Rodie, A. Young, Little Munden; W. Storey, T. G. Willey, A. E. Akers, H. Akers, A. Akers, J. Bilton, A. E. Creasey, W. Calway, R. Dore, H. J. Gray, W. Irons, H. Mansfield, V. Neale, A. Raven, G. Smith and E. Tyler, Hertford.

Mr. E. P. Debenham, the treasurer to the Association, presented his financial report, which stated that the year was commenced with a balance in hand of £2 19s. 1d., and ended with a balance of £9 3s. 6d. The principal item on the receipt side was subscriptions from ringing members, amounting to £16 14s. Subscriptions from hon. members

amounted to £4 10s. In the Reserve Fund there was a balance of £13 8s. 5d.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. W. Cartmel) presented his annual report, as follows:—

The privilege of laying before you the report of the year's work of our Association has again occurred, a task in which one finds much pleasure from year to year. Financially we are in a much stronger position, having finished the year with a balance in hand of £9 3s. 6d., as against £2 19s. 1d. This has been attained partly by payment of arrears, fewer outstanding subscriptions, and less district meetings have been held, the latter somewhat minimising the expenses. My suggestion that societies should adopt a rule for payment of subscriptions from their local funds has been acted upon in many cases, to the advantage of the Association. Coronation year has been a year of progress from many standpoints. One pleasing feature of our work is that I have been able to give advice in many instances to clergy considering the re-hanging and augmenting of their bells. I wish it was more widely known that our Association, through its committee, is always willing to advise in any matters pertaining to church bells.

The organising of the ringing for the Diocesan Lay Helpers Festival at Hatfield, in July last, was also deputed to your committee, and the Harpenden and Hatfield bands very kindly played selections with handbells, in the park on that occasion.

At King's Langley, a tower where Mr. G. N. Price has assiduously worked on behalf of change-ringing, the peal has been increased to eight. On the eastern side of the county, Cheshunt has become possessed of a peal of eight, and our talented lady member, Miss Parker, has had the honour of conducting the first peal upon the bells. A new band has consequently become affiliated to us, which owes its existence, I believe, to the energy of Mr. Rowe.

Your Committee met at St. Albans on Saturday, March 9th, in the belfry of St. Peter's church, when the question of the advisability of granting small sums of money for the purpose of providing an instructor to weak bands was discussed, and I was requested to ventilate the subject at the annual meeting. It was felt that although there was at present no urgent need for help, as far as the Committee knew, a little discussion upon the subject would be helpful. I would suggest that a small committee, consisting of the three district secretaries, the auditor, and the Hon. Secretary might be empowered to collect information, and present a scheme for consideration at the next annual meeting.

During the year thirty-nine peals have been rung, thirty-four on tower bells, and five on handbells. About 123 members have taken part in Association peals during the year, and the peals have been rung in twenty-one churches, with seventeen conductors: including the "silent" peal, twenty-two conductors. The peals comprise 1 of Stedman Caters, 5 Superlative, 1 New Cambridge, 1 London, 3 Bristol, 1 Double Norwich, 2 Kent Treble Bob Major, 6 Stedman Triples, 3 Grandsire Triples, 9 of Minor in various methods (one non-conducted), 2 peals of Doubles,

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The conductors have been Miss Parker, 3 peals, New Cambridge, London and Stedman; G. N. Price, 9, Superlative, Stedman Caters, Double Norwich and Bristol, on tower bells, Stedman Caters and Stedman Triples on handbells; B. Prewett, 6, Stedman Triples, Superlative, Bristol and Kent Treble Bob Major; E. Whitbread, 2, Stedman Triples and Minor peal; H. Eden, 2, Superlative and Bristol; F. Edwards, 1, Stedman Triples; W. H. Lawrence, 3, 1 Grandsire Triples and 2 Minor peals; R. Stavert, 1, Kent Treble Bob Major; H. G. Rowe, 2, Grandsire Triples; W. Watts, 1, Stedman Triples; R. G. King, 2, B. Patmore, 1, W. J. Croft, 1, J. Malyan, 1, Minor peals; W. Mansfield, 1, R. Howard, 1, Doubles; J. Thomas, 1, Grandsire Triples, upon handbells.

Mr. G. N. Price is to be heartily congratulated upon ringing and conducting Stedman Caters from each pair of handbells. The Minor peal at St. Stephen's Church, St. Albans, on Dec. 16th, 1911, was the first peal on the bells by the Herts. Association. The Bushey Society has rung its first peal of Superlative by an entirely local band, which shows progress. Our Eastern members generally do something "great" each year, and that under review is no exception. Messrs. N. Patmore, B. Patmore, H. Wallace (Great Munden), F. Williams, W. H. Lawrence and A. Woolston (Little Munden) have rung a silent, or non-conducted, peal of Minor in seven methods. It is an excellent performance, one meriting the erection of a peal board in the Great Munden tower. The Royston Society also claim to be the first Hertfordshire band to ring London Surprise in a Minor peal. Only two peals were rung on Coronation Day—one at Great Munden, and a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Albans, which made Mr. Price's 400th peal.

Mr. Cartmel goes on to eulogise the services rendered by the District Secretaries, Mr. Eden and the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, and also those of Mr. Kirby, the hon. librarian, and in conclusion says:—I counsel you to be regular at your practices, regular and punctual for the Sunday ringing, and show still further your whole-heartedness in the work by regular attendance at the House of Prayer. Put first things first. "Stick up" my brother ringers for the dear old Church of England, and its grand liturgical services; "stick up" for your parson, and cheer him in the "trivial round, the common task," and may the sweet bells of Old England ever "ring out the false, ring in the true." Lastly, fear God, honour the king.

Canon T. L. Papillon, in proposing the adoption of the report, said it was one of considerable interest, because it told a tale of progress all round: progress in the extension of higher methods, the continued progress of the skilled ringers, and also the progress of the beginners.

The proposition was seconded, and the report adopted with acclamation.

The election of officers was the next business, and the Rev. A. G. Langdon was elected president for the ensuing year. Mr. H. J. Toulmin, in seconding the nomination, said Change-Ringers Associations were very important ones. If anyone dared to do away with them he thought there would be a revolution.

Mr. E. P. Debenham was re-elected treasurer, and Mr. G. W. Cartmel hon. secretary.

For hon. district secretaries the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, and Messrs. Lawrence and Eden were chosen for the Northern, Eastern and Western Districts respectively.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the

Rev. A. G. Langdon for his address, and also to the Dean of St. Albans and the vicars of St. Peter's, St. Michael's and St. Stephen's Churches for the use of the bells during the day.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday the thirtieth annual meeting of this Association was held at Nottingham, the committee holding a meeting at Calvert's Cafe, Long Row, in the afternoon. Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., presided over the general meeting, which followed tea, being supported by the Rev. A. W. Dewick (St. Peter's Nottingham), Rev. J. P. Hales (Cotgrave), Mr. W. W. Worthington (Neatherseale), Mr. E. D. Taylor (Loughborough), the hon. treasurer, the hon. secretary and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The hon. treasurer presented his annual report and balance sheet, and, on the motion of Mr. C. Draper (one of the auditors), seconded by Mr. H. W. Abbott, it was unanimously adopted. The general officers were thanked for their services, and as a mark of the confidence reposed in them they were re-elected with every mark of approval. The election of delegates to the Central Council resulted in the return of the following gentlemen: Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Messrs. J. W. Taylor, Joseph Griffin and E. C. Gobey, the period of office extending over the next three years. The proposed alteration in Rule 4B, to the effect that newly elected members shall receive a copy of the objects and rules of the Association instead of a full report for the past year was carried unanimously. The following places were selected for the quarterly meetings for the current year, viz., Bakewell, Bolsover and Whitwick. The cordial thanks of the meeting were passed to the clergy, for the use of the bells and for their interest in the Association, on the proposition of Mr. Worthington, seconded by Mr. Taylor. The Revs. J. A. Hales and A. W. Dewick, in acknowledging the compliment, expressed their keen interest in the work of the Association, and the pleasure it afforded them to extend facilities for carrying out the work. A vote of thanks was also accorded the Chairman for his services, and suitably acknowledged.

The bells of St. Peter's, Holy Trinity, Lenton, and St. Mary's (Bulwell), were available for ringing during the day, and touches in various methods were rung. St. Mary's (Nottingham) were not accessible, owing to structural alterations being in progress, while those of All Saints were under embargo, local residents having made a successful protest against their use.

The officers were re-elected, as follows:—President, Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart.; vice-president, Mr. J. W. Taylor; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. C. Wakely; hon. secretary, Mr. W. E. White.

A letter of apology for inability to be present at the meeting owing to indisposition was received from Mr. J. Taylor, to whom the members expressed their sympathy.

Sir Arthur Heywood having to leave while the meeting was in progress, Mr. Worthington occupied the chair during the latter part of it.

A venerable clergyman has been removed by the death, at Toddington, Gloucestershire, at the age of 84, the Rev. William Darke Stanton, M.A., J.P., Vicar of the parish. After graduating at Exeter College, Oxford, and holding curacies at Castle Cary and Stratton (near Cirencester), he became curate of Toddington in 1854. Seventeen years later he became its Vicar, so that he had an unbroken connection with the parish for 58 years.

NOTES.

Bell-ringers who contemplate emigrating to Australia will find several items of information relating to bells in that part of the Empire on another page.

The members of the Hertfordshire Association who set themselves the task of ringing a peal of Bristol Surprise (12,160 changes) at Knebworth, on Easter Monday, were successful in the attempt, the time occupied being seven hours eighteen minutes. We offer them our warmest congratulations.

The report presented at the annual meeting of the Hertfordshire Association, on Easter Monday, will be read with much interest. Not only have the funds increased substantially during the past year, but the hon. secretary seems to have hit upon a method by which to ensure a maintenance of the funds at the same level.

The result appears to have been attained by the payment of arrears, and, as a natural corollary, fewer outstanding subscriptions, while economy has been practised by cutting down the number of district meetings and thus reducing expenses.

Whether the latter is the happiest way of surmounting the difficulty remains doubtful, but experience teaches that members of societies do not relish being continually reminded of dwindling balances.

Then, as Canon Papillon said it recorded progress all round—in the extension of higher methods, in the continued advancement of the older members and also of beginners. Thirty-three of the latter had rung first peals. This is progress that heralds further success in the future.

The members of the Midland Counties Association seem to have perfect confidence in their officers, for they again elected each to his office, with thanks for past services.

Regret was expressed at the small number (the lowest on record for the Association) who attended the tea. This was especially marked among local members,

Increased membership was recorded at the meeting of the Surrey Association, eight members of the Egham tower being elected to membership of the Association.

The renovation of the bells at St. John's, Deptford, having been completed the tower is again open for ringing.

Several reports are held over in consequence of not arriving in time for insertion this week. Correspondents please note.

Three new bells have been added to the belfry at St. Mary's church, Barcombe, Sussex, and the old ones have been recast in memory of Sir William Grantham and members of his family.

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QUARTERLY MEETING AT MITCHAM.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Mitcham on Easter Monday, and the attendance was very satisfactory. During the afternoon the bells at the parish church were kept busy, and touches of Triples and Major brought round. Ringing also took place on the peal of six at Christ Church till 5.15, when the members attended the latter church for the special service. The service was choral, and it was pleasing to hear the voices of the ringers joining with the choir in the singing. The Vicar gave a very appropriate address, urging all ringers to prepare themselves in the same manner as the bells and belfry are prepared for ringing.

An excellent meat tea was partaken of at the Church Hall, presided over by the Vicar, who was supported by Dr. A. B. Carpenter (Master), Mr. C. F. Johnston (Hon. Sec.), and many others. After the tea the Annual Reports for 1911 were distributed, and then followed the business meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Dr. A. B. Carpenter moved the adoption of the report and balance sheet, which was passed after a short discussion. Several new members were elected, including eight from Egham, which makes another band in union with the Association. A notice of motion for a proposed alteration in rules was given by the Hon. Sec.

Dr. Carpenter proposed a hearty vote of thanks to all those who had so kindly come forward and welcomed them that day, and he pointed out that not only had the ringers been able to ring, but they also were given a splendid choral service, a good sound address, and a first-class meat tea free of charge to the Association and its members.

The Vicar, replying, said it was very good of them to do him the kindness, but he felt that it was not his duty to respond, for he was not the leader; and he therefore called upon one of his churchwardens (also a ringer) to speak on behalf of all the helpers. This gentleman did so in a well worded speech, which was attentively received by all the company.

The business concluded, some ringers went off for more tower bellringing, while some stayed behind for handbell ringing. A course of Grandsire Caters was followed by one of Bob Major, and then came the tit-bit of the evening in the shape of a course of Kent Treble Bob Major, by the following: A. F. Shepherd, 1-2; A. J. Perkins, 3-4; W. Shepherd, 5-6; S. Roper, 7-8. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples concluded the proceedings, thus ending a most enjoyable meeting.

CONSECRATION OF NEW BELL ROPES, ETC.

On Wednesday evening, March 27th, the Archdeacon of Rochester paid a visit to the parish church of SS. Peter and Paul, Milton-next-Gravesend, and prior to the service a 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung by J. Avis, F. Hayes, G. Jones, G. Ambrose, J. Burles, and F. M. Mitchell (conductor). Sunday, March 31st, was an important day for the ringers. The band had by their own efforts purchased new bell ropes, curtains and a clock to add to the comfort of the belfry. After morning service, the Rector, the Rev. G. W. Mennie, Rev. W. Downes, curate, a large number of the congregation and the ringers assembled in the belfry, when the new ropes and other articles were consecrated by the Rector at the wish of the band. Another addition was a peal board, which had

been fixed in the belfry to record the first peal of seven methods rung on the bells in January last, and this was unveiled after the consecration service by Miss Mollie Mennie, elder daughter of the Rector. The board, a handsome addition, was made by one of the ringers, Mr. John Allan. To his untiring energy and that of Mr. Chris Dix (the belfry keeper), the smart appearance of the belfry is due. After the unveiling, the bells were set going with touches of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. To commemorate the event, and as a birthday compliment to the elder son of the conductor, the following members of the Kent County Association attached to the tower, before the evening service, rang a date touch of Minor, 1912 changes, in six methods, viz., Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and Grandsire Minor, in 1 hr. 11 mins. J. R. D. Fenwick, J. Burles, G. Jones, G. R. Ambrose, F. Hayes, F. M. Mitchell (conductor). The new ropes, supplied by Mr. J. Nicoll, Peckham, gave every satisfaction, no "spring" being noticeable.

ST. JOHN'S, DEPTFORD, S.E.

The peal of eight bells at this church was cast at the Whitechapel Foundry, and installed in the tower towards the close of 1874. After over thirty-seven years "wear" without having the attention of a bell hanger, it was thought advisable to have the peal overhauled and rehung, and at the same time board up the louvres. Tenders were invited, and it was decided to entrust the rehanging to Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich. The result is the bells are now in excellent going order, and the "Original" was attempted on Saturday, March 30th, immediately after Mr. Bowell and his men had finished their work; in fact before they left the church. The ringers in the attempt were Messrs. W. Daynes, J. Law, A. G. Bennington, F. W. Richardson, H. G. Welham, A. Bowell, W. J. Jeffries, and C. H. Macklin, but unfortunately after nearly an hour's ringing a "shift" occurred. Afterwards some touches were rung in which Mr. Wm. Weatherstone took part. All the ringers present were highly delighted with the "go" of the bells, and a remark has been entered in the minutes of the Society to the effect that "the 'go' of the bells leaves nothing to be desired."

Messrs. Bowell have recently carried out work at Leeds, in Kent, and also Marden. Other "jobs" which they have in hand include rehanging the peals at Tetney, near Grimsby, Bishop Castle, Salop, and Otley, Suffolk.

BELLRINGERS' STRIKE AT GODALMING.

The Godalming bellringers have been on strike for three weeks in resentment at a resolution of the Church Finance Committee in which complaint was made of unsatisfactory ringing. The Vicar (the Rev. G. C. Fanshawe) says in the April Parish Magazine that the parishioners have a right to expect that the bells shall be well rung and that there shall be variety in ringing, as well as efficiency. "Further," he says, "those who handle the bells should give evidence of a religious spirit and a genuine interest in the Church's life." For the moment the parish is in the position of having no bellringers, and must begin to reorganise this branch of the Church work. The dissatisfaction of the ringing does not imply censure of every ringer individually, and it is hoped that the younger members, who have recently learnt, and have done very well, will not be discouraged.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on April 25th, at 7.30 p.m.; at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 16th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 19th and 50th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 30th, at 8 p.m.; also on Saturday evenings at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, 7.30

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.
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The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—A quarterly general meeting will take place on Monday, April 15th, at St. Clement Danes, Strand. Tower open at 8 p.m. Business Meeting in the tower room at 9.30. The society also meets at the above tower the second and fourth Sunday in each month for service ringing. Visitors welcomed.

F. J. HARDY, Hon. Sec.
34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, to-day, Sat., April 13th, 1912. Service at 5 p.m., with sermon by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Willesden. Tea, 6d. each, at 6 o'clock, with meeting to follow. Members and friends cordially invited. The following towers will be available for ringing: St. Matthew's, from 3-5, and after the meeting; St. John at Hackney, 3-5; St. Paul's, Homerton, 3-5; and St. Mary's, Walthamstow, 7.30-9.

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The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Hadley on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available at 3.30. Tea, 6d. each, at 5 o'clock. All are welcome.

C. T. COLES, Hon. Sec.
173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Todmorden Unitarian Church to-day, Sat., April 13th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale to-day, Sat., April 13th. Bells ready at 4.30.

WALTER HUGHES, Sec.
3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Biggleswade and District Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Blunham on Thursday, April 18th, from 6 to 9 o'clock. Business.—To elect officers for working the above branch. All members are earnestly invited to attend.

F. BLOOD, Hon. Sec., pro. tem.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Deansgate, Manchester, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7. Election of Committeeman.

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Branch Sec.

The Kent County Association.—The annual meeting of the Maidstone district will be held at Leeds on Saturday, April 20th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Short service at 5 o'clock. Meat tea at The George inn at 5.30 p.m. All members intending to be present must notify me not later than Tuesday, April 16th. A charge of 3d. per member for tea will be made. This ensures a better tea.

G. MOORE, Dis. Sec.
71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Lee, S.E., on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service with address by the Rev. R. Meddings (Rector), at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow in the Kingswood Hall, the Rector presiding. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Hon. Dis. Sec.
34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Crondall on Saturday, April 20th. 3 o—Bells available (6). Mr. S. Cranston, Steeple-keeper. 5.30.—Service at All Saints church, Preacher—Rev. E. B. Cotton, Vicar. 6.15.—Tea at The Castle hotel. Tea tickets 6d. each. Visitors rs. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at or before the meeting.

JOHN J. JONES, Hon. Sec.
North Street, Guildford.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Eckington on Saturday, April 27th. Service with an address at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting after the service. The Vicar (Rev. W. Ismay), will kindly provide tea for those only who notify me of being present not later than Monday, April 22nd. Bells (6) available at 3.30 p.m.

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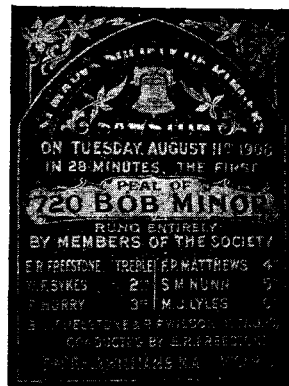
THERE are one or two points in the sermon preached at the service held in connection with the annual gathering of the Hertfordshire Association, which members of bands everywhere would do well to take to heart. First of these comes the text: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Ringers are able to give pleasure to thousands who, unable to ring themselves, can appreciate the music—and it is music to those who have musical instinct—of a good peal, well struck. While thus adding to the enjoyment of listeners they themselves imbibe pleasure from the exercise of their Art. As the peal proceeds smoothly and rhythmically both listeners and artistes become, as it were, filled with ecstasy; and when the last course has come to an end, and the bells are brought to rest, how

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Then punctuality is important because it subserves the peace and good temper of a band; it is important, as it gains time. No member of a band has a right to throw away the time of the others by his own unpunctuality; to be punctual is a debt we owe each to the other.

Thirdly, helpfulness was urged. Each of us has a touch of selfishness in our composition, but it is our duty to keep it from coming to the top as little as possible. In helping others we ourselves are helped. As beginners we were glad of the help of others, and in teaching novices we feel that we are in some measure repaying those who taught us, and at the same time providing successors to carry on the Art when we ourselves are unable to exercise it.

Let us, therefore, take to heart these three lessons, and the great body of change-ringers will benefit both now and in the future.

The Metropolis.

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ALFRED G. BENNINGTON.. 2.	FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON 6.
WM. WEATHERSTONE .. 3.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 7.
THOMAS G. DNAL 4.	CHARLES H. MACKLIN .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES.

*First peal. First peal since the re-hanging by Messrs. Bowell, of Ipswich.

THE ST. MARY'S (PUTNEY) ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PUTNEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

HENRY WHANSLAW* .. Treble.	†GEORGE W. HONEYBALL.. 5.
ARTHUR JONES 2.	THOMAS BOLTON 6.
JOHN KENT 3.	†JOSEPH HERBERT 7.
WILLIAM HONEYBALL† .. 4.	†CHARLES COLLIS, JUN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR JONES.

†First peal. *First peal away from the tenor. †First peal of Grandsire on tower bells. †First peal as conductor. This is the first peal rung on the bells by a local band, the first by the Association, and the first attempt.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	WILLIAM PYE 6.
CHARLES T. COLES 3.	JOHN ARMSTRONG 7.
WILLIAM MILLER 4.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

A DIAGRAM OF UNION TRIPLES (1893), may be had gratis, on application by letter to W. H. THOMPSON, 5, Sillwood Street, Brighton, to whom the unsold remainder has been returned by the publishers.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, ENFIELD,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN E. MILLER Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	JOHN ARMSTRONG 6.
GEORGE H. JAYE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
CHARLES T. COLES 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT GEORGE THE FOURTH, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. 1-2.	ERNEST PYE 5-6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3-4.	WILLIAM PYE 7-8.
ALFRED W. GRIMES 9-10.	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, 2nd Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire—T. Langdon. Messrs. C. T. Coles, H. J. Ranzetta, and J. E. Davis also heard the greater part of the peal.

The Provinces.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS, SEN. Treble.	ALFRED FUNNELL 5.
FREDK. J. WHITHAM 2.	GEORGE POYNTEZ 6.
FRANK COPEMAN 3.	JOHN ALDIS, JUN. 7.
JOHN F. WILSON 4.	WILLIAM STEELE Tenor.

Composed by G. H. CROSS, and Conducted by WM. STEELE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LINDOFF'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN HOUGH Treble.	WALTER HAIR 5.
W. W. WORTHINGTON 2.	GEORGE ROBINSON 6.
WILLIAM J. SMITH 3.	ALBERT P. WAKLEY 7.
DAVID L. COTTON* 4.	†REUBEN STEVENSON Tenor.

Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

Rung at the request of the Rector, with the bells half muffled, for evening service. *First peal in the method with a bob bell. †First attempt for a peal. The ringer of the tenor was elected a member previous to starting.

ROCHESTER (Kent).—On Sunday, April 7th, for morning service at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins. J. Tulett, R. Paine, O. Sullivan, J. Kidd, W. Easter, W. J. Walker, W. Haigh (conductor), J. Rayner.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, April 7th, for evening service at St. Andrew's church, 576 Bristol Surprise. W. Watson (conductor), A. Chaplin, G. R. Pye, G. Buggs, W. Woodgate, H. Dawkins, G. Jaye, E. Pye.

WOMBOURNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S 12-PART.

WILLIAM FISHER Treble.	THOMAS HUGHES 5.
ARTHUR BAKER 2.	HENRY WILDE 6.
WALTER GRINSELL 3.	FRANK W. PERRENS .. 7.
WILLIAM BAYLISS 4.	BENJAMIN GOUGH Tenor.

Conducted by HENEY W. WILDE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. Mr. Wilde, of Chester, was proposed a member of the society prior to the peal. The ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd, and tenor are from Coseley; 4th from Bradley; 5th from Wednesbury; and the 7th from Willenhall. The band thank Mr. R. Cartwright for the use of the bells, and getting everything ready.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM SPARROW Treble.	FRANK COOK 5.
LEWIS SPARROW 2.	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD .. 6.
AUGUSTUS DORE 3.	JOSEPH FAULKNER 7.
FRANK MOSS 4.	JAMES ADDIS Tenor.

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Oxford Treble Bob, and four of Kent, each called differently.

HERBERT JORDAN Treble.	FREDK. JORDAN 4.
JAMES HEMMING 2.	HARRY MIDDLETON 5.
WILLIAM SHORT 3.	THOMAS EDWIN Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

HENRY J. PHIPPS Treble.	THOMAS EDWIN 6.
JAMES HEMMING 2.	FREDK. JORDAN 7.
HERBERT JORDAN 3.	FRANK COOK 8.
WILLIAM SHORT 4.	HARRY MIDDLETON 9.
FRANK MOSS 5.	WILLIAM WORKMAN Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by HARRY MIDDLETON.

GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire).—For Divine Service on Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. M. Lomas, J. H. Peters, Jos. Leigh, G. H. Wheeler, S. Horsfall, Jno. W. Booth, Jno. E. Ashcroft (conductor), W. Leigh. Longest length for ringer of the 3rd.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S FIVE-PART No. 29, C.C.C.P. Tenor 23½ cwt. in E flat.

LUKE SUTHERS Treble.	JAMES RICHARDS 5.
WILLIAM CRABTREE 2.	GEORGE WHITEHEAD .. 6.
SAM HARTLEY 3.	JAMES WHITEHEAD 7.
HARRY WHITEHEAD 4.	JOHN CROWTHER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM CRABTREE.

First peal by the ringers of the 3rd and 6th.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF WATERLOO MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT. SEN. .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
FRANK HAIRS 2.	WILLIAM HEWETT 6.
HENRY J. RANZETTA 3.	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This is the first peal ever rung in the method, a lead of which will be found in the "Report on Legitimate Methods." See Central Council "Rules and Decisions." F. Bennett's 700th peal. All except the treble man belong to St. John's, Waterloo Road, S.E.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

HENRY DAY Treble.	FRED CHAMERLAIN 6.
JOHN HAIRIS 2.	TOM COX 7.
DAVID THOMAS 3.	ALLEN ROWLEY 8.
WILLIAM B. BISS 4.	WILLIAM COOMES 9.
SIDNEY DAWE 5.	WILLIAM BOLTON Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by W. COOMES.

First peal of Royal by all except W. Biss. Rung on the nineteenth anniversary of the wedding of W. Bolton.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER Treble.	JOHN CAFF 5.
ALBERT D. STONE 2.	KEITH HART 6.
ROBERT J. DAWE 3.	WILLIAM C. HART 7.
OLIVER SIPPETTS 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by GEO. WILLIAMS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble.	JOHN CAFF 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2.	OLIVER SIPPETTS 6.
ROBERT J. DAWE 3.	KEITH HART 7.
ALFRED J. TURNER 4.	PHILIP ALLFREY Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

PENSHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS H. COLBURN .. Treble.	DAVID WRIGHT 5.
ARTHUR J. LEWIS 2.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 6.
GEORGE THOMPSON 3.	WALTER S. WISE 7.
EDWIN F. PIER 4.	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

UGBOROUGH.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

WARREN HORNBRICK* .. Treble.	WILLIAM RICHARDS 5.
WILLIAM G. HISCOTT 2.	ERNEST W. MARSH 6.
REV. E. S. POWELL* 3.	G. HARRY MYERS 7.
WALTER H. MARSH 4.	WILLIAM D. JAMES .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by W. D. JAMES.

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

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lbs. in F sharp.

FRANK UNSWORTH* .. Treble.	CHARLES BOYERS 5.
RICHARD DAGNALL 2.	†ARTHUR UNSWORTH 6.
JOHN A. CALLAND 3.	EDWIN H. LEWIS 7.
BENJAMIN TREVITT 4.	WILLIAM BIBBY Tenor.

Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

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

CHESHUNT, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 23 lbs. in E.

GEORGE ANDREWS† .. Treble.	†HENRY CORNWALL 5.
GEORGE GRAY 2.	HENRY G. ROWE 6.
GEORGE MAXIM* 3.	WILLIAM IRONS 7.
JESSE PUPLETT 4.	†HORACE SIMMONS .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

†First peal. *First peal in the method. The ringers of the 2nd and 7th belong to St. Andrews, Hertford; 4th to Hoddesdon; and the rest to the local band.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWARD E. DIAPER .. Treble.	PETER LAFLIN 5.
ERNEST S. BAILEY 2.	JAMES M. BAILEY 6.
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 3.	FREDK. J. SMITH 7.
EDGAR H. BAILEY 4.	CHARLES F. BAILEY .. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

TENTERDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDEED,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lbs. in D flat.

CHARLES TRIER .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. 5.
JIM BEACH 2.	EDWIN LAMBERT 6.
ANDREW MARSHALL 3.	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 7.
FREDERICK BUTCHERS .. 4.	PHILIP HODGKIN .. Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

This is the first peal of Major in which the above tenor has been rung throughout by one man alone. It is also the first peal of Major for 141 years, the last one being 5184 of Oxford Treble Bob, rung in the year 1771, by the famous Leeds band, the time being 3 hrs. 27 mins., the tenor being rung by two men. It is also the first peal since the restoration of the famous tower.

HADDENHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE Treble.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 5.
JOHN EVANS 2.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 6.
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 3.	RICHARD BUCKLAND 7.
HERBERT COX* 4.	†ARTHUR F. ASHMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells. *First peal in the method with a bob bell. †First peal in the method and first attempt.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Seven Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
12,160 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	JOHN THOMAS 5.
HUBERT EDEN 2.	FREDK. WHITE 6.
HENRY HODGETTS 3.	GEORGE N. PRICE 7.
GEORGE IRVINE 4.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

First peal in the method on the bells. This peal, which has the tenors together throughout, is the longest length yet rung in the method.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDK. S. W. BUTLER .. Treble.	PERCY BALLANCE 5.
CHARLES HY. BAKER† .. 2.	*HERBERT TORR 6.
JOHN CHARLES TINKER .. 3.	JOHN THOMAS LADD 7.
WILLIAM DICKENSON .. 4.	J. GERALD M. BOWER .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. S. W. BUTLER.

*First peal. †First peal on eight bells. Rung as a farewell to J. G. M. Bower, who is shortly leaving the neighbourhood for British Columbia, his brother-ringers wishing him every success in the future.

BIRMINGHAM.—At St. John's church, Deritend, on Easter Sunday, the late Henry Johnson's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. S. Coley, A. T. Scrivens, E. Large, J. T. Perry, E. Mansell, W. Webb, J. B. Cobbett, S. Pearce. Conducted by A. T. Scrivens.

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

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN WREB.. Treble.	JOHN JOHNSON 4.
JAMES HAMMAN.. .. . 2.	SIDNEY HOUGH 5.
FRED COCERAM 3.	ARTHUR GIDMAN Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY HOUGH.

First peal by all except the conductor. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells which were cast by Rudhall, of Gloucester, in 1748. The above ringers are all members of the local band.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR,
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BAENNETT, SEN.* .. Treble.	FRANK HAIES 5.
WILLIAM HEWETT 2.	FRANK BRNNETT 5.
HENRY J. RANZETTA 3.	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by F. BENNETT.

The first peal in the method in the county and by the Association.

HATFIELD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE Treble.	JOHN T. KENTISH 5.
MISS EDITH K. PARKER 2.	WILBY J. HAZELL 6.
GEORGE B. LUCAS SEN. 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
JOHN H. BENSTEAD 4.	GEORGE PAICE Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

A. VICTOR MORGAN* .. Treble.	FRANK MORGAN.. .. . 5.
ARTHUR E. MORGAN 2.	JOHN BUTLER 6.
JOHN BULLEN 3.	FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES .. 7.
JOHN W. JONES.. .. . 4.	JOHN GODDARD Tenor.

Conducted by F. E. B. CHARLES.

First peal in the method as conductor. *First peal, and aged 15, for whom the peal was rung, together with the conductor, as a birthday compliment to each.

The Bishop of Kingston is to officiate on Saturday, April 27 at the laying of the foundation stone of the Church of the Holy Spirit, which is to be erected in Narbonne Avenue, on the south side of Clapham Common, as a memorial to the late Canon C. P. Greene, who was Rector of Clapham for over twenty years.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 18 lbs.

WILLIAM HOWE* Treble.	FREDK. DIMOND 5.
FRANK J. DAVEY 2.	JULIUS A. SNOW 6.
ARTHUR D. SOWELL* 3.	JOHN R. HAYMAN 7.
FREDK. J. MILFORD 4.	GEORGE STOCKER Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN R. HAYMAN.

*First peal of Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Mr. A. D. Sowell was proposed a member of the Guild previous to starting for the peal.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION LATE THE
ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ARTHUR E. HIBBERT* .. Treble.	JOSEPH MILNER.. .. . 5.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2.	FREDK. J. HARDY 6.
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES 4.	ARTHUR D. BARKER.. .. . 7.
ROBERT W. GREEN 4.	THOMAS WALKER Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

*First peal.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST.
JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

ON THE NORMAN TOWER BELLS (ST. JAMES'S CHURCH),

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 30 cwt.

ARTHUR E. MOORE Treble.	ROBERT WILFING 6.
ARTHUR SYMONDS 2.	CHARLS WOODCOCK 7.
FREDERICK G. DEWELL 3.	WILLIAM DENT 8.
WALTER RADLEY 4.	WILLIAM R. J. POULTON .. 9.
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 5.	HARRY A. TURNER Tenor.

Composed by ROBERT WILLIAMS, and
Conducted by HARRY A. TURNER.

First peal of Treble Bob Royal by all except the treble and 2nd, also by the above Association on tower bells.

Handbell Peals.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, April 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT 31, BURGESS STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpires—James Evinson, Tom O'Hara, and Joseph Atkin. This is the conductor's 100th handbell peal. It is also the first handbell peal of Royal in Sheffield for over 100 years. *First handbell peal of Royal.

BELL MOULDER wanted. Change-Ringer preferred.—Apply "HYDRA," care of "THE BELL NEWS," Waltham-stow, N.E.

THE BELLS OF BARCOMBE.

DEDICATION CEREMONY.

On Sunday, Barcombe awakened to a new sense of possession conveyed to them by the glad peal of bells which sent forth their Easter message, and which had been dedicated the previous evening by the Bishop of Lewes. The bells, six in number, consisted of the three old ones which had been recast as the result of parochial subscriptions, and three new ones presented by the family of the late Sir William Grantham, to whose memory they were dedicated. The peal has been tuned on the five-tone Simpson principle, and hung in new steel and iron frame. Two of the new bells bore the following inscriptions: "In memory of Sir William Grantham, 1911, D.D., W.W.G., 1912"; and "Ivor, Muriel, John, Pauline, and Elmer Grantham." The third was not inscribed. The dedication service on Saturday evening was choral, and was attended by the following clergy in addition to the Bishop of Lewes: The Rector, the Rev. Preb. Salmon, the curate, the Rev. C. Toogood, and the Rev. Geo. Salmon (Hove Parish Church), son of the Rector. The last-named conducted the devotions, and the lessons were read by the Rector and the curate, after which a procession was formed, and the clergy and choir proceeded down the chancel to the belfry under the tower. Here the Bishop of Lewes undertook the dedication, which was very impressive. The formula used was: "In the faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate these bells to the glory of God and in memory of His faithful servants, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen." Following prayer, Dr. Burrows gave an interesting discourse from the words: "Let Him that heareth say come." He referred to the appropriateness of the day for dedicating to the service and worship of Almighty God, something which was new and for linking the present with the past. He alluded to the Divine purpose of the bells, and urged those within their hearing to induce others to come to worship; to the sacredness of the office of bell-ringing, and to the improved demeanour of the ringers compared with olden times; and added that the parish had got a splendid peal of bells which they would no doubt be very proud of.

The concluding hymn was "Resting from His work to-day." The service, which was brought to a close by the Benediction, was attended by Lady Grantham, Miss Muriel Grantham, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Grantham, and Master Ivor Grantham.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

COSELEY (Staffs.)—On Good Friday evening, Mr. H. W. Wilde, of Pulford, near Chester, visited his native place—Coseley—and was received in the tower of the parish church (where he was, when a boy, a chorister), by the following ringers of the above society: Messrs. G. Hughes, Tom Hughes, and A. E. Blundell, of Wednesbury; F. W. Perrens and C. Beech, of Willenhall; and the following local ringers: Messrs. W. A. Jeavons, A. Baker, S. Baker, W. Grinsell, W. Fisher, B. Gough, S. Pearce, R. Dunn, A. Barnett, L. Barnett, J. Roberts, and A. E. Law.

For service, a touch of Erin Triples, 276 changes, conducted by G. Hughes, and a course of Stedman Triples was rung, the bells being half-muffled, and after service 240 Bob Major, conducted by W. Fisher. On Easter

Sunday the following touches were rung during the day by the local ringers: For 6.0 a.m. Holy Communion, 308 Grandsire Triples; for 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion, 288 Canterbury Pleasure Major, and 97 Grandsire Triples; for 11.0 a.m. Choral Communion, 240 Bob Major and a course of Canterbury Pleasure Major; for evensong, 210 Oxford Bob Triples, and after service another 210 Oxford Bob Triples. The two touches of Oxford Bob Triples and 97 Grandsire were conducted by B. Gough, the remainder by W. Fisher.

BELLS IN AUSTRALIA.

For the information of our correspondent who contemplates emigrating to Australia, we are able to furnish the following information as to peals of bells.

In Sydney there are several peals of eight and also of six bells. There are change-ringing bands at one of the six-bell towers, and also at one of the eight-bell (St. Mary's Cathedral). The ringers, we learn, are an enthusiastic and sociable lot of fellows, and have no doubt would extend a hearty welcome to a change-ringer from the Old Country.

At Melbourne two churches (St. Paul's and St. Patrick's) have eight bells each, and change-ringing bands. They can ring Stedman in Melbourne.

At Hobart, in Tasmania, there is a peal of eight, and at Christchurch (New Zealand) a peal of ten, and some change-ringing.

Besides these there are many other towers with peals of six, eight, or ten bells in various parts of Australia.

A LINK WITH THE PAST.

The fragment of an old British cross, richly carved, discovered close to Dacre during recent excavations for the waterworks of the village, was placed in St. Andrew's church, Dacre, at the celebration of the Holy Communion on the Feast of the Annunciation of our Lady. Dedicatory prayers were said by the Rev. F. Hasell, Vicar, and a brief address was given by the Rev. Canon Hasell Dalemian, who referred to the connection of the Celtic cross with the British monastery at Dacre, on the site of the present church, mentioned in the Venerable Bede's "Ecclesiastical History" as standing in the village, A.D. 608, presided over by the Right Rev. the Abbot Suldbert. The Canon said it was fitting that on this great day of the Church, this relic should find a resting-place in the chancel. It would bear testimony to the great truth of the Incarnation so well taught in the ancient monastery, and, thank God, still taught in this old church. He trusted that other portions of the cross might be found at some future time. They were valuable links with the ancient church of our fathers.

The Bishop of Salisbury has received a gift of a framed photograph of the interior of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, together with a number of books from his old Bishopsgate parishioners in memory of his work among them as Rector.

In a recent speech to the villagers of Badsworth, Yorks., the Archbishop of York emphasized the duty of worship on Sunday morning, and urged his hearers to try to get rid of that old wrong tradition of only giving to God the fag-end of Sunday.

CHURCH NEWS.

A memorial protesting against the policy of the Government in proposing to disestablish and disendow the Church of England in Wales has been signed by a number of leading Liberal Churchmen and addressed to the Prime Minister.

A massive granite cross has just been placed in the churchyard of Blockley, Worcestershire, to the memory of Lord Edward Spencer-Churchill, son of the sixth Duke of Marlborough, who died in May last. His widow, Lady Edward Spencer-Churchill, has had the churchyard greatly beautified by the planting of thousands of spring flowers.

A new organ at St. Alban's Mission Church, Acton Green, was dedicated by the Vicar (Rev. W. G. Woolsey), on Easter Eve.

A font which has been in use in Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, 150 years has been removed to South Africa, and erected in the chapel, of the Holy Trinity at Zagwityi.

Lady Llangattock unveiled on Easter Day, in memory of her son, the late Hon. C. S. Rolls, a marble monument in Llangattock Church, near Monmouth. It beautifully depicts the meeting of mother and son in the spiritual world, and bears the inscription: "The Hon. Charles Stewart Rolls, born August 27th, 1877; died July 12th, 1910. Killed at Bourne-mouth whilst performing a most difficult evolution in order to advance the science of aviation." The unveiling ceremony was attended by Lord Llangattock.

NEW CHURCH AT ALPERTON. — The Bishop of London fulfilled his first public engagement since his return from Khar-

toum by consecrating the new parish church at Alperton on Saturday. Services have for the last seventeen years been held in a small iron building in Ealing Road. The new St. James's church, built in the Gothic style, accommodates 700 persons, and is situated in Stanley Avenue, Alperton Park, on the borders of a rapidly developing portion of Wembley. Clergy attended from the neighbouring parishes, including Wembley, Ealing, and Harrow. The church has cost more than £8,000, and £2000 of this sum has yet to be raised. The oak stalls and some of the other furniture for the building had not arrived when the church was formally opened, having been held up by the coal strike. Immediately opposite the church stands the Imperial Yeomanry School and a tablet unveiled by the Bishop of London has been placed in the church in memory of the non-commissioned officers and men who lost their lives during the South African War, and whose children received their early education in the school. The Bishop of London, preaching from the text, "Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit," said he chose that text, among other reasons, for a personal one. After 22 years in the diocese he had been away from his people, away from the old round of interviews and letters and engagements in London. The last church he consecrated was the Khartoum Cathedral, and after a long journey of 15,000 miles through the great Sudan, and through the place where Christ was born, suffered, and died, and carried on His ministry on the Sea of Galilee, he asked them to pray that he might have returned in the power of the Spirit.

Of the £6,000 required for the enlargement of the Hendon Parish Church, nearly £5,000 has been paid or promised, and it is hoped to commence the work very shortly. The plans, designed by Mr. Temple Moore, have been submitted to the authorities, with a resolution of the vestry making application for a faculty. The accommodation is to be increased from 457 to 807. The galleries, a distinguishing feature of the church, will be removed, and a few graves will be disturbed.

The Ecclesiastical Commissioners have made a grant of £1,500 towards the erection of a permanent church to seat 750, in the newly-formed district of St. Michael's, Golder's Green, of which the Rev. Vivian L. Keelan is priest-in-charge. The estimated cost is £9,000, of which £4,000 has been raised. The district already contains a population of over 4,000. The church will occupy a prominent position on the Golder's Green Road. The style to be followed is an adaptation of the Early English period to modern requirements.

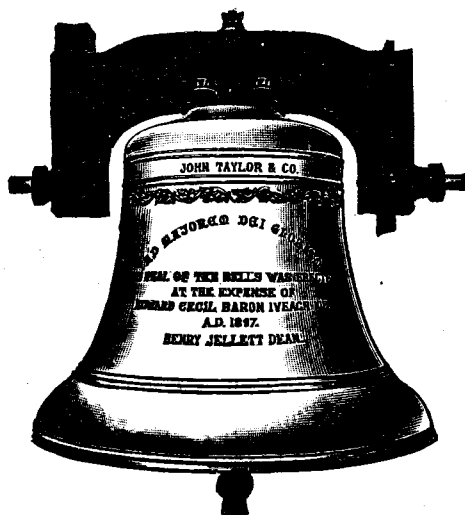
The Rev. William Russell, Rector, and the churchwardens of St. Clement, Eastcheap, are appealing for funds to renovate and bring up to date the ancient organ. Repairs are urgently needed, and also mechanical power for blowing, and for these purposes a sum of £200 is required.

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Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KILLAMARSH (Derbyshire).—For evening service on Easter Sunday, at the church of St. Giles, a date touch, 1912 changes, in seven Surprise methods, in 1 hr. 7 mins., being forty changes

of Carlisle, 72 of Durham, and 360 each of the following: Beverley, Chester. London, Wells, York. F. Parr, H. Greaves, T. A. Howes-Smith, G. Burnham, W. H. Turton, C. Severn (conductor).

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).—On Easter Sunday morning, for 8 o'clock Holy Communion service, a date touch of Minor, 1912 changes, in 56 mins., being 720 each of College Exercise and London Scholars' Pleasure, and 472 of Oxford Treble Bob. C. Nunn, E. Youngs, W. Clover, A. J. Berry, L. Last, W. Rose (conductor).

Miscellaneous.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Mon).—On Easter Sunday, for morning service at All Saints church, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. V. Morgan, J. W. Jones, J. Bullen, C. Bowen, F. E. B. Charles, F. Morgan (conductor), A. E. Morgan, T. Max.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WALTON-ON-THAMES (Surrey).—On Easter Sunday, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, in 50 mins. H. Walter (Shepperton), C. Edwards (Farnham), F. Shepherd (Hersham), A. F. Shepherd (Hersham), W. Shepherd (Hersham), A. H. Winch (Leatherhead), J. H. B. Hesse (Kingston), J. Howes (Kingston). Composed by C. W. Clarke, conducted by W. Shepherd.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

SEDGLEY (Staffs).—On Easter Monday morning, previous to the Annual Meeting of the above Society, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but it unfortunately came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 8 mins., the bells running round. G. Hughes, W. Cooper, D. Jones, H. W. Wilde, R. Pickering, J. Screen, W. Fisher (conductor), B. Gough.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL.—At the church of St. John the Baptist, Tue Brook, on Saturday evening, April 6th, (Easter Eve), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. P. M. Hayes (first quarter-peal of Stedma), G. R. Newton, H. Fyles, G. Woodhall, S. Stewart, W. Twist, E. Counce conductor, W. Mansell. At the church of St. Mary, Grassendale, on Easter Sunday, for the 6.0 a.m. Celebration, 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. J. Morris, R. H. Green, G. R. Newton conductor, E. Counce, W. Hughes, J. Turner. For morning service, 720 Plain Bob. T. J. Morris, R. H. Green, T. Jennion, E. Counce (conductor), J. Turner, J. Allen. For evening service 720 Woodbine, standing as before, conducted by J. Turner.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LUTON (Beds).—At the parish church, on Easter Day, April 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1280 changes) of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 48 mins. H. Shepherd, J. Rookwood, F. Hunt, W. Payne, B. Wilson, C. Wing, H. Walker, A. King conductor. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells by an entirely local band.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. W. Leavay, F. Wilson, H. White (conductor), C. F. Hansford, J. Ward, A. Burgess, J. E. Ballard, H. E. White.

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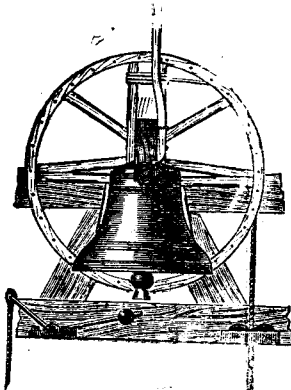
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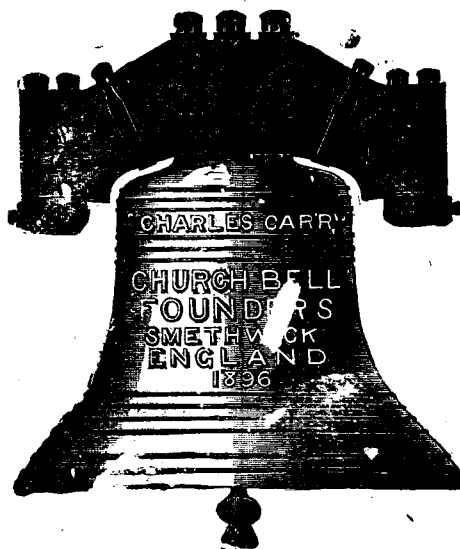
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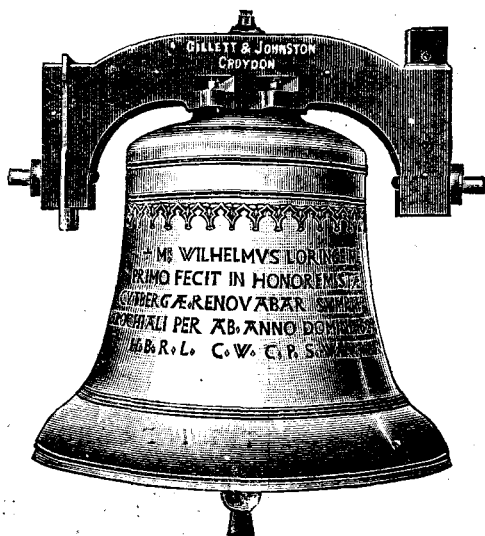
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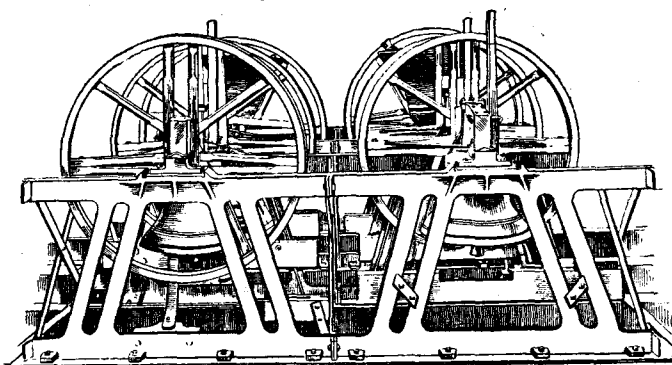
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Campanile of St. Mark's, at Venice, during
the grand inauguration fetes.

This peal of bells, with the exception of
the larger one, which was recovered, un-
damaged, in the ruins of the fallen tower
and rehung, is the Pontiff's own gift, in
memory of his former residence as Cardinal
Patriarch of Venice.

The Italian Government issued in-
structions for the Venice telephone line to
be reserved for the space of ten minutes at
the Pope's exclusive disposal, and Cardinal
Callegeri, the present Patriarch of St.
Mark's, issued a pastoral letter announcing
this news.

Now, however, the Temporalist party at
the Vatican has taken alarm, urging upon
the decrepit Pontiff that the acceptance of
such an act of courtesy from the Italian
Government would be equivalent to re-
nouncing the Papal claim to sovereignty
over Rome. Pius X. has ended by obeying
the agitators' orders and the ceremony
has been countermanded.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Southwold-on-Sea on Easter Monday. The towers of the surrounding district were well represented, and the ring of eight in the tower of the parish church was kept going in various methods throughout the day. Dinner was served in the parish room, under the presidency of the Rev. Wm. Pearson, supported by Messrs. G. Moy, F. C. Lambert, and A. J. Naunton (district secretaries), Mr. H. Hopson, and Mr. C. E. Borrett (Secretary). The usual loyal toasts were honoured after dinner, and votes of thanks were also passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the parish room.

The Secretary announced that the new report was ready for distribution, and would be in the hands of members within a few days. He also mentioned that a pageant was to be held in connection with the church and parish of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, in the grounds of the Bishop's Palace, on June 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th. The members of the Ringers' Guild desired it to be made known that the bells of St. Peter Mancroft would be open to the use of any visitors on those dates. Particulars could be obtained from the Honorary Secretary of the Guild, Mr. F. H. Phillips, 67, Carrow Road, Norwich.

A number of new members were elected before the close of the meeting, after which both handbells and tower bells were kept going until the end of the day.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The annual meeting was held at Wolverhampton on Easter Monday, when upwards of seventy members assembled from Birmingham, Bloxwich, Coseley, Haughton, Netherton, Pulford, Rushall, Sedgley, Smethwick, Tamworth, Tettenhall, Tipton, Walsall, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, Willenhall, Wolverhampton, Wombourn, Wood Green, and Wordsley.

The bells at St. Peter's and St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, and St. Michael's, Tettenhall, were made good use of, among the methods practised being Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques; Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques; Erin Triples and Cinques, Bob Major and Maximus, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major. There was a fairly good attendance at Evensong at St. Peter's, after which a substantial tea was provided at Fleming's Restaurant, followed by the general meeting. Mr. S. Reeves was voted to the chair. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from the President (Rev. Archdeacon Blakeway), and the Rev. Preb. Alfred Penny (Rector of Wolverhampton). The report and balance-sheet were passed—the former showing that the Society was making headway, while the latter showed a balance in hand of £19 17s. 9d. The committee—Rev. W. Solly, Rev. O. W. Steele, and Mr. W. W. Worthington—were re-elected, as were also the clerical secretary and treasurer (Rev. E. V. Cox), and the lay secretary (Mr. H. Knight). Mr. G. Hughes was appointed ringing master in the place

of Mr. T. J. Elton (retired). Messrs. R. Cartwright and S. Reeves were re-elected as representatives on the Central Council. Two honorary, fourteen ringing and one life member were added to the list. The following places were selected for the coming meetings: Breewood in June, Wombourn in September, Perry Barr in January, and Walsall for the next annual meeting. Cycling meetings are to be revived, and the first is to take place on April 27th, to Norton Canes. Votes of thanks to the Rector and the other incumbents for the use of the bells, to the retiring ringing master and honorary secretaries for services rendered, and to the chairman for presiding, concluded the business.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The above Association held its annual general meeting at Huntingdon on Easter Monday, April 8th, when a good muster of members and friends attended from Cambridge, Ely, Chatteris, Thetford, St. Neots, Eynesbury, Mildenhall, Sutton, Wilburton, Raunds, Kettering and Huntingdon. The towers of All Saints and St. Mary's, Huntingdon, and Godmanchester were kindly placed at the disposal of the members by the Vicars, Rev. W. R. Gardner and Canon A. Sloman. During the morning ringing was confined to the two Huntingdon towers, where touches of Kent and Oxford Treble on All Saints, and Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich at St. Mary's, were rung until time for service. At 12.30 p.m. members assembled at All Saints, where Divine Service was conducted by the Rev. W. R. Gardner, a short and eloquent address being given by the Venerable Archdeacon of Huntingdon, who took for his text Psalm cxii, 1. "I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord."

The annual dinner and business meeting was held at The George hotel at 1.30 p.m., where the company numbering forty-four sat down. Those present included the Ven. Archdeacon Vesey, in the chair, Revs. A. H. F. Boughhey, H. S. T. Richardson, W. R. Gardner, J. M. Clarkson, K. H. Smith, and Messrs. T. R. Dennis, J. Taylor, G. Taylor, W. B. Kempton, E. M. Atkins, A. E. Pilgrim, G. D. Coleman, S. J. Coleman, A. J. Abrams, F. Rowlinson, and others.

At the conclusion of dinner the chairman regretted his inability to stop for further proceedings, as both he and the Rev. W. R. Gardner had a funeral to attend. He rejoiced to see the Association visit Huntingdon once more, and was always pleased to be of any service he could. He was particularly pleased to notice that the Association had instituted a service in connection with its meetings, and hoped the practice would be continued. He also made some interesting remarks in connection with the Cambridge Youths, of which he had the honour to be a member. After wishing the meeting every success, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughhey moved a hearty vote of thanks be accorded them for their kindness that day, which was carried with acclamation.

The Rev. A. H. F. Boughhey was unanimously voted to

the vacated chair, and the business was proceeded with. The minutes of the last annual meeting at Cambridge were read and confirmed. The general secretary and treasurer then gave their annual reports which were entirely satisfactory, and showed an increase of the balance in hand of over £3 compared with 1911. It was unanimously decided to hold the next annual meeting at Bury St. Edmunds on Easter Monday, 1913. The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: Mr. T. R. Dennis, General Secretary; Rev. K. H. Smith, Treasurer; District Secretaries: Hunts, Archdeaconry, Rev. J. M. Clarkson; Archdeaconry of Ely, P. Webb; Archdeaconry of Sudbury, Rev. R. L. Gardner; Isle of Ely, F. Rowlinson; Auditor, H. A. Turner. New members from Ingham, Livermere, Worlington, Timworth, Barrow, Lavenham, Chatteris, Cambridge, Wilburton, numbering sixteen, were elected. Votes of thanks to the Vicars for the use of the bells terminated the meeting.

The company then adjourned to the various churches, where ringing was kept up till nearly 8 p.m., various methods being practised.

It is hoped the meeting will be the precursor of greater things throughout the county, especially the restoration of one or two of the peals. Although Godmanchester bells are at the present time ringable, there are abundant signs that the presence of the bellhanger is required. The fine peal of eight at St. Neots is at the present time unringable, and it is to be hoped a movement may be set on foot to put them in order.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.—The members of this District met at Widford on Easter Monday, the proceedings commencing with practice on the tower bells just before four o'clock. At five o'clock a short service was held in the parish church, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. F. R. Thurlough. In the course of a short address the rev. gentleman extended a hearty welcome to the members of the Association, emphasising the fact that this being the first time they had met there, and also as it was the year of the jubilee of the tower and bells, it made it all the more delightful to meet them. The musical part of the service was accompanied by Mr. A. S. Firman, the organist of Stock. Tea was afterwards served at The White Horse hotel, the Rector presiding, supported by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master).

At the business meeting, which followed, the chair was occupied by Mr. Edwards (District Master). The minutes of the proceedings at the last annual meeting, and those of a bye meeting having been read and confirmed, the formal business proceeded. Messrs. G. Camp, W. Green, E. G. Sitch and P. Sitch, of Fryerning, were elected members. Meetings were arranged to be held at Shenfield, in June, and the next quarterly meeting at Rayleigh, in August. A letter was read asking support for the fund for rehanging the bells of Shoreditch parish church, but consideration of this was deferred to the Annual General Meeting on Whit Monday. The thanks of the meeting were accorded the Rector for his address and for the use of the bells, on the proposition of Mr. Kirton, seconded by Mr. Wiles, supported by Mr. Howard. Among the towers represented were Baddow, Bentley (South Weald), Boreham, Braintree, Chelmsford, Dagenham, Fryerning, Writtle and Widford. The bells of Writtle were kept going in the intervals, the methods rung ranging from Grandsire Doubles (by the newly-formed Fryerning company) to Superlative Surprise.

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OLD-TIME RECORDS.

The following records of peals, taken from the *Cambridge Chronicle and Journal* of the dates named are interesting, especially to local ringers.

March 17th, 1773.

On Shrove Tuesday last was rung at Holbeach in Lincolnshire (by their own company) the compleat peal of 5040 Bob Majors; treble William Major, who called the bobs; 2d John Ash, sen.; 3d Henry Naylor; 4th John Clark; 5th John Stuart; 6th John Johnson; 7th John Rhodes; tenor, Thomas Johnson. They were only one minute longer than the Norwich ringers, who are esteemed the best in England.

On Saturday last was rung, at St. John the Baptist, in Peterborough, a compleat peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5040 changes, which was completed in three hours and ten minutes, by the following persons, viz., 1st John Loving, sexton; 2d John Cross; 3rd John Loving; 4th Yarwell Palmer; 5th John Loving; 6th John Jamblin, who called the peal; 7th John Smith; 8th George Burnall, jun.

December 4th, 1773.

On Tuesday was rung at Saffron Walden, by a mixed company from Oxford, Cambridge and that place, a compleat peal, consisting of 5040 changes in 3 hours and 20 minutes.

The above was attempted the preceding day, but was lost at the end of 2000 by the breaking of a rope; a second attempt miscarried at the end of 3000 by a like accident; and what is singular, at the coming round of the bells when the peal was completed the same rope broke again.

April 30th, 1774.

This is to acquaint all gentlemen Ringers that there is half a Dozen Hats, given (gratis) by F. Taylor, at the "Queen's Head," at Sawston in the County of Cambridge, on Monday the 16th day of May, 1774, to any Pitch or Set of Ringers that shall be allowed to ring these three extream Peals: the best St Dunstan's Doubles, the Dream, and Fortune, to be determined by one substantial Ringer, as Judge, which shall be chose before the time, and to be entitled to the sixth Hat; which said person shall fairly and clearly determine, and without any Dispute. Whoever are the winners shall have them; and it will not be allowed for any more than two of the Ringers belonging to the said Parish to be in any one Pitch.

N.B.—The Bells and Wheels are in good repair.

May 28th, 1774.

Wednesday se'nnight, was rung at St. Mary Magdalen College, Oxford, by eight of the Oxford Youths, assisted by two from Cambridge, a complete peal of five thousand and fifty eight grandsire caters, in three hours and twenty one minutes, which was allowed by many competent judges to be a very good performance.

Some friends of the Bishop of Lichfield have presented him with a new motor-car as an Easter offering, in recognition of his unceasing labours in the service of the Diocese during an episcopate which has extended over a period of more than twenty years.

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NOTES.

We have received a report of the re-opening of the bells of Christ Church, Crewe, for which we have to thank a valued correspondent, but regret that owing to lack of time and space we are compelled to hold it over till next week.

Mr. Walter E. Apperley (Bristol), of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, is leaving Tilbury Dock on April 26th, in the R.M.S. "Orvieto," for Melbourne, Australia.

At the Easter Vestry at Whitwick, held on Wednesday in Easter Week, Mr. S. W. West, one of the senior ringers at the parish church, was unanimously elected as Parish Warden. Mr. West was previously Parish Warden 1901-5.

Like every other body ringers have had to suffer from the strike of the miners. We note that some of them cycled thirty miles or more to get to a meeting, which at any rate shows that enthusiasm still obtains among the ringers in the Garden of England. To cycle 30 miles on such as Easter Monday not only required grit, but must have resulted in the riders accumulating a fair share of grit of another sort.

The ringers who lived in the Cambridge District in the later years of the 18th century appear to have met with some of the same difficulties as trouble their successors at the present time.

In another column we reprint several paragraphs from the *Cambridge Chronicle and Journal* of some 140 years ago, which a correspondent has sent us, thinking they would be as interesting to his brother ringers as they were to him. We tender him our thanks, and invite others to send us items of a similar character.

In one we note that at the first attempt a rope broke after 2,000 changes had been rung, while after a fresh start another broke at 3,000 the same rope coming to grief as a third attempt ended successfully.

Another announces that at Sawston Mr. F. Taylor gave six hats to be awarded to the band who should be allowed to ring peals of St. Dunstan's Doubles, The Dream, and Fortune at the Parish Church. There were only five bells, and the sixth hat was to be presented to the judge, who was to be a competent ringer appointed beforehand.

A note appended states that bells and wheels were in good repair. The reason for this note does not appear, but doubtless there was a good one. It would be interesting to know if the hats were ever won, and by whom. Perhaps some member of the local Association can enlighten us.

Our Employment Exchange is taking a start this week, and we anticipate that it will help some of our unfortunate brethren to better times. That is why we opened it.

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THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held at Bedford on Easter Monday, and proved to be one of the most important and successful that the society has held.

Notwithstanding the lack of facilities for railway travelling the attendance was greater than had been the case for a number of years. The bells of St. Paul's and St. Peter's were kept going to a variety of methods ranging from Plain Bob to Cambridge, Stedman Caters and Treble Ten: even the youngsters not being forgotten, a number of them ringing rounds on ten for the first time in their lives. The touches were all kept short, giving everyone an opportunity to take part in a variety.

At the dinner the Mayor (Mr. W. Roff), presided, supported by the President, the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, the Hon. Sec., the Rev. A. Rust, the Rev. Tyrwhitt Drake, the Misses D. and E. Steel, and Mr. Edwin Ransom.

After dinner the President gave a very hearty welcome to the Mayor. His Worship in responding expressed the pleasure it gave him to meet them. He knew nothing of the intricacies of change-ringing, but he knew when bells were rung well or badly. He knew that the objects of the Association were good, and desired to do all he could for the accomplishment of those objects. He was quite sure that all present liked the music of bells, and hoped that after enjoying their own music they would go inside the church to enjoy music there in prayer and praise to God their Creator, and Jesus Christ their Saviour.

The Hon. Secretary presented the report and balance-sheet, both of which were very satisfactory. The summer festival and quarterly meetings were well attended, and change-ringing had never previously been practised in this county in such advanced methods. Peal-ringing did not count everything, but the number of peals that had been rung was satisfactory; and though the standard was high it was probable that next year the standard would be much higher. The expenditure during the year had been rather heavy, but the accounts showed a good balance in hand.

The President moved a resolution to the effect that the area of the Association be divided into three districts, viz., Bedford, Biggleswade and Luton; that the annual meeting and summer festival be continued, but, in place of the quarterly meetings, meetings should be held in each district at convenient dates; each district to elect its officials from members resident within that district, and the district Hon. Secs. to be responsible to the General Hon. Sec. for all the business transacted within their respective districts. He considered that the Association constituted as it was, had in the past done very useful work: but it had become rather unwieldy, and a change in its constitution was necessary if more effective work was to be accomplished. If the resolution was adopted, a greater number of meetings would be held in the county, which would be beneficial to the members, and the principles they held so dear would be spread farther afield.

Mr. J. W. Barker in seconding the resolution, said that by adopting it, they would bring the Association up-to-date. No one could take up change-ringing and practise it without becoming mentally stronger and better; and if they could plant change-ringing where it has never been practised, and assist those to a higher grade who at present practised it, then not only would the ringers be benefited, but through their influence it would be beneficial to the community at large.

The Rev. Tyrwhitt Drake in recommending the scheme to the members, was sure that they would do nothing but

good in adopting the resolution. At some meetings they would have few members; at some there would be many members; but at all meetings they would be stepping forward. A number of questions were satisfactorily answered, and the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Messrs. Barker (Bedford), Blood (Biggleswade), King (Luton), were appointed to convene the first business meeting of their respective districts.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker was unanimously elected President. The Rev. Canon Haddock, Mr. Charles Herbert, and Mr. Edwin Ransom, Vice-presidents. The Rev. A. Rust, Hon. Secretary, and Mr. G. C. Walker Hon. Auditor, all with thanks for past services.

The general committee were re-elected with Mr. F. Blood (Biggleswade), added to it. In proposing the Rev. W. W. C. Baker as the representative on the Central Council, Mr. J. W. Barker said that he would like to see the C.C.'s report re Legitimate methods made an absolute rule. He knew that difficulties existed, but believed they could be surmounted. Eight and ten-bell ringers had, almost to a man, given up ringing methods that were not properly constructed and that did not conform to the principles laid down by the Council. He was sorry that such was not the case with six-bell ringers. All over the country methods not legitimate were rung and counted as peals. If every leading ringer did his best, illegitimate methods would soon die a natural death, but he thought considering the length of time that had elapsed since the report was published, it was now time the C.C. made a definite move.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker, in thanking the members for electing him, said he thought the idea of the Council was to give the best advice possible to the affiliated Societies. Difficulties did exist, not only off the Council, but on the Council in the matter referred to by Mr. Barker. The C.C. preferred to permeate the Associations with its principles rather than coerce them with rules; the former method if not as effective as some desired, had certainly effected good work, and he believed lacked that irritation which would probably be caused with some individuals if the C.C. made the question a specific rule.

Votes of thanks to the Rev. Canon Woodard for the use of the room and bells, and to the Mayor for presiding were carried with acclamation, and the meeting terminated with some handbell ringing.

DEDICATION OF BELLS AT MILES PLATTING.

The ring of six bells at St. John's church, Miles Platting, after doing duty for forty years, have recently been recast and increased to eight, by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The dedication ceremony took place on Saturday last, some fifty ringers attending from various towers in the neighbourhood to test their "go" and tone, and the opinion obtained generally that both were as good as could be.

The Vicar (Rev. A. Anderton) read the dedication prayers, and the Rev. H. J. Elsee (Vicar of St. George's, Bolton), was the preacher. After the service peals were rung in the four standard methods and in Superlative, Sir Arthur Heywood conducting the Stedman and Kent peals, in which the Rev. H. J. Elsee also took part. Altogether about twenty towers were represented, and the ringers together with a number of parishioners and friends took tea in the schools at five o'clock.

We understand that the bells were presented by Sir Arthur Heywood, who is the patron of the living.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on April 25th, at 7.30 p.m.; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 30th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 30th, at 8 p.m.; also on Saturday evenings at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, 7.30

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The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Hadley on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available at 3.30. Tea, 6d. each, at 5 o'clock. All are welcome.
C. T. COLES, Hon. Sec.
173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Deansgate, Manchester, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7. Election of Committeeman.
W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Branch Sec.

The Kent County Association.—The annual meeting of the Maidstone district will be held at Leeds on Saturday, April 20th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Short service at 5 o'clock. Meat tea at The George inn at 5.30 p.m. A charge of 3d. per member for tea will be made. This ensures a better tea.
G. MOORE, Dis. Sec.
71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Crondall on Saturday, April 20th. 30—Bells available (6). Mr. S. Cranston, Steeple-keeper. 5.30.—Service at All Saints church, Preacher—Rev. E. B. Cotton, Vicar. 6.15.—Tea at The Castle hotel. Tea tickets 6d. each, Visitors 1s. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at or before the meeting.
JOHN J. JONES, Hon. Sec.
North Street, Guildford.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Lee, S.E., on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service with address by the Rev. R. Meddings (Rector), at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow in the Kingswood Hall, the Rector presiding. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.
T. GROOMBRIDGE, Hon. Dis. Sec.
34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Eckington on Saturday, April 27th. Service with an address at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting after the service. Bells (6) available at 3.30 p.m.
J. HEMMING, Hon. Br. Sec.
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The Warwickshire Guild.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m.
Rev. C. C. COX, Hon. Sec.
The Parsonage, Shottery.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Titchfield on Wednesday, May 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea by the invitation of the Vicar, Rev. C. E. Matthews, at the Parish Room at 5.30. Meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by April 27th.
J. W. WHITING, Dis. Sec.
Fareham.

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Mistley on Saturday, May 4th. Tea 9d. each at the Parish Institute at 5.30, will be provided for those sending notice to
A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM, Dis. Sec.
Sandpit Road, Braintree.

The Lancashire Association.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Chorley with Whittle-le-Woods, on Saturday, May 11th. Further particulars by circular.
W. H. SHUKER, } Hon. Secs.
J. H. BANKS. }

The Bedfordshire Association.—Bedford District.—The business meeting will be held at Elstow on Saturday, April 27th. Bells from 2.20 p.m. Meeting in the vestry at 5 p.m.
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At a large gathering at the Church House, Moor Street, Birmingham, on Easter Tuesday, a presentation was made by the parishioners of St. Martin's to the late Rector, Dr. Denton Thompson, on his elevation to the Bishopric of Sodor and Man. The presentation took the form of an illuminated address and a purse of gold, whilst a silver kettle was presented to Mrs. Denton Thompson. Reference was made both in the address and in the speeches to Dr. Thompson's able and devoted ministrations.

A presentation has been made to Canon Arthur T. Barnett on the occasion of his leaving Bordighera, on the Italian Riviera to accept the living of Higham, near Rochester. Canon Barnett (writes a correspondent), was chaplain of All Saints church, Bordighera, for the last twenty-one years where he laboured with much acceptance and devotion. He also worked strenuously for the diocese, especially in the organisation of the Gibraltar Missions to Seamen. The testimonial consisted of an illuminated address, with the names appended of over a hundred subscribers, and a cheque for £125, together with a personal gift to Mrs. Barnett of a gold watch-bracelet.

The Rev. J. F. Hoyle, Vicar of Stoke Poges, Bucks., announces his resignation, to take effect in May or June. In a letter to his parishioners he says he has felt for some time that his strength was not fully adequate to the work of the parish, which is very scattered.

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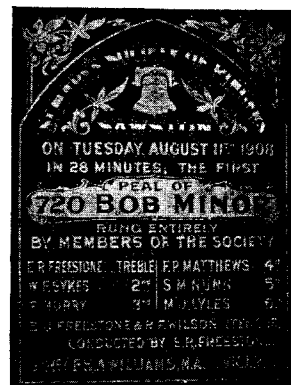
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 1912.

SEVERAL matters of importance which cropped up at annual meetings of Associations call for special mention. In nearly all cases the Coal Strike caused some inconvenience to members owing to the curtailment of railway facilities. As a consequence, in many cases, cycling had to be resorted to in order to get to the meeting place. This did not deter ardent representatives, some of whom, we read, cycled thirty miles to be there, and we presume, thirty miles back. This shows enthusiasm of the right order.

We note that the youngsters were not forgotten. This is how it should be, for upon the youngsters will depend the continuation of our Exercise after the present generation have to give it up. Give the learners a chance to

practice the higher methods and they will be enthused with a desire to emulate the doings of their elders, and the desire, working out in deeds, will result in their attaining a degree of efficiency equal to that of their seniors, which will make for still further success in the future.

"Advance" seems to be the motto all round. Reports from all directions point to improvements upon former years, and point to other still to come. In some districts the growth has been such as to necessitate division, a step which makes for greater efficiency, if not carried too far, inasmuch as it brings more members into touch with executive work. These find out the many difficulties branch and central officers have to deal with, and gaining experience in their minor affairs, are able to deal more effectively with questions of greater import brought forward by the higher authorities. Another gain effected by these divisions is that it enables a larger number of members to attend district gatherings. Time and means have to be found to enable members to get to meetings, and while these are easily managed by some, there are others with whom both are a drawback. To the latter the splitting up of districts will be welcome. The increased number of meetings, too, will tend to instil greater interest in ringing methods, since meetings can be held in places that would otherwise be unvisited.

We are quite in sympathy with the opinion expressed by a speaker at the meeting of the Bedfordshire Association who, dealing with the question of legitimate and illegitimate methods thought the Central Council wished to give the best advice to all, and to permeate the minor Societies with their ideas rather than to attempt to coerce them by laying down hard and fast rules which would probably cause unnecessary friction. Even methods which are not strictly standard methods have had good results, and will do so again, and on this ground should be tolerated, even though not advocated. We believe in attaining the highest standard of efficiency, and if this is gained by somewhat unorthodox methods what does it matter?

The Provinces.

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

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S SIX-PART. Tenor 32 cwt.

J. FRANK PROCTOR* Treble.	JOHN C. WHEATSTONE 5.
ERNEST NIDD† 2.	WILLIAM G. THORPE 6.
HARRY THORPE 3.	SIDNEY PROCTOR 7.
ALBERT C. DARNELL 4.	THOMAS H. HALL Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

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

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX. THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT W. WHEALE .. Treble.	JAMES PARSONS 5.
JOHN FRIST 2.	THOMAS STRINGER 6.
ERNEST BISH 3.	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 7.
HENRY J. GRAVETT 4.	WILLIAM STENNING Tenor.

Conducted by A. W. GRAVETT.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDK. C. RICH Treble.	JOHN TAYLOR 5.
HORACE TAYLOR 2.	CHARLES W. BELL 6.
FRANCIS CANNINGS 3.	SIDNEY HILLIER 7.
TOM F. KING 4.	LOTHER P. SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. BELL.

First peal of Triples by the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd. First peal by the ringer of the tenor. Rung on the 37th anniversary of the opening of the bells.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS Treble.	WILLIAM STEELE 5.
ALFRED EDNELL 2.	FREDK. J. WHITAM 6.
JOHN F. WILSON 3.	JOHN ALDIS, JUN. 7.
FRANK COPEMAN* 4.	GEORGE POYNTZ Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WM. STEELE.

*First peal in the method.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR. 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lbs.

WILLIAM A. HEMPEL† .. Treble.	*JOHN ALDIS, JUN. 5.
GEORGE H. CROSS 2.	GEORGE HOWCHIN 6.
ALBERT G. WARNES 3.	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 7.
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 4.	WILLIAM STEELE Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by WM. STEELE.

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

HARLOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

HARRY BOTTRILL Treble.	WALTER TARLING 5.
WALTER HOES 2.	*HARRY SMALE 6.
GEORGE F. MARGETSON 3.	WILLIAM WATTS 7.
HENRY J. TUCKER 4.	*CHARLES HOY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

*First peal in the method.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES. Being seven 720s. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN SPENCER Treble.	JOHN LASTER 4.
ALBERT J. NAUNTON 2.	EDWARD NUNN 5.
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON 3.	NORMAN R. BAILEY Tenor.

Conducted by N. R. BAILEY.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

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ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN Treble.	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN .. 5.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY.. 2.	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 6.
ALFRED KNIGHT* 3.	WALTER PERKINS 7.
E. MAURICE ATKINS.. .. 4.	ALBERT V. INNS Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by the Rev. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

*First peal of Norwich away from the treble.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

HARRY G. SPRINGATE .. Treble.	STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK 5.
GEORGE W. RIORDAN .. 2.	FRANK BELSEY 6.
HARRY HOGARTH 3.	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. 7.
CORPL. JAMES BENNETT. .. 4.	GEORGE R. LAWRENCE .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BELSEY.

First peal by the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th, and tenor. All members of the local band.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, April 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. Treble.	*WILLIAM HODGETTS.. .. 5.
FRANK T. MARTIN 2.	*GEORGE E. HOWCHIN .. 6.
HENRY HODGETTS 3.	GEORGE N. PRICE 7.
HOBERT EDEN 4.	*ALFRED B. PECK Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

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

BRISTOL.—THE ST. NICHOLAS' GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF ERIN CATERS, 5025 CHANGES.

FRED G. MAY Treble.	WILLIAM WHITE 6.
ALFRED E. REEVES 2.	FRANK K. HOWELL 7.
ALBERT STOWELL 3.	GILBERT WILTSHIRE.. .. 8.
FREDK. W. WADE 4.	ISAAC LONG.. .. 9.
CHARLES PENNY.. .. 5.	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor.

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

First peal of Erin by ringers of 2, 5, 6, 7.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS WHITE.. .. Treble.	JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE .. 5.
JAMES L. WRIGHT 2.	EDWIN BLACWALL 6.
HENRY GREGORY 3.	WILLIAM TAYLOR 7.
HUGH W. GREGORY.. .. 4.	GEORGE COOK Tenor.

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

First peal of Stedman by all except the conductor. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 10, 1912, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES :

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 23½ cwt.

GEORGE B. SELBY Treble.	JAMES HEASMAN 5.
ARTHUR J. LEWIS 2.	*EDWARD J. HOAD 6.
ALBERT BELTON.. .. 3.	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7.
CYRIL F. JOHNSTON 4.	HENRY J. SELBY Tenor.

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

*First peal of Stedman. This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Miss D. L. Warde, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel C. A. M. Warde, to Mr. A. H. O. Streatfield, both of Westerham.

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES :

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 720 each of Woodbine, Double Court, and Bob Minor.

CHARLES BAILEY Treble.	ARTHUR BLYTH 4.
CHARLES CHINERY 2.	GEORGE BAILEY 5.
EDGAR BAILEY 3.	ARTHUR BAILEY Tenor.

Conducted by A. BAILEY.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE Treble.	REUBEN SANDERS 5.
ARTHOR CHAPLIN 2.	HARRY F. DAWKINS.. .. 6.
GEORGE H. JAYE 3.	WESLEY WATSON 7.
GEORGE R. PYE.. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES GILES.. .. Treble.	FREDK. NEWMAN 6.
FREDK. ALEXANDER 2.	ALBERT E. REEVES 7.
RICHARD T. HERBERT .. 3.	ERNEST W. MENDAY .. 8.
CHARLES COX 4.	FRANK HOPGOOD 9.
RICHARD N. RUNHAM .. 5.	HENRY TUCKER.. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN NELMS, and Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Edward Bailey, of Reading, who was interred in Reading Cemetery the same day.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs.

JOSEPH J. PARKER Treble.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. 5.
GEORGE H. GUTTRIDGE .. 2.	JAMES BLACKMORE 6.
EDGAR HANCOX 3.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. 7.
JOSEPH J. PRATT 4.	THOMAS SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. CYRIL JENKYN.

Rung in honour of the Easter festival. Birthday greetings to the the 3rd ringer. First peal in the method by the ringer of the 6th.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

VICARS' SIX-PART.		TENOR 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 23 lbs.	
WALTER G. DARLINGTON* .. Treble.	1	GEORGE MAXIM	5.
FRANK JELF	2.	HENRY G. ROWE	6.
GEORGE RADLEY	3.	WILLIAM SARAN	7.
HENRY CORNWALL	4.	† ROBERT SMITH	Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

† First peal. * First peal in the method. The ringers of the 3rd and 7th belong to Broxbourne; the rest to the local band.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		TENOR 12½ cwt.	
THOMAS J. SALTER Treble.	1	ROBERT MATTHEWS	5.
GEORGE FIGOTT	2.	JOHN BARBER	6.
JOHN BASS	3.	WILLIAM SHORT	7.
WILLIAM SHILVOCK	4.	SAMUEL GROVE	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

This is Samuel Grove's 200th peal.

SAWSTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES:

IN THE KENT VARIATION.		TENOR 13 cwt.	
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY .. Treble	1	PERCY TAYLOR	5.
T. R. DENNIS	2.	GEORGE TAYLOR	6.
PERCY WEBB	3.	B. D. BUTTRESS	7.
REV. B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE ..	4.	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON	Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and

Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET

A PEAL OF PLAIN MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of St. Clement's Bob, Single Court, Double Oxford, and two each of Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ROLAND O. POLLARD .. Treble.	1	WALTER J. HORTON	4.
THOMAS H. VALLANCE	2.	GEOFFREY J. STONELEY ..	5.
ROBERT C. CLIFFORD	3.	E. HARRY STONELEY ..	Tenor.

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

REVELSTOKE, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(CHARLES' SOCIETY, PLYMOUTH.)

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF ORANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		TENOR 17½ cwt.	
WILLIAM HOOPER Treble.	1	REGINALD DOBSON	5.
ERNEST W. MARSH	2.	WALTER H. MARSH	6.
WARREN HORNBERG	3.	WILLIAM D. JAMES	7.
REV. E. S. POWELL*	4.	JOSEPH WOOLLEY	Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal on the bells.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

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

TENOR 11 cwt.

WILLIAM E. EDWARDS* .. Treble.	1	WALTER W. BONHAM	4.
HERBERT C. EDWARDS	2.	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ..	5.
ALBERT J. GREEN	3.	CECIL A. VALENTINE ..	Tenor.

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. G. Edwards and A. J. Green.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

PARKER'S SIX-PART.		TENOR 16 cwt.	
W. H. LAMBERT Treble.	1	C. TRIER	5.
A. JOHNSON	2.	GEO. JOHNSON	6.
F. E. BURDEN	3.	C. W. PLAYER	6.
A. DAW*	4.	A. BLACKMAN	Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. PLAYER.

* First peal of Triples. Messrs. C. W. Player and A. Daw hail from Stone-in-Oxney; A. and G. Johnson from Appledore; C. Tribe from Tenterden; W. Lambert from Benenden; F. E. Burden and A. Blackman are of the local tower.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES:

IN THE KENT VARIATION.		TENOR 15 cwt.	
ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM Treble.	1	FRANK HALL	5.
WILLIAM HENRY BRADLEY ..	2.	BENJAMIN GODDARD	6.
ROBERT WALKER	3.	JOHN HARBOP	7.
JOHN J. PEMBERTON	4.	JOSEPH GODDARD	Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON, and Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM.
Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the memory of the late Mrs. Edward Chapman, formerly of this parish.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:

IN THE KENT VARIATION.		TENOR 15 cwt.	
THOMAS B. KENDALL .. Treble.	1	JOSEPH BROADLEY	5.
ERNEST A. MURGATROYD ..	2.	JOHN JOYCE	6.
EMMANUEL WICKHAM*	3.	JOE A. ROSS	7.
WILLIAM JOYCE	4.	GEORGE A. O. NETTLETON	Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERLEY, and

Conducted by THOMAS B. KENDALL.

First peal since they were rehung and retuned by Messrs. J. W. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The "go" and tone are excellent, and reflects great credit on the firm. Rung in honour of the re-election of the churchwardens, Mr. F. C. M. S. Rhodes, and Mr. Albert H. Horne. * First peal away from the treble by the ringer of the 3rd.

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CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (READING BRANCH)

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

ALFRED H. POLLING .. Treble.	WALTER A. WEBB 5.
RICHARD RONHAM 2.	JOHN SWAIN 6.
ALFRED T. REEVES 3.	CHARLES COX 7.
CHARLES GILES 4.	REUBEN SAWYER Tenor.

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

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

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR. 5376 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY TUCKER Treble.	ALBERT E. REEVES 5.
CHARLES GILES 2.	REV. C. W. O. JENEYN .. 6.
AMERSE W. OSBORNE .. 3.	ALFRED WATMORE 7.
ERNEST W. MENDAY .. 4.	ALFRED H. POLLING .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Arranged for Mr. A. H. Polling who was on a visit to Reading.

BENGWORTH, EVESHAM.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. (SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES; Being forty-two 6-scores.

THOMAS MIDDLETON .. Treble.	JAMES HEMMING 4.
JOHN HAMPTON 2.	WILLIAM GIBBONE 5.
SAMUEL CHURCHLEY .. 3.	WILLIAM HARRIS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

First peal by all the band except the conductor.

CHIPPENHAM, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDK. SALTER Treble.	ALFRED TURNER 4.
ALFRED MACRO 2.	WILLIAM STANNARD .. 5.
PEECY FORDHAM 3.	THOS. FITZJOHN Tenor.

Conducted by T. FITZJOHN.

This is thought to be the first peal on the bells.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR. 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal in the method.

Handbell Peals.

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

On Thursday, April 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

IN THE BELFREY OF ST. WULFRAM'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

HARRY THORPE 1-2.	WILLIAM G. THORPE .. 3-4.
SIDNEY PROCTOR 5-6.	

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

Umpire—Arthur Taylor. First handbell peal by all, also first ever rung in the town of Grantham. Rung at the first attempt.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NANTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE RECTORY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSOM-2.	E. MAURICE ATRINS .. 5-6.
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN .. 3-4.	*WALTER PERKINS 7-8.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

*First peal in hand. Umpire—William C. Lewis.

CROYDON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PARKER'S 12-PART.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 1-2.	WALTER S. WISE 5-6.
ACKLAND J. PERKINS .. 3-4.	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7-8.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Umpires—T. H. Colburn and S. R. Roper. First peal on handbells as conductor by T. Groombridge.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT 156, WYGGESTON STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

CHARLES SANDERS 1-2.	ALBERT P. WAKLEY .. 5-6.
WILLIAM SHERCLIFF .. 3-4.	*JOSEPH T. DYKE 7-8.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, and

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

First peal in the method by all. *First peal on handbells, and first on eight bells as conductor. Umpire—George Bull.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. (SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 14, 1912, in Two Hours,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. OSBORN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

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

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

Conducted by J. W. LAKE.

This is the first peal in seven methods ever rung in hand. Witness—Mrs. Osborn.

CAMBRIDGE.—THX CAMBRIDGE; UNIVERSITY GUILD.*On Wednesday, April 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes.**In the President's Room. Trinity College,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;***In the Kent Variation.*

REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 1-2.	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 5-6.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 3-4.	*WILLIAM D. JAMES .. 7-8.

*Composed by W. Harrison, and Conducted by E. M. Atkins.***First peal of Treble Bob.***Date Touches.****STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**

UTTOKETER.—On Easter Monday, April 8th, at the parish church of St. Mary, W. Gordon's date touch of 1912 Grandsire Triples. W. Cope, J. Richardson, S. J. Kinnersley, A. B. Cope, W. Lunn, C. Smith, A. P. Cope, W. Walters. Conducted by A. P. Cope. The above was rung as a compliment to the ringer of the treble, Mr. W. Cope, who, on Easter Monday, completed his 60th year as a ringer at St. Mary's church. This is also his longest touch.

Miscellaneous.**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION**

ISHAM.—On Good Friday, for Evensong, with bells half muffled, 720 Oxford Bob (26 singles and 34 bobs). R. T. Buswell, W. C. Lewis, W. T. Wilson, A. E. Foust, G. A. Blaxley, E. M. Atkins conductor. On Wednesday, March 27th, a course of Cambridge. F. Andrew, W. Robinson, W. C. Lewis, J. E. Chapman, W. T. Wilson, E. M. Atkins.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HERSHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday, April 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1280 changes. G. Edser, sen., F. Shepherd, A. F. Shepherd, W. Shepherd, W. A. Woodrow, A. Woodrow, F. J. Shepherd, J. Emery. Composed by W. Shepherd, and conducted by J. Emery.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, March 31st, at Bishop Ryder's church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. S. Coley, G. A. Taylor, A. T. Scrivens, W. J. Webb, J. T. Perry conductor, W. H. Carrod, J. B. Collett, T. Pearce. On April 14th, for Thankoffering Sunday, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1344 changes, in 48 mins. S. Coley, J. B. Collett, A. T. Scrivens, W. F. Webb, J. T. Perry conductor, *W. H. Carrod, G. A. Taylor, J. Porter. *First quarter-peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOXLEY.—On Easter Sunday, for the 6.30 service, 480 Grandsire Doubles. A. Baker, W. Hope, G. Pound (conductor), L. Bowley, W. Kilpatrick, F. Wright. For the 11.0 service a 360 in the same method. A. Pantony, W. Gosling conductor, W. Hope, L. Bowley, G. Pound, F. Wright.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**READING BRANCH.**

READING (Berks).—On Wednesday, April 10th, at St. Giles' church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 53 mins. L. Osborne, Miss E. Goodship, H. Osborne, C. Higgs, A. Bailey, G. Goodship, A. W. Osborne conductor, A. H. Burgess. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. H. B. Blandy, the interment taking place at Wokingham on this day.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, April 14th, for Divine Service at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, in 49 mins

L. Attwater (conductor), B. Harvey (first quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, A. Cutmore, J. W. Driver, J. W. Kelly, A. W. Darlington (first quarter-peal of Stedman Caters), W. J. Troughton, S. J. Collins, W. Hollier, G. F. Edwards.

THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

SWANSEA.—On April 13th, at St. Mary's church, a half peal of Stedman Triples, in 1 hr. 33 mins. P. Kneath, F. Morgan, W. Rice, C. Morse, J. Davies, C. Hoare, J. Hoare conductor, E. Davies. Rung after an attempt for a peal came to grief and time not allowing for a fresh start. On April 14th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Curtis, F. Morgan, A. Searle, P. Kneath, J. Davies, C. Hoare, J. Hoare conductor, E. Davies.

BARNES (Surrey).—On Sunday, April 14th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. M. Jacobs, E. H. Cook, H. Barrett, F. Skevington, G. Iles, T. Bolton, C. F. W. Hunt conductor, J. Wilmott.

GREAT WOLFORD (Warwickshire).—On Wednesday, April 10th, 720 Grandsire. A. Large, E. Randall, G. Large, E. Large, W. Large (conductor), C. Locke.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday evening, March 10th, at St. Mary Abbots church, 1040 Kent Treble Bob Royal. F. G. Symonds, J. Hayward, C. J. Dobbie, W. G. Matthews, *R. Congreve-Pridgeon, W. A. Garrard, *Dr. Flaxman, A. V. Selby, W. E. Garrard (conductor), H. G. Miles. On Easter Sunday, in the evening, 1263 Stedman Caters. J. R. Mackman, W. E. Garrard (conductor), G. B. Edser, F. G. Symonds, H. G. Miles, A. E. Bradley, W. A. Garrard, *Dr. Flaxman, A. F. Harris, F. J. Redknapp. *First quarter-peals in the method.

PLYMOUTH.—On Sunday, April 9th, for evening service, 1008 Stedman Triples. J. Woodley, G. H. Myers, W. Rundie, W. Richards, W. D. James, W. Ford, E. W. Marsh (conductor), W. Hobbs. Longest length by ringer of treble.

STOKE-ON-TRENT (Staffs).—On Sunday evening, March 31st, 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Bloor, H. Page, J. Woodward, E. Landon, T. Austin, C. Page, S. Chnrton (conductor), F. Page. Longest length by the ringers of treble and 4th.

PRESENTATION TO A WHITWICK CHANGE-RINGER.

An interesting gathering was held in the parish church belfry on Easter Monday, the Vicar presiding, when Mr. Alfred Clarke who is shortly leaving for Sydney, Australia—received from his fellow ringers a present as a mark of appreciation for assisting in the belfry for upwards of nine years. The present was a silver albert with pendant in the shape of a bell, on which was neatly engraved the following inscription: "A mark of esteem from the Whitwick church bellringers, to Mr. Alfred Clarke; Epiphany, 1912."

At the close of an interesting speech the Vicar made the presentation.

Mr. Clarke suitably responded, warmly thanking the ringers for their kindness.

Mr. S. W. West gave a short account of Mr. Clarke's progress as a change-ringer, showing that he had risen by perseverance and study to a respectable position amongst local ringers. On behalf of the ringers, Mr. West expressed the hope that Mr. and Mrs. Clarke and daughter would have a safe journey and successful future.

Mr. H. Partridge also spoke in similar terms and proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding.

Mr. W. Fern seconded, and it was carried. The meeting then terminated.

CHURCH NEWS.

The new West Llandudno church, which will have a window raised to the memory of Lewis Carroll, will probably be opened about Whitsuntide.

The work of erecting the memorial in Salisbury Cathedral to Bishop John Wordsworth has been commenced. It will consist of a recumbent figure and fifty-four stall canopies, and will cost just over £5,100. It will take just over two years to complete.

Apropos of the name Ashburnham, the family name of the Earls of Ashburnham, derived originally from a Sussex hamlet, Esbarnham, Fuller, in his "Worthies," has a note that it belongs to "a family of stupendous antiquity," to which another chronicler adds, "It is one of the ancientest families in England, which can be instructed to have been of good account in Britain before the Conquest."

The Earl of Dudley has promised £1,000 towards the cost of adding a chancel to the Parish Church at Dudley, Worcester.

Winchester Cathedral will be closed to the public from April 22nd to May 4th, in order that it may be cleaned after being under repair for six years.

Canon Bartram, Rural Dean, and Vicar of St. Mary's, Dover, has resigned his appointments, and has been presented with a handsome silver salver subscribed for by the clergy of the deanery as a token of their esteem. Canon Bartram will preach his farewell sermons on Sunday next, at the Parish Church.

At the Easter vestry of St. Barnabas, North Finchley, the Rev. H. G. Phillipson reported that plans had been prepared for a new church, the first portion of which will cost £6,540. Grants amounting to £3,500 had been made and £1,200 had been raised locally, so that about £1,800 was still required.

Earl Howe has consented to lay the memorial stone, on April 23rd of the new nave of St. George's Church, Leicester, the old building having been destroyed by fire in October last. The Bishop of Grant-ham is to officiate on the occasion, and sermons will be preached in St. Martin's before and after the ceremony, by Canon Scott Holland, D.D. and the Rev. Father Stanton, of St. Alban's, Holborn.

A beautiful stained glass window, dedicated to the memory of the late Bishop of Lincoln, subscribed for by friends, has been unveiled at St. Agnes's Church, Kennington, before a large congregation. The dedication ceremony was conducted by the Rev. A. Holland, vicar, the Rev. C. C. Child assisting. The late rector of St. Agnes, Canon Dover, who preached, alluded to the very high character of the late Dr. King, who was, he said, gentle in words, gentle in thoughts, and gentle in deeds, and who, in the days when the teachings of that church were misrepresented and misunderstood, was their unerring guide and their patient friend. The late Bishop was the senior patron of the living, and had preached at the dedication service of St. Agnes for twenty years.

The Bishop of Oxford has dedicated a new east window in the parish church of Sutton Courtenay. The window, a memorial to the late Mrs. Goodson, given by her three daughters, consists of four lights of equal height with tracery, and contains two subjects—the Adoration of the Holy Child by the Magi and shepherds on the left, and the Adoration of our Lord as He ascends by our Lady and the apostles on the right.

A memorial window in the south wall of the sanctuary in Mitcham parish church has been unveiled by Canon Wilson. It consists of two lights with a tracery above. They are filled with a mosaic of rich blue glass, with yellow stars, giving the effect of a night sky. Above this is a glory of cherubs. The whole is in very quiet, subdued colour. A brass plate dedicates the window to the memory of Anna, wife of George Parker Bidder, K.C., of Ravensbury Park, Mitcham.

At a vestry meeting at Colchester this week it was announced that the Charity Commissioners had recommended the Government to take in hand the restoration of the ancient abbey of St. Botolph.

Two memorial windows are to be dedicated this week by the Bishop of St. Germans in the Chapel of the Community of the Epiphany at Truro, one in memory of Canon Body, the warden, the other of Mother Julian, the foundress of the Community.

Mr. William Liversedge, of Selby, who is defraying the cost of the re-building of the south transept of Selby abbey, has just made an additional gift in the shape of a large stained glass window for the transept. The window is of six lights, and will be filled in with historic scenes connected with the abbey. The Archbishop of York has fixed the opening ceremony of the new transept for August 1st next.

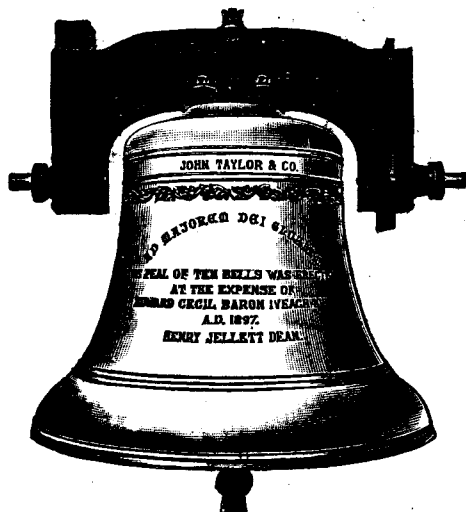
The organist (Mr. John Ding), has presented to the Vicar and churchwardens of Nuneaton, an old clarinet that was used in the services of the church in 1815.

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Also the chime of bells at Ames College, Iowa, U.S.A.
And the recast "Grandison," of Exeter Cathedral

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

Easter Monday was the day fixed for the Annual Meeting of the above Association, and with such a pretty spot as Evesham with its acres of white bloom for its venue, everything tended to its being a most successful meeting, both as regards business and pleasure.

Although the train service in the Midlands had been greatly curtailed, the members turned up in good numbers from all parts of the districts, many coming on cycles some thirty miles, or so, which considering the rough weather, was no easy task.

The bells in the Campanile Tower were going early in the day, and by the time the visitors began to arrive, the local ringers were just finishing a peal of Grandsire Caters, after which other members changed the music to Stedman Caters. The tower being away from the Church, is well worth inspection, and is also of great interest, being practically all that is left of the grand old Abbey, which made Evesham so notable in years gone by.

The usual ringers' service was held in the church of All Saints at 1.30, and it was quite gratifying to see so many ringers and church-workers gathered together to take part in it. The service was kindly arranged by the Vicar, the Rev. J. M. Walker, the organist and some of the choir boys being present to assist and make it still more enjoyable. After the address given by the Vicar, which alluded to Church bells and Church workers, he remarked how pleased he was to see that the members were not only ringers but singers, this being proved by the hearty singing of the hymns.

The members then adjourned to the old Church House, where everything was in readiness for the business meeting, something like 100 members being present. Owing to a wedding the Vicar could not be present, but the Rev. Sidney Phillips, who for many years has been Clerical Secretary, consented to preside. The minutes of the last annual meeting were passed as read. The next business was a proposal to start a Belfry Repairs Fund, and after a lengthy discussion it was deferred for twelve months.

Mr. T. Salter and Mr. J. R. Newman were elected as representatives on the Central Council, and as the last quarterly peal of Double Norwich Caters had not been rung, it was decided that Mr. J. R. Newman should make arrangements for another attempt.

The next annual meeting was fixed to be held at Stourbridge. It was also decided to admit Life Honorary Members on a subscription of two guineas. The election of officers then took place, the President and Vice-presidents being elected. Mr. T. J. Salter notified his intention to resign his office as Master, which was received with regret. Mr. A. E. Parsons, of Old Hill, was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy. A change was also made with respect to the Clerical Secretary, the Rev. J. F. Hastings, of Martley, being elected to the office, vice the Rev. Sidney Phillips, resigned. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. R. Newman, and the Treasurer, Mr. W. H. Johnson, were both re-elected, and Mr. H. Mason was placed on the Central Committee; the two auditors, Messrs. W. C. Jont and G. Checketts were also re-elected.

A most hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman, also to the Rev. J. M. Walker, the organist and choir boys for their assistance in making the meeting such a success, and to Mr. T. J. Salter for his excellent services as Master to the Association for so many years past. Mr. Salter suitably replied. The next item on the programme

was to partake of an excellent tea, which, by the help of the local ringers and friends, and the arrangements made by the local Secretary, Mr. G. E. Nind, was all that could be desired. Time getting short, another move was made to the various towers where all kinds of methods were tried, and the members take this opportunity of thanking the Vicars of Great Hampton and Bengeworth for the use of their bells upon this occasion. With pleasant recollections of a day in the Garden of England, they wended their way merrily home, everyone satisfied that the time had been well spent.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.

St. Mary's church, Waldron, possesses a ring of eight bells, with a tenor ten cwt. The 2nd and treble were cast by Wm. Mears in 1779 and 1780 respectively, the 3rd and 6th were cast by Thos. Janaway in 1773, the 4th and 5th were cast by Richard Phelps in 1732. The tenor and 7th were originally cast by Richard Phelps, but were recast by John Warner and Sons in 1887 to commemorate the Jubilee of Queen Victoria. The bells thus represent the work of four different Founders, each of whom cast two bells. These bells are now to be recast into a new ring of eight, with a tenor to weigh 12½ cwt., and hung in a modern steel frame. The work of restoration has been entrusted to Messrs. John Warner of the Spitalfields Foundry, London, and the new bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Lewes on June 27th.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD.—For evening service on Sunday, April 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. R. Fosdike, A. G. Bennington, J. Law, F. W. Richardson, T. G. Deal (conductor), W. Daynes (first with a bob bell), W. J. Jeffries, C. H. Macklin. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Joseph Law on his 70th birthday.

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52364	-	43526	-	24536	-
26543	-	32465	-	43265	-
64235	-	26435	-	36452	-
64352	-	I 63254	-	32654	-
45023	-	35642	-	42356	-
52436	-	54326	-	25463	-
56234	-	I I 54263	-	I 23564	-
63542	-	46532	-	36245	-
34562	I -	63425	-	56342	-
34625	-	I 65324	-	I 64523	-
23645	-	I 52643	-	42635	-
34256	-	32546	-	I 23456	-
45362	-	24365	-		
56423	-	46253	-		
62453	-	65432	-		
25634	-	53462	I -		
25346	-	I 36524	-		
65243	-	I 62345	-		

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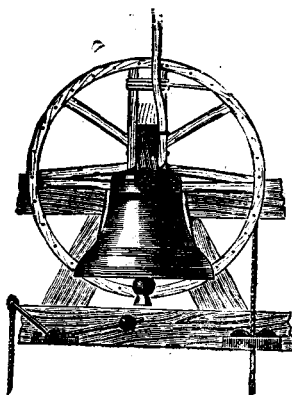
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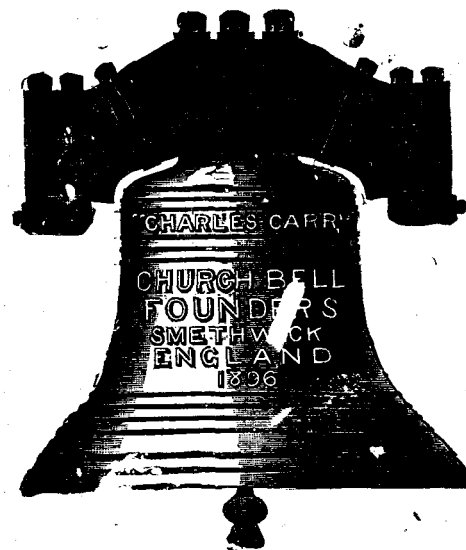
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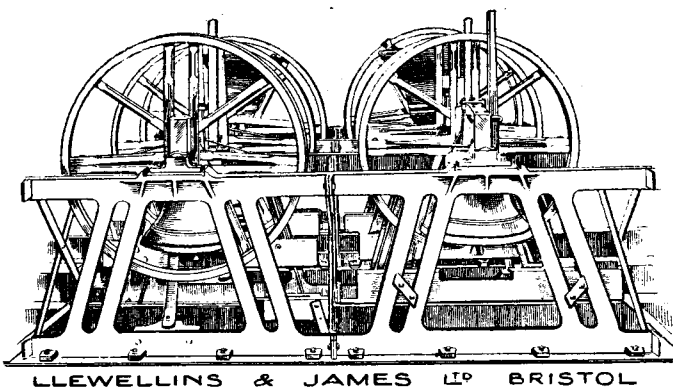
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The new church of St. Peter's, Lough-
borough, the result of twenty years' labours,
was consecrated by the Bishop of Peter-
borough. A special interest attaches to
this church, as most of the interior fittings
and furniture are either the work of, or
are given by, members of the congregation.
In spite of much opposition in the district,
the Vicar has maintained his position as a
true exponent of Catholic teaching and
practice, and his people are to be con-
gratulated in at length possessing so fine
an edifice in which to worship.

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RE-OPENING OF BELLS AT CHRIST CHURCH, CREWE.

The bells of Christ Church, Crewe, which were provided by public subscription in 1877, to commemorate the building of the 2,000th engine in Crewe Works, were re-opened on Wednesday week, after being silent for twelve months. During the interval the eight bells have been re-cast into a peal of ten, and the consummation of the scheme was the occasion of a special service at which there was a representative gathering of parishioners. After "telling out the feelings of the people in matters of weal or woe" for thirty-four years the bells had got into a very dilapidated condition, and it was absolutely necessary to take in hand their restoration. The work has been done in a thoroughly substantial manner, and the new peal has now taken the place of the old, to tell of joy or sorrow to the generations yet to come.

A scheme was set on foot a year ago by the Vicar and churchwardens, and Mr. C. J. B. Cooke (president of the Crewe and District Branch of the Diocesan Guild of Ringers) to augment, rehang and retune them. It was very wisely decided to make a thoroughly good job of the work, and to that end it was placed in the hands of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The eight bells have been re-cast into a peal of ten, and it was found expedient to have the clock repaired at the same time. It was in keeping with the occasion that the Rev. Canon Howson, who was Vicar of the parish for thirteen years, and whose ambition to have the bells restored was left unrealised owing to more urgent needs intervening, should be asked to occupy the pulpit at Wednesday's commemoration service.

The service was intoned by the Rev. D. R. James (curate), the special lessons being read by the Rev. W. Scholes (Vicar of St. Barnabas'), and the Rev. A. J. Ward (Vicar of Haslington and a former curate of Christ Church). After prayers, with particular reference to the occasion, had been offered by the Vicar, the latter, accompanied by the Rev. Canon Howson and preceded by the wardens (Messrs. J. Knott and C. R. Wooldridge) proceeded to the belfry, where the bells were dedicated. During the progress of the clergy to and from the tower special hymns were sung, and the completion of the dedication ceremony was signalled by a peal from the bells. The Rev. Canon Howson preached from the text: "And they ministered before the dwelling-place of the tabernacle of the congregation with singing, until Solomon had built the House of the Lord in Jerusalem; and then they waited on their office according to their order" (I. Chronicles vi. 32). Alluding to the sermon which was preached at the former opening of the bells the preacher called it a message of the bells, though people got so familiar with their sound that it did not always bring remembrance.

Coming to the words of the text, Canon Howson said it suggested the thought that there should be in all the phases of God's work regularity and order. "They waited upon their office according to their order." God was a God of order, of design, and purpose, and right through

their lives, if regularity and punctuality characterised their service, then their service became more pleasing to the performer, and certainly more profitable amongst those to whom it was rendered. He wanted to suggest to the bell ringers that theirs was a religious service and a religious office. It was to the Lord that they rang. He appealed to them to put their best into their church work. He suggested that those in the belfry were their comrades in fellowship and worship, and that service would bind them more closely together as workers and officials of the Church. They could not estimate one piece of work as more important than another. They should regard the idea that was brought before them that night; they should desire to render to God their very best, the highest service they could. Let the ten-noted sound of the bells be heard and remembered. Let it remind them that God claimed the whole of them for His service.

At the close of the service an offertory was taken in aid of the bells fund.

The inscriptions on the bells and their weights are as follows:—

No. 1: 4 cwt. 2 qrs. 9 lbs. This peal was cast from the original peal of bells hung in 1878. Walter Bidlake, vicar; Charles R. Wooldridge and John Knott, churchwardens.

No. 2: 4 cwt. 2 qrs.; inscription same as that on No. 1.

No. 3: 4 cwt. 3 qrs. 8 lbs. "My tongue shall sing aloud of Thy righteousness." Given by Rev. J. Nadin, vicar, 1877.

No. 4: 4 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lbs. "I shall be here if I am treated just when they are mouldering in the dust." Given by the Churchwardens (W. Adamson and E. Lockett), 1877.

No. 5: 4 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs. "Ring in the name of love and right." Given by the foremen of Crewe Works, 1877.

No. 6: 5 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs. "The Lord of praise my voice I'll raise." Given by the artisans of Crewe, 1877.

No. 7: 8 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs. "Our voice shall with joyful sound make hill and valley echo round." Given by the artisans of Crewe, 1877.

No. 8: 9 cwt. 2 qrs. 15 lbs. "Glory to God in the highest." Given by the Tradespeople, 1877.

No. 9: 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs. "Let Atkinson's bell continually be rung, the truth still preached and Hallelujahs sung." Given by J. Atkinson, First May, 1877.

No. 10: One ton. "To those who can bear, but cannot see, may the sound of this bell ever welcome be." Given by F. W. Webb, Chief Engineer.

The ringers on Wednesday evening stood as follows: W. T. Holding, 1; J. H. Riding, 2; R. Langford, sen., 3; H. F. Holding, 4; R. T. Holding, jun., 5; G. H. Crawley, 6; A. Crawley, 7; C. J. B. Cooke, 8; R. T. Holding, sen., 9; J. Dentith, 10.

On Saturday, April 13th, the ringers' opening of the bells took place, the tower being open to the members of the Chester Diocesan Guild, about forty-five members attending from Ashton-under-Lyne, Alsager, Lawton, Barthomley, Nantwich, Northwich, Market Drayton, and Whitchurch. Ringing commenced about 2 p.m., the methods rung being Grandsire Caters, Grandsire Triples,

and Treble Bob Major, under the conductorship of Messrs. Cyril Johnston, of Croydon, S. Wood (Ashton-under-Lyne), and R. T. Holding, sen. About 5 p.m. an adjournment was made to the Euston Coffee Tavern for tea, kindly provided by the Vicar (Rev. W. Bidlake). Afterwards a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. James Edwards, of Alsager, seconded by Mr. W. Cartwright, to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also for so kindly providing tea. This was responded to by Mr. R. T. Holding, sen., in the absence of the Vicar. The Vicar shortly afterwards joined the party, accompanied by Mr. C. J. B. Cooke. He gave a cordial welcome to all present, and hoped they were all satisfied with the bells, and that they would spend a pleasant afternoon. After a short service in the church ringing once more commenced, and was continued until 9 p.m., when the ringers departed, well pleased with the tone and go of the bells, and satisfied that Messrs. Gillett and Johnston had made a splendid job of the work entrusted to them.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the Maidstone District was held at Leeds on Saturday last, when eighty members from various parts of Kent took advantage of the glorious weather and the privilege offered them to pull in the old and historical belfry, which contains a fine ring of ten, recently rebung. Everyone was highly delighted with the "go" of the bells, which do great credit to Messrs. Bowell and Son, Ipswich, to whom the work of restoring the bells were entrusted. The bells were set going at 2.30 p.m. A short service was held at 5 p.m. The Vicar of Leeds conducted the service, and in a short address gave a very interesting account of the history of the bells and church. At the conclusion of the service a collection was made on behalf of the Gillingham belfry fund, which realised 16s. 4d. The ringers afterwards made for The George inn, where a splendid meat tea was provided for them. The business meeting was held after tea. Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and sixteen new members were elected. G. Moore (Maidstone) was again elected district secretary; Mr. T. Mannering (Maidstone) district representative. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Boxley on Saturday, July 20th. At the close of the business a pleasant surprise was held in store for the district secretary, who was presented with a handsome travelling bag and fountain pen, subscribed for by the Rev. G. H. Hughes, Vicar of Leeds, and his brother members of the district.

Mr. Hazzelden, of East Farleigh, in presenting them, paid warm tributes to the way the Secretary had successfully carried out his duties.

The Secretary, in replying, said they had indeed given him a great surprise. He found it difficult to find words sufficient to thank them for the magnificent gifts they had given him. He should always cherish them, as they would remind him of the esteem they held for him. He thanked all secretaries of belfries for the splendid way they had rallied round him, and was pleased to say the district was making rapid progress.

Mr. H. Hollands then read some interesting old papers on the famous peal of 40,320 of Bob Major rung at Leeds in 1762, and a ringers' song composed in honour of the occasion.

A DIAGRAM OF UNION TRIPLES (1893), may be had gratis, on application by letter to W. H. THOMPSON, 5, Silwood Street, Brighton, to whom the unsold remainder has been returned by the publishers.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Cron-dall, on Saturday, April 20th, and was attended by nearly forty members. As the tower is over four miles from any railway station, and a very limited service of trains was running, it was a good attendance. Service was held at the quaint old All Saints church (six bells), which dates from 1100 A.D., and an address was given from its chancel steps by the Rev. E. B. Cotton, Vicar of the parish, who warmly welcomed the Guild, this being the first occasion of a meeting being held there.

Mr. C. Willshire presided at the tea held in the old Schoolroom, in which Cromwell's troopers are said to have stabled their horses. Amongst other business, questions were asked and statements made concerning members drawing their train fare to Winchester without attending the meeting, and the representatives were instructed to bring the matter forward at the Annual General Meeting at Winchester on June 29th.

The Yorktown District of the above Guild held its first cycle run on Saturday last. Members attended from Her-sham, Woking, Kingston, Shepperton, Chertsey and Sur-biton. The towers visited were St. Nicholas, Shepperton (5 bells), St. Mary, Staines (8 bells), and St. Peter's, Staines (8 bells). The other dates fixed for cycle runs are as follows: May 18th, July 20th, August 24th, and September 21st.

CHURCH BROUGHTON, DERBYSHIRE.

An attempt is being made to collect funds to rehang the three bells of this old church. Messrs. Taylor and Co. have reported on them and given an estimate for a new frame capable of holding five bells. If sufficient funds can be raised, it is hoped to add the two new bells estimated for; but in a small and remote agricultural village, with no resident landowners, it is a difficult task to raise nearly £200. If anyone interested in church bells feels moved to help, any contribution, however small, will be thankfully received by the Vicar. The existing bells date from 1610 (by Henry Oldfield) 1654 (by George Stofield) and 1810 (no founder's mark). Some £50 has already been raised.

In the parish church of Lytchett Minster, Dorset, a carved oak altar of English design with riddells and tapers has recently been added to replace a poor structure. Two handsome brass candlesticks of Spanish pattern—an Easter gift—have also been added, and these with beautiful groups of arum lilies and white lilac added much to the devotional appearance of the sanctuary at Eastertide. During the past year the nave has been entirely renovated, the whole expense being defrayed by small contributions from the parishioners; some beautiful pictures now adorn the walls, and an old chained book belonging to the church has been placed on a shelf in an oak book case. Lytchett Minster was the first parish church in which the present Bishop of Salisbury celebrated the Eucharist after his enthronement; a silver-gilt paten, his lordship's gift, commemorates the event, and was used for the first time at the three celebrations on Easter Day.

WISBECH (Cambs.)—On Sunday, April 21st, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor with 6-8 covering. H. Piggins, H. Banham, T. Haines, G. Piggins, W. H. Freeman, H. Cheesewright, R. Narborough (conductor), *S. Collison. *First 720 on tower bells,

NOTES.

The supper given by Mr. F. E. Dawe to the ringers who rang in the peals to celebrate his fiftieth birthday was a very pleasant little affair.

Some 24 persons, including a few other than those who formed the actual bands were invited, and most of them attended, general regret being expressed at the absence of others, notably Mr. W. T. Cockerill and Mr. Hughes.

It was intended to ring a peal at the famous old Bow Church, but owing to the death of the Vicar, to whose memory a muffled peal was to be rung on the following day, it was deemed out of place to ring an open peal and it was abandoned.

The photograph of the tower of St. Michael-upon-Cornhill, obtained by Mr. Dawe and presented to those invited to the supper, was a splendid piece of workmanship. To get the negative was no easy matter. The camera had to be fixed among chimney-pots, there being no other suitable position. Then it had to be taken in the early morning, after a shower, to get the best result. These, with some minor troubles were, however, overcome, showing Mr. Dawe to be possessed of unbounded resourcefulness and a wonderful capacity for overcoming difficulties.

The accomplishment involved the taking of over three dozen negatives.

The annual report of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Bell-ringers for 1911, has just been published. It is pleasant reading, its pages speaking of progress all ways.

From it the reader will gather that the Guild still grows in numbers and efficiency, although fewer peals have been rung than has been the case in previous years.

But peals are not the be-all and end-all of the ringing exercise. The Secretary notes that "there is a fine feeling among our ringers, and a deepened sense of self-devotion to that part of the work of the Church which is given into our hands."

The Master also reports progress, and outlines some works of restoration and several memorials which have been projected.

The membership return shows a total of 1843 from 153 towers. These have rung 67 peals in various methods. From the balance sheet one learns that the Guild has a balance in hand of £33 3s. 0½d., with a reserve fund amounting to £31 3s. 7d.

The Secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association also speaks of progress in his report, making especial mention of the fact that the quality of the striking throughout the day had been much above the average for Association meetings.

BY ROYAL WARRANT

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Association for the Dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol was held at Cheltenham on Easter Monday, when, despite the absence of cheap trains, there was a satisfactory attendance. Owing to the spire of the church being in a weakened condition ringing was limited to half-an hour before the service and an hour in the afternoon, Stedman and Grandsire Cinques being rung.

Service was held at 11 a.m., the preacher being the Rev. F. L'Estrange Fawcett, Rector of Cheltenham, who took for his text "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." The organist and some of the choir boys were present, and led the musical part of the service, for which the ringers are very grateful.

The business meeting was held in the Parish Room (by kind permission of the Rector), and was presided over by the Master (Rev. C. D. P. Davies).

In the absence of the Hon. Treasurer (Rev. H. A. Cockey) the Hon. Secretary read a draft balance sheet, which shewed a balance in hand of over £22.

The officers were re-elected.

Before the election of representatives to the Central Council was carried out, Mr. R. J. Wilkins moved a resolution which would have meant that the Association no longer recognised the Central Council. It was seconded by Mr. F. K. Howell. An amendment was, however, carried to the effect that the Association send only one representative, instead of the full complement. Upon this Mr. J. Austin was elected.

The Master having to leave at this stage, the chair was taken by Mr. F. K. Howell. Under the head of "Any other business," one member complained of the frequency with which officers of the Association had to leave before the business was finished. Another member hoped that at future meetings better arrangements would be made for ringing, not with special reference to the present meeting, but to some previously held, and particularly last year's meeting at Bristol.

The Chairman moved a vote of thanks to the Incumbents for the use of the bells, to the organist for his services, and to Mr. W. T. Pates for the help he had rendered the Hon. Secretary in making arrangements for the meeting. This was carried with acclamation.

A meeting of the Management Committee was subsequently held, only a small amount of business being transacted, but a larger agenda will be placed before the members at their next meeting to be held at Stonehouse on Saturday, September 21st, when a full attendance is asked for.

The bells of Prestbury and Charlton Kings were also rung during the afternoon, and it was a subject for remark that the quality of the striking throughout the day had been much above the usual for Association meetings.

PEAL ATTEMPT AT ST. PAUL'S

It is seldom that permission can be obtained for the use of the grand bells of St. Paul's Cathedral for a peal, and when the requisite permission has been given and the attempt proves unsuccessful much disappointment is felt. This disappointment is felt equally by those who make the attempt and by those ringers who gather to listen; but it may be presumed that the keenest disappointment is felt by the member of the band who aspires to the honour of calling the peal, an honour which cannot come more than once in a lifetime.

This fate awaited Mr. F. E. Dawe and the band of

College Youths who started to get a peal of Stedman Cinques on Saturday week, as well as a large number of listeners. For close upon four hours the changes were called and rung, and all seemed to be going as merrily as a marriage bell till only about 200 of the 5,019 changes remained to be rung. Then came a clash as the tenor dropped among the other bells, and the peal was lost. We extend our sympathy to the members of the band, and hope they may get another chance, with better luck. The ringers were Messrs. E. Horrex treble, E. Gibbs 2, H. Springall 3, S. E. Joyce 4, F. J. Hardy 5, C. S. Burden 6, F. E. Dawe 7, C. F. Winney 8, H. Langdon 9, T. H. Taffender 10 A. B. Peck 11, W. Prime 12.

Correspondence.

THE DOUBLE-HANDED MINOR PEAL AT BOURNE.

To the Editor.

SIR,—Allow me to congratulate the band that rang the double-handed Minor peal in seven methods at Bourne on April 14th, 1912. It is a very praiseworthy performance. They evidently have never heard of two previous peals of a similar character, the first of which was rung at St. Albans on June 3rd, 1891, by Messrs. J. C. S. E. and E. R. Mitchell. Unfortunately among the seven methods was included Yorkshire Court, which Mr. J. J. Parker a few years afterwards conclusively proved to be false. It was on September 18th, 1897, that the first true double-handed seven method peal was rung at Oswaldtwistle by the following three members of the Lancashire Association: Messrs. Isaac Whalley, 1-2; Charles Sharples, 3-4; and Robert Parkinson, 5-6. It was conducted by R. Parkinson, the time occupied was two hours and six minutes, and was in the following methods: Merchants' Return, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Yours faithfully,

6, Aighurth Vale, Liverpool.
April 22nd, 1912.

GEORGE R. NEWTON.

SIR,—The peal of Minor rung in hand in seven methods at Bourne and published in your paper this week is *not* the first peal in seven methods ever rung in hand. I would refer you to the Midland Counties' Report for March 15th, 1898, and again to the same Association's Report for May 23rd, 1909.

Yours truly,

Nuneaton, April 21st, 1912.

H. ARGYLE.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has presented to Lambeth parish church a set of communicants' rails of considerable historic interest, which were first erected in a church at Maidstone. When the church was restored they were removed, but have since come into the possession of the Archbishop.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on the 30th; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 30th, at 8 p.m.; also on Saturday evenings at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, 7.30.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Hadley on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available at 3.30. Tea, 6d. each, at 5 o'clock. All are welcome.

C. T. COLES, Hon. Sec.
173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Lee, S.E., on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service with address by the Rev. R. Meddings (Rector), at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow in the Kingswood Hall, the Rector presiding. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Hon. Dis. Sec.
34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Eckington on Saturday, April 27th. Service with an address at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting after the service. Bells (6) available at 3.30 p.m.

J. HEMMING, Hon. Br. Sec.
10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

The Warwickshire Guild.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m.

Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Sec.
The Parsonage, Shotton.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Belford District.—The business meeting will be held at Elstow on Saturday, April 27th. Bells from 2.20 p.m. Meeting in the vestry at 5 p.m.

JOHN W. BARKER.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Titchfield on Wednesday, May 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea by the invitation of the Vicar, Rev. C. E. Matthews, at the Parish Room at 5.30. Meeting after.

J. W. WHITING, Dis. Sec.
Fareham.

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Mistley on Saturday, May 4th. Tea 9d. each at the Parish Institute at 5.30, will be provided for those sending notice to

A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM, Dis. Sec.
Sandpit Road, Braintree.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hursley on Saturday, May 4th. Church tower open during the afternoon and evening. Tea in Vicarage garden at 5.30, if weather unfavorable in Parish Room.

JAS. W. ELKINS, Hon. Sec.
20, Culver Villas, Winchester.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, May 4th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.

T. ROLLEFSON, Branch Sec.

The Sussex County Association.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 4th. St. Peter's tower open from 11 to 1 and from 6 till 8 p.m. St. Nicholas tower 6 to 8 p.m. Luncheon at The Unicorn hotel, North Street, at 1.30. Members' ticket 1s. 6d. The Lord Bishop of Chichester will preside at the luncheon, and at the business meeting which follows. Ringers' service at St. Nicholas 4 p.m. Preacher—Canon Southwell. Half railway fares, with a maximum of 2s., will be allowed members attending the meeting. It is hoped that as far as possible they will avail themselves of the cheap fares. Members intending to be present should notify same to me not later than Tuesday, April 30th.

G. WATSON, Hon. Gen. Sec.
St. Leonards.

The Salop Guild.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Market Drayton on Saturday, May 4th. There will be ringing in the afternoon in the parish church, followed by a meeting in the vestry.

Rev. H. B. BECKWITH, M.A., Hon. Sec.
Ridgmount, Shrewsbury.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, May 4th, at 6.30 p.m. It is expected the bells at Mytton church will be available during the afternoon.

J. WATSON, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Chorley with Whittle-le-Woods, on Saturday, May 11th. Further particulars by circular.

W. H. SHURKE, } Hon. Secs.
J. H. BANKS. }

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready at 5.

WALTER HUGHES, Sec.
3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, May 11th. The bells of St. Stephen's (8), and of St. Dunstan's (6), will be available from 3 till 9 p.m., of St. Alphege (6) from 3 till 4 p.m., and of the Cathedral (10), after 4 p.m. Tea, for which a charge of 3d. per member present will be made, will be taken in St. Peter's Parish Hall at 5 p.m. The usual business meeting will be held after tea. Will all members who intend to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday, May 8th. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid before the meeting.

E. TRENDLE, Hon. Dis. Sec.
Boughton, Faversham.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.
13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The annual report of the above Guild for 1911 is now ready. Members under Rule xi. can have them by sending three penny stamps to the Secretary, ALBERT E. REEVES, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

The North Notts. Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, May 4th. Business meeting in Parish Room 3.30 p.m. Divine Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Howard's Rooms 5.0 p.m. Members of kindred societies heartily welcome.

B. DARLEY, Hon. Sec.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held at Devizes on Monday, May 6th (King's Accession). Service by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. P. W. G. Filleul, in St. John's church. The sermon will be preached by the Lord Bishop of the diocese. Luncheon at The Bear hotel, 2s. each, at 1.45 p.m. By courtesy of the incumbents the following towers will be offered: peal of 8, St. John, Devizes; peal of 6, St. Mary, Devizes; peal of 6, St. James, South Broom; peal of 6, St. Mary, Potterne; peal of 6, St. Mary, Rowde.

W. P. SCHUSTER, Hon. Sec.

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All business communications should be addressed to "Mr. Geo. Carter, 1, Selborne Road, Walthamstow."

Notices of any kind, to ensure insertion in the current issue, should reach us not later than first post on Thursday morning. Unless this is done we cannot insert them till the following week.

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1912.

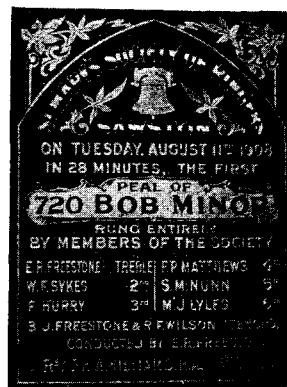
THE outstanding feature of the peals rung this week is the number half muffled as a mark of respect for those who lost their lives in the terrible disaster which resulted in the loss of the White Star liner *Titanic* off the Grand Banks, on Sunday of last week. It was also in this way that the bells helped to express the national sympathy with the bereaved. Thus did they pay tribute to the brave fellows who went to their death after gallantly helping those less able to help themselves into safety; thus did they honour the heroes who toiled in the engine room and stokeholds to keep the engines working in a fruitless endeavour to keep down the inrush of water, and to keep the lights aglow while the boats were loaded and lowered into the water; thus did they show respect for

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the dead captain who jumped from his bridge as the ship took her last dive into the ocean depths, carrying in his arms a baby passenger whom he handed into one of the boats, and then sank to his rest. So also did they recognise the self sacrifice which impelled those who having placed their loved ones in safety would fain have followed them, but drew back when reminded of the invariable rule "women and children first." Neither were forgotten the bandsmen who, to calm the agitation, played rag-time tunes, and when all was done that could be went to their death playing that grand old hymn "Nearer my God to Thee." When was more noble heroism shown than in this the greatest disaster that has ever overtaken the Mercantile Navies of the world? Before it all others pale into comparative insignificance. And what have we to learn from the catastrophe? Why, that the mightiest productions of man are powerless when brought into conflict with the forces of Nature. The finest ship in the world, the proud boast of a nation—into whose construction had been wrought the best that science could invent or skill could produce—fitted with all the latest comforts and luxury that the most fastidious could wish for, directed by the most skilful officers obtainable, in the short space of three hours after striking an iceberg, sinks useless to the bottom of the ocean, taking with her as many persons as would people a small town, and spreading dismay and desolation over two nations. The horror is intensified over and over again when the fact is remembered that while every provision is made for luxurious ease, the simple duty of making the same provision for saving life in case of accident is absolutely neglected. But the ship was unsinkable! So her builders said. Where was the need of supplying boats to an unsinkable ship? It was all right so long as the law of the land was complied with! And the result. The unsinkable ship has sunk, all her magnificence lies at the bottom of the Atlantic, a lesson to us that "Man proposes, but God disposes." May the lesson lead the people to pause in the mad rush for ease and luxury and return to a more sober way of living, giving less heed to their own necessities and more consideration for those of others.

ERRATA.—We regret that in our report of the re-opening of the new ring of bells at St. John, Miles Platting, we erroneously attributed the honour of presenting them to Sir Arthur Heywood. Sir Arthur desires us to correct the statement, and closes his letter by stating that the parishioners raised a considerable part of the sum required.

In the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Chippenham on April 8th, the name of L. P. Smith was sent us as the ringer of the tenor. It should have been William Hayward.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, April 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

HENRY SPRINGALL Treble.	FREDK. J. HARDY 6.
WILLIAM TRUSS 2.	ARTHUR D. BARKER 7.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 3.	EMANUEL HALL 8.
HERBERT LANGDON 4.	ALFRED GRIMES 9.
JAMES SCHOLES 5.	THOMAS LANGDON Tenor.

Composed by JOHN H. BARRETT, and
Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

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

On Saturday, April 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

AUGUSTUS A. SCAMBLER .. Treble.	HENRY BECKFORD 5.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2.	*FENK C. NEWMAN 6.
JAMES SCHOLES 3.	FREDERICK J. HARDY .. 7.
ARTHUR D. BARKER 4.	ALFRED JOYCE Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

*First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung half muffled as a mark of respect to the dead heroes who went down in the s.s. "Titanic" which foundered in the Atlantic on April 15th.

The Provinces.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT ST. NICHOLAS' CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES.

Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qrs. 26 lbs.

EDWARD A. HERN Treble.	THOMAS T. GOFTON 6.
ERNEST E. FERRY 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER 7.
WILLIAM STORY 3.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 8.
JOSEPH W. PARKER 4.	ROBERT RICHARDS 9.
BENJAMIN C. DIXON 5.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Tenor.

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

First peal of Caters by the ringer of the 5th. This composition, now rung for the first time, is on a new plan, with bells reversed every five courses. The figures will be found on page 93.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION. (THE MALDON AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Tuesday, April 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars Pleasure, College Exercise, New London Pleasure, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

PERCY C. SAYSE Treble.	FREDK. WHITE 4.
HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. 2.	FRED. CHALK 5.
ALFRED SOUTH 3.	JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor by all, and on the bells.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF DOULE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

ROBERT H. YOUNG Treble.	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 5.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 2.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 6.
FREDERICK G. BIGGS .. 3.	RICHARD BUCKLAND .. 7.
FRANK BOREHAM 4.	JOHN EVANS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

This composition has the 2nd her extent at home and always in 2-3.

FENTON (Staffs.)—On Sunday evening, April 21st, for Divine Service, 1260 Grandsire Triples. S. Bourne, T. Salt, A. Jackson, J. Beech, W. Hill, A. L. Smith (conductor), E. A. Sherratt, R. Deaville. Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the heroes of the "Titanic." First quarter-peal as conductor; also first quarter-peal for S. Bourne.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Four and a half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lbs.

ERNEST POXON* Treble	CECIL J. BAKER 5.
COL-SERGT. J. H. ILIFFH 2.	HENRY HARRISON 6.
ISAAC HUFTON* 3.	*JAMES F. GEORGE 7.
JOSEPH HALL 4.	EDWARD C. GOREY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOREY.

*First peal of Major and first on the bells. Rung in honour of the wedding of Captain A. H. Longden, of Stanton-by-Dale, Derbyshire.

EGHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 26 lbs.

ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD .. Treble	CHARLES J. HAMELIN .. 5.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 2.	DAVID WRIGHT 6.
JOHN H. B. HESSE 3.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. 7.
ALFRED WOODROW 4.	ALFRED J. HISCOCK Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

First peal on the bells which have recently been augmented from six to eight, and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, the churchwardens for providing refreshments, and Mr. Gigg, the steeplekeeper, for having everything in readiness.

SUDBURY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

T. FRANCIS WREES† .. Treble	†CHARLES SANDERS 4.
WILLIAM SHERCLIFF* .. 2.	JOSEPH T. DYKE 5.
LESLIE C. SMITH† 3.	ALBERT P. WAKLEY Tenor.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

†First peal of Minor. †First peal on tower bells with a working bell. *First peal on tower bells. The ringer of the treble was elected a member previous to starting.

UPPER WESTON, BATH.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

FREDK. C. RICH* .. Treble	FRANCIS W. LEATE 4.
JOHN TAYLOR 2.	CHARLES W. BELL 5.
FRANCIS W. CANNINGS .. 3.	†HORACE TAYLOR Tenor.

Conducted by HORACE TAYLOR.

*First peal of Minor. †First peal as conductor. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. Francis A. Bromley, for granting them the use of the bells.

BENNINGTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR,

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY S. REEVES .. Treble	BARNARD PATMORE 5.
GEORGE H. BARKER 2.	ARTHUR WOOLSTON 6.
ALFRED TALBOT 3.	SAMUEL PAGE 7.
ARTHUR PHILLIPS 4.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. Tenor.

Composed by J. LOCKWOOD, and Conducted by WM. H. LAWRENCE.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, April 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM .. Treble	JOSEPH GODDARD 5.
WILLIAM HENRY BRADLEY 2.	BENJAMIN GODDARD 6.
ROBERT WALKER 3.	JOHN HARROP 7.
JOHN J. PEMBERTON .. 4.	CHARLES H. MARSLAND .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON, and Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM.

Rung as a wedding and a farewell peal to C. H. Marsland, who has left this district, the ringers wishing him much happiness and success in his new sphere. Also as a birthday compliment to W. H. Bradley.

STOW, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Oxford and four 720s of Kent, each called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES HENRY BAKER .. Treble	JOHN THOMAS LADD 4.
JOHN CHARLES TINEE .. 2.	WILLIAM DICKENSON .. 5.
FREDK. S. W. BUTLER .. 3.	WALTER AYRE Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. S. W. BUTLER.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor by all the band, and first peal on the bells.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FREDK. J. LAMBERT .. Treble	ALBERT RELF 4.
ANDREW MARSHALL .. 1. 2.	EDWIN LAMBERT 5.
GEORGE FULLER 3.	JIM BEACH Tenor.

Conducted by ANDREW MARSHALL.

First peal in seven methods by the ringers of the 3rd and 4th; also first as conductor.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 22, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE OLD CHURCH.

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MAJOR. 5152 CHANGES.

J. HERBERT BENFIELD .. Treble	HORACE HOWELL 5.
MISS SARAH PIGOTT 2.	SAMUEL GROVE 6.
WALTER PIGOTT 3.	GEORGE PIGOTT 7.
JOHN BASS 4.	JOSEPH PIGOTT Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

This is the first peal in the method by the Association, the first on the bells, and by all the band.

DUDLEY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, April 21st. at St. Thomas's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. H. Sheppard, G. Guest, J. Mills, W. Goodman, J. Goodman, jun. (conductor), J. Goodman, sen., H. Goodman, C. Faulks. Rung for morning service with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of sympathy to the families of those who lost their lives in the terrible disaster which has befallen the "Titanic."

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 22, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20½ cwt.

LEONARD P. BAILEY .. Treble.	CHARLES F. BAILEY .. 5.
ALLEN F. BAILEY* .. 2.	EDGAR H. BAILEY .. 6.
FREDERICK W. BAILEY .. 3.	JAMES M. BAILEY .. 7.
GEORGE WILSON .. 4.	ERNEST S. BAILEY .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

*First peal away from the treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. W. Bailey.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART, Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.

WALTER SEAR* .. Treble.	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 5.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. 2.	FREDERICK W. BRINELOW 6.
CHARLES W. SMITH .. 3.	HENRY HODGETTS .. 7.
FRANK T. MARTIN* .. 4.	CHARLES N. LEMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY HODGETTS.

*First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half muffled as a last tribute to those who perished at sea in the "Titanic" disaster.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

SAMUEL EYLES* .. Treble.	THOMAS BULL .. 5.
ALBERT BROOKS .. 2.	JOHN MONK .. 6.
GEORGE CLARK .. 3.	JESSE BROOKS .. 7.
ERNEST BROWN .. 4.	GEORGE BROOKS .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, BISHOPWEARMOUTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART, Tenor 11½ cwt.

MICHAEL F. HARRISON* .. Treble.	ROBERT C. HUDSON .. 5.
WILLIAM H. DENTETH* .. 2.	JOHN PICKERING .. 6.
JOHN F. BIRD .. 3.	JOSEPH W. PARKER .. 7.
ROBERT W. FALCONER .. 4.	THOMAS W. DITCHBURN .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

†First peal. *First peal of Stedman. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. W. H. Denteth, who leaves for Australia next month.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Biggleswade and District Branch.)

POTTON (Beds.)—On Sunday, April 14th, for the farewell service of the Rev. A. Long, the esteemed Vicar, who is leaving to take up a living in Warwickshire, a quarter-peal of Minor in 41 mins. as follows: 180 Plain Bob, 360 College Single, 360 Single Court, and 360 Single Oxford. F. Carter, W. G. Inskip, A. O. Bailey, F. Blood (conductor), W. H. Campton, C. A. Pratt. On Tuesday evening, on the eve of his farewell, a 720 of College Single. F. Carter, W. G. Inskip, A. O. Bailey, W. H. Compton, S. Stubbings, F. Blood (conductor). The rev. gentleman will be greatly missed by all the ringers and parishioners.

Handbell Peals.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE GEORGE THE FOURTH, BRUNSWICK STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES.

BETRAM PREWETT .. 1-2.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 5-6.
ERNEST PYE .. 3-4.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN 7-8.
ALFRED W. GRIMES .. 9-10.	

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY, and Conducted by WM. SHEPHERD.

Umpires—Messrs. Edward E. Grimes, Thomas Langdon and James E. Davis. Mr. Ernest Pye's 100th handbell peal.

Miscellaneous.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GAINSBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, April 21st, at the church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 52 mins. W. Dickenson, F. S. W. Butler (conductor), C. H. Baker, J. C. Tinker, J. T. Ladd, W. Ayre, H. Torr, A. H. Curtis (first quarter-peal, and was elected a member before starting). Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who have lost their lives through the sinking of the liner "Titanic."

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—On Sunday, April 13th, for evening service at St. Mary, Islington, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans's four-part), in 42 mins. A. E. Hibbert, C. H. Hughes, H. P. Burton, R. W. Green, J. Milner, T. H. Taffender (conductor), F. J. Hardy, A. D. Barker. On Sunday, April 21st, for evening service at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (taken from Thurstans's five-part), in 48 mins. A. E. Hibbert, T. H. Taffender (conductor), C. H. Hughes, R. W. Green, H. T. Gowlett, A. D. Barker, F. J. Hardy, G. Woodage, sen. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the heroes who went down in the s.s. "Titanic," which foundered in the Atlantic on April 15th.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HERSHAM (Surrey).—On Tuesday, April 16th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Day (first quarter-peal), J. Emery, G. Edser, sen., J. Loveridge, A. Woodrow, F. J. Shepherd, F. Shepherd (conductor). R. J. Polley.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On Monday, April 15th, at the church of St. Saviour, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. O. L. Twist, J. C. Adams, G. W. Cooper, W. J. Cooper, W. J. E. Jones, H. F. Hail, H. Rumens (conductor), G. B. Lucas, sen. Also a plain course of Kent Treble Bob Major, E. Lillywhite in place of O. L. Twist. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to G. W. Cooper.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD.—On Monday evening, April 22nd, at St. John's church, previous to an Organ Recital, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45½ mins. E. F. Pike, A. G. Bennington, F. Davis, F. W. Richardson, G. Durling, J. E. Davis, W. J. Jeffries conductor, J. Law.

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CONVIVIAL GATHERING.

MR. DAWE ENTERTAINS RINGERS.

On the evening of Wednesday, April 24th, there gathered together at the "Coffee Pot," Warwick Lane, E.C. (the headquarters of the Ancient Society of College Youths), on the invitation of Mr. F. E. Dawe, some 24 ringers and others to celebrate the ringing of two peals on Mr. Dawe's 50th birthday, March 16th. It will be fresh in the minds of most of our readers, that on this occasion a band of College Youths journeyed from London to West Meon, in Hampshire, to ring a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at the parish church, returned to town and rang a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Michael-upon-Cornhill, in the evening.

The gathering on Wednesday was to commemorate by a supper, the ringing of the two peals in one day, by practically the same band, and as a recognition of the assistance rendered to the host in a unique celebration of his jubilee. A capital supper was served under the genial chairmanship of the Master of the Ancient Society, Mr. T. H. Taffender. The good fare provided having been disposed of, the cloths were removed, and the company settled down for an hour or two of enjoyment, and right well did they carry out the programme. What if one singer did forget all the adventures he wished to relate in his search for a yard of lace his wife had sent him to match; he told us quite enough to fill us with a desire to know more, and wound up by telling a few of the things he didn't care for. His failure and the subsequent song, caused some fun, and that was what we were there for.

The after supper proceedings commenced with the toast of "The King, Church, and State," proposed from the chair. In introducing the toast, Mr. Taffender promised that there would not be a great amount of speech-making, but there were one or two toasts that must be honoured. The King, he said, was all right, but Church and State were in a queer street, and he hoped the company would stick up their backs, and do their best for both.

The toast was accorded the usual musical honour, the party singing one verse of "God save the King." Then Mr. Barber sang "I don't care," and Mr. Harrison "I know an eye."

Mr. Taffender, in proposing the health of "The Host, —Mr. Dawe"—said they had met to commemorate the ringing of two peals on Mr. Dawe's birthday, one in the church of the parish in which he was born, and the sound of whose bells he had listened to in his early years. Mr. Dawe had been a volatile ringer, and had rung and called peals in a number of cathedrals and churches in all parts of the country. There was no better member of the College Youths than their host, who had been their Master for six years. They had gathered to do him honour, and did honour him. Their wish was that he might have a long and prosperous life, and if they did not meet to ring two peals at the end of the next fifty years, he hoped that they might do so when 25 had passed.

Mr. Dawe, when he rose to respond, was accorded an enthusiastic reception. In the course of his reply, he said he had travelled about the country, had occupied the chair at similar functions to the present one, had proposed toasts and responded to others. All these were easier than to speak of himself. He was proud of being a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. His record of peals showed that he had rung in over 800 belfries, and that he had called peals on his 20th and also

on his 21st birthday. He was fond of making new acquaintances, and of meeting old ones. To-night he missed several old faces, those of men who were the backbone of the Society when its members were not so numerous as at the present time. No ringer had celebrated his birthday in such a manner as he had. Mr. Taffender had made allusion to his success, but he could not have succeeded without the help of those who had composed the band, and he desired to thank them for their assistance. He had had an ambition for 25 years to call a peal at St. Paul's. It was a difficult thing to do, but with the help of old friends he had tried to attain his ambition. Among others was his old friend Horrex. He (Mr. Dawe), hoped that when he got to be as old as Mr. Horrex he would be as active, his eye as keen, and his arm as strong as his were. He had had many disappointments, but he thought the greatest was the failure of the peal at St. Paul's. The absence of many friends that night was cause for regret. Mr. Cockerill was prevented attending at the last minute; Mr. Arthur Hughes (of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank) was kept away celebrating the 21st birthday of his son; Mr. Brown, the Deans' Verger, was absent through illness. At the same time he was glad to welcome Mr. Clark, the Custos Rotulorum of St. Michael-upon-Cornhill, and Messrs. Butcher and Harrison, of St. Paul's. As a souvenir he had had a peal card lithographed, recording the two peals rung on his birthday, as well as the handbell peal rung at Guildford, and also had photographed the tower of St. Michael-upon-Cornhill (a most difficult operation), copies of which he would present to each of those present. In conclusion Mr. Dawe paid a generous tribute to the help he had received from Mr. Taffender, and expressed his thanks to him and all who had helped.

During the evening a course of Stedman Caters on handbells was rung by Messrs. C. F. Winney, H. R. Newton, H. Langdon, J. Goldsmith, and F. J. Hardy. Songs were also contributed by Messrs. Newton, Harrison, and Horrex, while Mr. Dawe related the story of how Worcester Cathedral became possessed of a ring of 16 bells.

At 11.30 the party broke up after singing the National Anthem, having spent a most enjoyable time.

The tables were nicely decorated, the decorations including the College Youths' plate.

AN ALL-SUSSEX Lychgate.

Southwick parish church, in Sussex, possesses a beautiful modern lychgate, erected in memory of the late Mr. F. C. Capel, by his widow. This memorial has a special interest from the fact that it is wholly a Sussex product. The material of the gate is Sussex oak, taken chiefly from the region of Ashdown Forest. The gate was designed by a well-known Lewes architect, and constructed at the same town by skilful craftsmen. The ironwork was also made at Lewes by a local blacksmith, and the copper plate on which the dedication is inscribed was likewise made at the county town. The carved cross surmounting the gate was executed at the Mayfield School of Woodcarving. Under the eaves are two boards, one on each side of the gate, bearing the following inscriptions, carved with incised letters: "Enter into His gate with thanksgiving," and "Make them to be numbered with Thy saints."

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ST. MARY'S, NOTTINGHAM.

An important addition is being made to the fine old Mother Church of Nottingham. This is an aisle to the chancel, which will provide both a side chapel, and an organ-chamber. A new organ is urgently needed for the church, and the Vicar and wardens were determined not to put a new organ in the position of the present one, which projects into the chancel and is a serious eyesore from the point of view of architectural effect. The present chancel is unworthy architecturally of the splendid nave, and when it was proposed in 1884 that St. Mary's should be the Cathedral of the new diocese of Southwell, it was suggested that the chancel should be rebuilt. The present work was first designed by the late Mr. Hodgson Fowler, but on his death Mr. Temple Moore was called in, and he adopted in the main (though with some minor modifications), Mr. Hodgeon Fowler's plans. The foundation stone of the new aisle was laid on Friday last by Viscount Milner, who will be the guest of the Duke and Duchess of Portland. The stone was dedicated by the Bishop of Southwell.

THE SPEAKER'S OFFER TO CROSTHWAITE CHURCH.

The Speaker (the Right Hon. J. W. Lowther), has offered to the Vicar and wardens of the church a "three-decker" bronze candlestick about 11 inches high, which was stolen from Crosthwaite church at the time of the Reformation. Mr. Lowther, writing to the Canon, said that he succeeded to the treasure, which for many years was in Crosthwaite Museum, and was subsequently bought from another purchaser by his father. Mr. Lowther added: "If you would like to have it for Crosthwaite Church I shall be glad to offer it to the Vicar and churchwardens, but I should like to be sure that you place it again in the church from which it has been absent for four hundred years. If it is only to go into the museum or vestry, I would rather keep it myself." The Canon was authorised to write, thanking the Speaker for his handsome offer, but stating that, in the opinion of the Vestry, the candlestick would be safer in a glass case in the vestry, if that met with Mr. Lowther's approval.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, LEICESTER.

In October last the nave of St. George's church, Leicester, was completely burnt out. Its loss was deplored by the whole community, for some historic interest attached to the sacred edifice, which was one of the Parliament commemoration churches to celebrate the conclusion of peace after the battle of Waterloo. It was built in 1823, and cost £16,000, but its value was afterwards added to considerably. The cost of re-construction is estimated at £16,200, of which £10,220 has been paid by the insurance company. Towards the balance over £2,000 has now been subscribed or promised. The foundation-stone was laid on Tuesday by Earl Howe, in the presence of a large and representative gathering.

INTERESTING DISCOVERY AT LEWES.

Mr. Frank Moore, the well-known novelist, who resides at Lewes, has made an interesting archaeological discovery in an old inn near Lewes Castle. On a wall which had been hidden for ages by successive wall papers, a curious fresco has come to light. It resembles a large shield bearing the arms of Earl De Warenne, first Lord of Lewes Castle, who married Gundrada, daughter of William the Conqueror. Some of the gilding is in good condition, and the oil painting on the shield is interesting to antiquaries.

The Rev. T. O. Reay, who has been Vicar of St. Mary's Church, Southend-on-Sea, for the past thirty-two years, has been appointed a Canon of St. Alban's Cathedral.

BERKSWELL, WARWICKSHIRE.

In a communication to his parishioners, the Rev. H. C. A. Back, Vicar of Berkswell, suggests that churchyards should be brightened by flowers. In visiting a church in South Warwickshire last month, he says: I was struck by the roses which line the path. There were roses of the best sorts, and they were growing most luxuriantly. I thought whether the churchwardens or the rector were great rose-growers; I was informed however, that the roses were all given by parishioners, who took a pride in giving the best they could."

ROUND CHURCH FOUNDATIONS UNEARTHED

Recently the foundations of an ancient round Church have been discovered at West Thurrock Essex, round the base of the fifteenth century tower. It would appear that on the same site there stood a very early round church, about 31ft. in diameter, with walls 3ft. thick, mainly built with rubble, with courses of Roman brick, two of which remain. There are similar remains of an ancient round church at Ludlow. There would thus seem to have been six round churches in the country—in London, at Cambridge, Northampton, Little Maplestead, Ludlow and West Thurrock, of which two were in Essex. An highly interesting brass has been found at Barking, on the site of the Old Benedictine Abbey, in perfect condition and in the original matrix, of a priest in chasuble, alb, maniple, and stole. The inscription (in Latin) shows it to be that of "Master Richard Malet, bachelor in Canon Law, Chaplain of the Chantry of Thomas Sampkyns, who died October 20, 1485." Close to it there was found at the same time, an incised slab of Purbeck marble, bearing the name "Martinus Vicarius," and beneath it a large-sized portrait of the first-recorded Vicar of Barking, A.D. 1315-1328. Such incised portraits are rather rare in this country.

MEMORIAL TO REV. A. W. B. WATSON.

A committee has been formed at Aldershot for the purpose of making some memorial of the work of the Rev. A. W. B. Watson, Vicar of St. Mary's, Horbury Junction, late Chaplain to the Forces. Mr. Watson was twice chaplain at Stanhope Lines, and the committee is largely composed of those who knew him there. Others who knew of his work in Egypt in the campaign that ended at Khartoum, and in South Africa later, may wish to take part in the memorial. It is therefore proposed to place a small window, which would cost about 30 guineas, in St. George's Church, Stanhope Lines, and if sufficient subscriptions are received, to devote anything over that sum to Khartoum Cathedral.

Among the more interesting items in the St. Asaph Diocesan Calendar recently published, are the opening of a church house at Llandulas, at a cost of nearly £1,300, the erection of St. Andrew's church at Llanrhos to accommodate 300 worshippers, and the completion of Holy Trinity Church, Holywell, at a cost of £850. There are many similar records showing how the Church continues to make provision for the spiritual welfare of the people.

The Church Association spring conference was commenced at the Princes Hall, Bournemouth on Thursday. Alderman McCalmont Hill, the Mayor, held a reception in the morning at the Russell Cotes Art Gallery.

During the recent restoration of the old church at Tunstall near Kirby Lonsdale, an inscribed stone was found built into the rubble of the three-light window in the north-east corner. It has been seen by Professor Haverfield of Oxford, who declares that the stone is part of a Roman Altar, and that the inscription translated, would read as follows: "To the Holy God Asclepius and to Hygei. Julius Saturninus set this altar up." Tunstall church has been immortalised by Charlotte Brontë in *Jane Eyre*.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.

At this Sussex church during Easter week, a special service was held for the dedication of a new choir vestry and no fewer than four memorial windows. The vestry is the gift of the members of the Sturdy family, in memory of their parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Sturdy, of Paxhill, and Mr. Sturdy is also commemorated by one of the new windows. Two other windows are in memory of members of the Leslie family and the late Mary A. Hazlegrove, and the fourth is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tower, of Old Place, to commemorate the birth and baptism of their daughter, Cecilia. The dedicatory prayers were offered by the Bishop of Lewes, who, in the course of an address, said he did not think he had seen so many memorials dedicated on one day. He had never had an experience like it before. Among the clergy attending the service were the Rev.

E. F. d'Auvergne, Vicar of the parish, and the Rev. Chancellor Lias, of Llandaff Cathedral.

The Rev. B. G. Bouchier, Vicar of St. Jude-on-the-Hill, Hampstead Garden Suburb, has been presented by his parishioners with a set of silver salt-cellars, set of silver fish-knives and forks, silver breakfast-dish, and a silver mustard-pot, with an illuminated address bearing the names of 320 subscribers, as a token of appreciation and an expression of joy and thankfulness on his safe return after his journey to the Holy Land.

To the Rev. A. Gillies-Wilkin, who has been Priest-in-charge at St. Mary's church, Old Goole, for the past two years, and is sailing for Canada, to take up an appointment in the North-east Territory as a missionary, a gold chain and pendant and a Thermos-flask has been presented.

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By H. JENNINGS. Ryde, Isle of Wight.

Owing to the accidental breaking off of a letter the date touch which follows appeared incorrectly in a large part of our last week's issue. In order that our readers may have it correctly we republish it.

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And the recent "Grandison," of Exeter Cathedral

The Rev. H. L. Bell, son of Sir Hugh and Lady Bell, who has been assistant-curate at Guiseley for the last three and a half years, and is going to Pretoria, has received an album containing an illuminated address the names of between eight and nine hundred subscribers, and portraits of the clergy, parish church, and buildings and scenes in Guiseley.

A DATE TOUCH OF 1912 BOB MAJOR.

By F. JONES, Chislehurst, Kent.

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5009 STEDMAN CATERS.

By JOSEPH W. PARKER, Sunderland.

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First rung at Newcastle Cathedral, April 8th, 1912, conducted by William H. Barber.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BIGGLESWADE BRANCH.)

A meeting of the above was held at Blunham on Thursday evening, April 18th, when a good muster of members attended from the following towers: Sandy, Bedford, Elstow, Everton, Clifton, Old Warden, Northill, Blunham, and also the Misses D. and E. Steel, two lady ringers. The meeting was held in a room kindly lent by Mr. Payne, of Blunham, when the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake was elected chairman. The rev. gentleman gave a report of the annual meeting at Bedford on Easter Monday, when it was decided to divide the Association into three districts—Luton, Bedford, and Biggleswade, and informed those present that the principal business before them that night was to elect officers to carry on this work of the Association in this district. The performing and hon. members that had been proposed at the previous meeting were all elected *en bloc*.

The following gentlemen were elected as the officials of the district:—President—Rev. R. S. Bagshaw, Vicar of Biggleswade; Vice-presidents—Rev. John Richardson, Vicar of Sandy; also Mr. Guy Pym, of Sandy; Secretary—F. Blood (Biggleswade). Committee—one representative from each tower attached. This concluded the meeting, and ringing was again taken up and continued till after nine o'clock. The church has only five bells, and these are very heavy. The addition of another bell, for which there is plenty of room both in the tower and frame, would make an ideal ring of six.

THE VOICE OF THE BELLS

Lines suggested by reading Arnold's "Light of Asia."

By G.F.M.

We are the voices of the light-toned bells,
The joy of life our merry chorus swells:
Lightly we heed what Wisdom oft denies,
Shout we for gladness till the echo dies.

We are the voices of the deep-toned bells,
Surging as sad sea-waves to mournful knells,
Hollow our bodies, as all things of earth,
Our solid tongues proclaim no need of mirth.

We are the voices of the bells that blend
With joy and sadness, and to truth attend;
Pass we the hours from brightness into shade;
Should we lament the morn'cause daylight fade?

O, finite creatures, not for us to know
The how and why of ocean's ebb and flow;
Silent the sphinx of God's eternal law,
Humble our voices that we know no more.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

Considerable interest surrounds the scheme of restoration which is being carried out at Astley parish church, Nuneaton. The bells—four of which are dated 1607, and the fifth 1722—have been removed from the tower for attention, and the principal other portion of the scheme is the restoration of the interior of the nave. Astley church and the adjacent moated castle are closely connected with the history of England, and the church has been immortalised in the writings of George Eliot. The castle was an early home of Lady Jane Grey.

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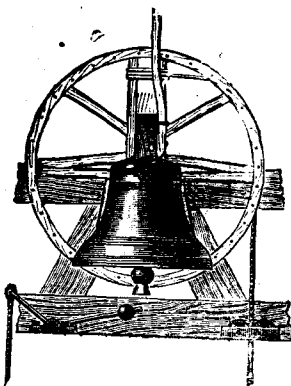
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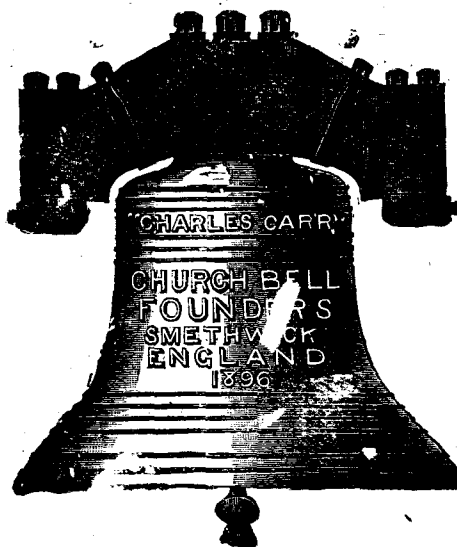
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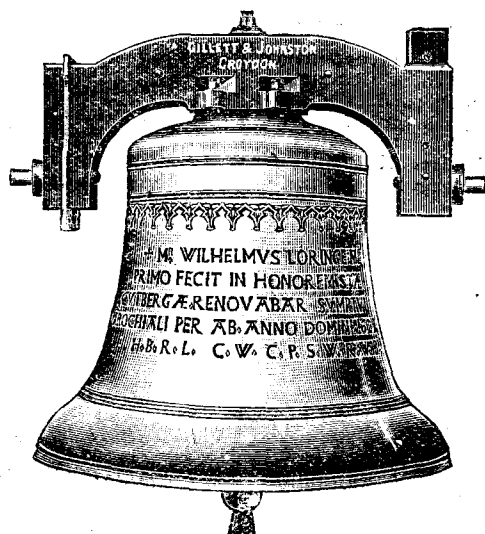
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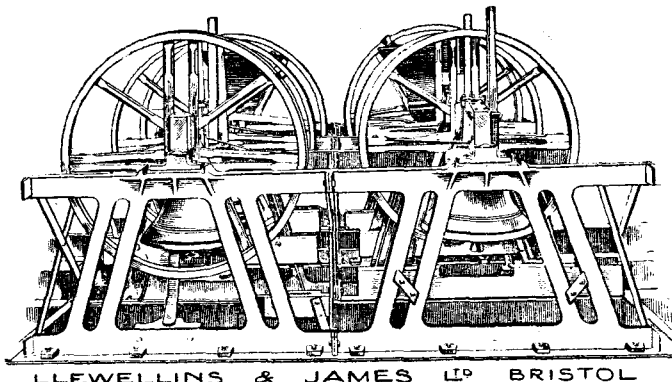
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At ten o'clock on the morning of April
25th, after nearly ten years' silence, the
bells of the Campanile of Venice rang
once more. It was on July 14th, 1902,
that the ancient tower, 322-ft. high,
around which so much art and romance
had clustered for nearly six centuries,
collapsed after three days' warning. It
fell so gently that it crumpled up upon
itself without loss of life and with little
damage to the surrounding buildings.
This wonderful tower has been rebuilt,
and the watchman with his long tele-
scope, will be seen once more on its
summit on the look-out for the first hint
of an outbreak of fire.

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SHOREDITCH SOCIETY.

The annual meeting was held on Friday, April 19th, the Vicar and President, the Rev. E. R. Ford, M.A. presiding. The Hon. Sec. and Treasurer gave the financial statement, showing the receipts to be £8 9s. 6d., expenditure £7 5s. 6d., balance in hand £1 4s., which, considering that this was the first year of the Society's existence, must be considered good. The whole of the expenditure was on account of the chiming lines and ringing chamber and necessary utensils. The following officers were elected:—Rev. A. A. Duffield Harding and Rev. P. E. Boswell, with Messrs. Howard Wall and W. Field, vice-presidents; Mr. A. E. Bradley hon. sec and treasurer; Mr. H. J. Bradley steeple-keeper and foreman; Messrs. W. Bradley, F. Barber, W. White and B. Hunter committee. Mr. H. J. Bradley, the hon. sec. to the Bells Restoration Fund, gave a short statement of the work proposed to be done, and the state of the fund, and urged the members to do all they could to obtain subscriptions. The question was raised as to whether the Society would be allowed to send a representative to the Church Council, and it was referred to the Vestry. The Rev. A. A. Duffield Harding moved a vote of thanks to the retiring secretary, Mr. F. K. Sallaway, whose future arrangements precluded the possibility of his continuance in office. Mr. Sallaway was one of the founders of the movement to restore the bells. The vote was heartily carried. The Vicar, in closing the meeting, congratulated the members on the excellent work they had already done, and tendered his best wishes for the future.

SHOREDITCH BELLS.

"When I grow rich," said the bells of Shoreditch.

"'Tis true! 'tis pity! and pity 'tis 'tis true!" This is just what may be said of Shoreditch and its lack of means. Had the bells of Shoreditch arrived at the state of opulence foreshadowed in the line at the head of this article, there would be no cause for anxiety on the part of those who are working so energetically for their restoration. As it is there seems little prospect of this stage being reached, so an appeal is being made to all interested in bells to help on the work.

It has now been decided to have a new steel frame to carry the top five bells, and to brace up the lower frame, which carries the back seven, new stocks and fittings to all the bells, and the bells themselves to be cleaned and tuned. The work is to be carried out by Messrs. J. Warner and Sons, the well-known founders, of Spitalfields, who have recently completed some excellent work. The work proposed to be carried out will once again make Shoreditch bells one of the finest peals in London. It will run into some hundreds of pounds, far more than was at first anticipated, and ringers and friends are asked to support the committee to the fullest extent, as the effort to raise the money in a poor neighbourhood like Shoreditch is well nigh impossible. The order is to be placed and the work commenced as soon as two-thirds of the necessary money has been raised, which means that they must have in sight

another £50. Subscriptions, however small, will be most welcome, and so that the smallest sums may be got in subscription cards can be obtained from the hon. sec., Mr. H. J. Bradley, the Parish Church, Shoreditch, to whom also subscriptions should be sent.

LOUGHBOROUGH BELLS NOT TO RING.

Mr. H. W. Abbott, of 2, Curzon Street, Loughborough, writes to say that just at present the bells of All Saints' Church, Loughborough are not available for peal ringing, owing to serious illness near the church.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of this district was held at St. Margaret's, Lee, on April 27th. Permission had been given to use the bells, and touches in various methods were rung. At half-past five about 30 ringers assembled for service, and were much disappointed at finding that no special service had been arranged. They, however, attended the usual service in the Lady Chapel. The members then adjourned to the Kingswood Hall, where the business meeting was held, Mr. W. J. Jeffries occupying the chair. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and confirmed. Eynsford was chosen as the place for the next meeting, on the third Saturday in July, when it is hoped a larger number will attend. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for allowing the use of the bells. The rest of the evening, until nine o'clock, was spent in the tower.

JOHN EASTER, WRAGBY, YORKS.

It is with regret we record the death of the above-named ringer, which occurred on April 25th, at the age of 75 years, after a very brief illness. He was a member of the Yorkshire Association and of the Barnsley and District Society of Change-ringers, being President of the latter. On the 13th April he attended the monthly meeting of the Barnsley Society, at Royston, and appeared to be then in good health. Previous to visiting Royston he, with the other Wragsby ringers, called at Felkirk and rang a good 720 of College Pleasure, which proved to be his last. He always loved bells, yet he did not take up change-ringing until he was 60 years of age. Since then he had been most enthusiastic in the exercise, and could ring upwards of twenty six-bell methods, though he had rung only two peals. The first of these was at Tong, and the other at the beautiful church of Wragsby. The funeral took place at Wragsby Churchyard on the 27th ult., many people attending, among them Lord and Lady St. Oswald, in whose service Mr. Easter had spent twenty years as head gardener. After the funeral a good 720 of Oxford, with the bells deeply muffled, was rung by a mixed band, and a 720 Primrose by the local band.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL. ITS COMPOSITION AND PROOF.

By HENRY DAINS,

Past Master of The Royal Cumberland Youths.

In this article I propose to show ways and means to find changes in the plain course of this restricted and complicated old method which produce the false course ends. Also to show how these apply to composition by what is known as the course end proof.

I shall also point a way to split up the twelve course ends 6th at home, and place that bell at six rows each way in 5, 6, and prove these one by the other by means of false course end proof scales. Further, to show a system of sectional composition proving the work as the building progresses.

First set out a sheet of paper, dividing it into as many oblong squares as there are dodging places for the Treble, and prick into these the figures of the plain course in full. I am not giving all this, but simply a skeleton of it, which will be known as the S.C. In this, for reference, I give the first lead in full, in the margin of it the in and out course of the changes are noted, with all the Treble lead ends, and the leads are numbered (i) to (ix) inclusive, and every figure of each block in which the Treble dodges in 3, 4, both up and down.

FALSE COURSE ENDS.

In reference to this term it may here be repeated that 2 3 4 5 6 is the "plain course end" row: while a "false course end" is a similar row of the same figures, but which are so differently placed that in certain positions of the course from such a row changes of the plain course are reproduced.

THE HUNT FOR FALSE ROWS.

The process of finding such rows in the plain course is to studiously examine and compare them one with the other. That is those of the same nature "in course or out" and those rows in which the fixed bells, that is the Treble, 7, 8, 9, and Tenor, are found holding the same relative position in each row. When such rows as these are discovered then other examination is required.

As an example and a means to this we must refer to S.C. In the second block of lead (i) we find rows marked A. This must be read A 1. In the same block of lead (vi) we also find rows marked A, which must be read A vi. The first row of each pair we now extract from S.C. and place them one over the other, as follows:—

Diagram No. 1.

2 6 4 3 8 5 0 7 9 = A 1.
4 3 2 6 8 5 0 7 9 = A vi.

In this diagram it is clearly shewn that the placed bells hold the same position in each row, while it is equally plain that four of the five working bells are not similarly placed. That being so other examination must be made, and for that purpose we will next extract the working bells from Diagram No. 1, and place them one row over the other, as given below:—

Diagram No. 2.

2 6 4 3 5 = A 1.
4 3 2 6 5 = A vi.

Now in order to discover what false course ends these rows will produce (if any) we must find out what relation

they bear to one another. The following proposition will give us this.

Diagram No. 3.

As 2 6 4 3 5 is to 2 3 4 5 6
So 4 3 2 6 5 is to 4 6 2 5 3

In case this should not be quite plain I will show in other words how it is done. Find a scale that will transpose row A 1 to rounds, or 2 3 4 5 6. Next transpose row A vi by the same scale, and you get 4 6 2 5 3, the false course end you are looking for. The following diagram shows this, as the scale used for transposing is included.

Diagram No. 4.

2 6 4 3 5 transposed by scale 2 5 4 6 3 produces 2 3 4 5 6
[plain course end.
4 3 2 6 5 transposed by the same scale produces 4 6 2 5 3
[false course end.

Now, in order to prove that 4 6 2 5 3 is a false course end against 2 3 4 5 6, it remains to be shown the positions where the changes or rows of one course are reproduced in the other course. For this purpose I will start the pricking of another course, commencing with the false course end we have just discovered.

Diagram No. 5.

1 4 6 2 5 3 7 8 9 0
4 1 2 6 3 5 8 7 0 9
1 4 2 3 6 8 5 0 7 9
4 1 3 2 8 6 0 5 9 7

4 3 1 2 6 8 5 0 7 9 A vi at A 1.
3 4 2 1 8 6 0 5 9 7

Here then, in this diagram, at A 1, we have reproduced the rows at A vi of plain course, as a reference to the S.C. will show, and thus conclusively prove 4 6 2 5 3 a false course end against 2 3 4 5 6.

The other of the false course end rows are to be found as previously described, and for this purpose we again refer to S.C., wherein we notice there are rows in lead (ii) and lead (vi) marked B, and upon a further reference we note rows in lead (ii) and in lead (iv) marked C, and again in lead (vi) and lead (viii) there are rows marked D, all and each of which pairs, when treated as in the above diagrams, produce a false course end against 2 3 4 5 6. These are set out in the following table.

Table of Reference to False Course ends,

A vi at A 1 produce	4 6 2 5 3	False Course Ends
B vi at B ii produce	3 2 5 4 6	
C iv at C ii	produce 2 4 3 6 5	
D viii at D vi		

[Next week we shall publish a further instalment of Mr. Dains' article, and conclude it the following week.—ED.]

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On Tuesday, April 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
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BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	ROBERT E. STAVERT 7.
THOMAS R. SCOTT 4.	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY, and
Conducted by FRANCIS A. SMITH,

*First peal in the method as conductor.

NOTES.

The Rev. H. A. Boughey, President of the Cambridge University Guild, has more than one side to his activities. Last week he occupied the chair at a complimentary dinner to J. Hobbs, the Surrey cricketer who did such good work for the English team in Australia.

This week we have to record a unique occurrence, viz., the ringing of a peal of Grandsire Triples by a band of Metropolitan policemen, believed to be the first ever rang by a band composed of "Men in blue."

We are sure the sympathies of our readers will be extended to Mr. George Williams, of West End, Southampton, who, has to mourn the loss of his mother, who died on April 25th at the ripe old age of 93.

The band of Clerical bell-ringers who toured in Gloucestershire last week, were singularly unsuccessful, only one peal standing to their credit for the three days' over which the tour lasted.

Our readers will note with sympathy the cause of the failure of the second attempt at Prestbury. What band could ring a peal of Superlative, when convulsed with laughter. The innocent cause of the breakdown is no doubt feeling exceedingly sore about it.

The signs of the times point to the near approach of the Annual Meeting of the Central Council. We have received from the Secretary the Analysis of all the peals rung in connection with the various Guilds and Associations represented on

the Council, which will be inserted in full in our next issue. It makes interesting reading, and commends itself to all who take an active interest in matters connected with the Exercise.

Our friends at St. Mary's, Dover, have suffered a great loss by the resignation of Canon Bartram, who has been Vicar for eleven years, and has always given the ringers every encouragement. We wish him a speedy return to good health, and to his good work.

We have this week to record, with regret, the death of an old ringer, one who all through life had taken more than a passing interest in bell-ringing, although he did not take up change-ringing till very late in life. We refer to John Easter, of Wragby, Yorks., who passed away on the 25th ult. On the 13th he rang with other Wragby ringers a 720 of College Pleasure at Felkirk.

The restoration of the bells at the parish church of Shore-ditch is still agitating the minds of the local committee charged with finding the ways and means. The fund grows slowly. With another £50 in sight they could put the work in hand.

On Saturday last at Wokingham, a band of the Reading Branch, Oxford Diocesan Guild, rung two peals—one of London Surprise Major at the church of St. Paul, the other of Bristol Surprise Major at the church of All Saints.

In another page we publish the first instalment of an article on "Cambridge Surprise: its Composition and Proof," by Mr. H. Dains. Further instalments will follow. The article will be most helpful to ringers studying the method.

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CLERICAL RINGERS IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Last week a band of clerical bellringers paid a visit to Gloucestershire, and spent an enjoyable time, though not successful in bringing off all the peals they started for. The subjoined report of the tour is from one of the party.

With a view principally to reversing the result of the visit to High Wycombe, last October, a three days' tour had been arranged with headquarters at Cheltenham. The difficulty of bringing together just those clergy most accustomed to twelve-bell ringing was once more experienced; this time the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson was unable to join the party owing to an engagement with his Bishop, which could not be cancelled. It would be a mere truism to say that he was sorely missed. On Monday, April 22nd, eight of us were kindly entertained to tea at Prestbury Vicarage previous to an attempt for the first clerical peal of Surprise. This proved successful after 3 hours and 10 minutes' good ringing, and will be found recorded elsewhere. It was a distinctly gratifying success, as it was achieved at the first attempt. The second start for the peal proved abortive in a very few minutes, owing to one of the band showing in a practical but involuntary manner his desire to keep cool, a desire which had the result of causing the other seven to be convulsed with laughter, with which the intricacies of Superlative had no sympathy. The Vicar (Rev. Urling Smith) placed us under a deep debt of gratitude by allowing us to ring through festal evensong. The trap-door in the floor of the ringing chamber had been left open, and towards the end of the peal the ringers became aware of a delightfully sweet odour permeating the ringing chamber, which soon made us aware that a service was proceeding, and that the fragrant incense was rising upward. It was our first experience of ringing in such an atmosphere, as it was also the assistant priest's first experience of preaching a sermon to the harmony of the bells; from what he said afterwards we believe the bells had the best of it. Next morning saw twelve clergy at Painswick, bent on recording the first peal of clerical Stedman Cinques. But alas! it was not to be. A more delightful spot in such ideal weather as we experienced throughout the tour one could hardly want. The Vicar most kindly entertained us to a substantial dinner, for which we are very grateful to him. In the evening, through the kindness of Messrs. G. H. Phillott and T. Pates, we visited St. Mary's, Cheltenham, where a course of Stedman Cinques was rung with some of the local men. This is an ideal place for peals on twelve bells, but unfortunately the spire is said by the architect to be unsafe for much ringing. On Wednesday an early start was made for Stroud, where Grandsire Caters was on the programme. Again we were disappointed, for after one hour and twenty minutes' ringing the peal came to grief. Hardly had we come away from the tower than who should meet us but the Rev. Maitland Kelly, who had come from Bath to hear the ringing. Although our attempts did not meet with the success we should have liked, nevertheless we all had a thoroughly enjoyable outing; and we desire to thank those Incumbents who so kindly placed their bells at our disposal, and the respective steeplekeepers who had everything ready for us. Further our best thanks are due to the Cheltenham band for the loan of their handbells during our stay in the town. The Cinques band stood as follows:—Revs. E. V. Cox, C. W. O. Jenkyn, E. B. James, A. T. Beeston, H. Law James, F. J. O. Helmore, C. D. P. Davies, C. Carew Cox (conductor), C. A. Clements, G. F. Coleridge, H. A. Cockey, W. W. C.

Baker; while the Caters band was the same with the exception of Revs. E. B. James and W. W. C. Baker, who stood out. Nothing daunted, arrangements will be made later on for another attempt to place Stedman Cinques on the list of clerical peals.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 22, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
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REV. F. J. O. HELMORE <i>Treble</i> .	REV. E. V. COX 5.
REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 2.	REV. E. BANKES JAMES .. 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 3.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 7.
REV. C. CAREW COX .. 4.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. Tenor.

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

This is the first Surprise peal by a clerical band, and was rung at the first attempt.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Swindon branch was held at Bishopstone, Wilts., on Saturday last. There was a very satisfactory number of ringers present from Christchurch, Swindon, Stratton St. Margaret, Wootton Bassett, and Wroughton, besides a few of the local ringers, and these received a hearty welcome from the Vicar, the Rev. H. Ault. Permission was readily granted by that gentleman to ring, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Double Norwich were successfully accomplished. Tea followed at The True Heart, and a business meeting was afterwards held. Mr. Ernest Bishop, Branch President, was in the chair. New members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Castle Eaton on Saturday, May 18th. The chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Ault for his kindness and courtesy, and this was carried. Further ringing during the evening concluded the proceedings of a very pleasant gathering.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On April 23rd, at St. Peter's church, in commemoration of St. George's Day, the following touches were rung during the day:—336 and 1024 Bob Major. G. Burch, F. L. Bumpstead, H. T. Pye, W. J. Schofield, G. W. Dixon, S. Hull, H. Evers, D. Elliott. 704 Kent Treble Bob. G. W. Dixon, 1; G. Burch, 5; and 1024 Kent Treble Bob, with H. Evers, 5; G. Burch, 6; W. Chalk, 7; the rest as before. 784 Double Norwich. G. Burch, F. L. Bumpstead, H. T. Pye, W. J. Schofield, H. Eves, S. Haggart, W. Chalk, D. Elliott. And 1008 Bob Major, with G. Dixon, 6. All members of the local company with the exception of D. Elliott, who belongs to Coggeshall, and acted as conductor throughout the day.

HULL (Yorks).—On Good Friday, at Holy Trinity Parish Church, for morning service, with the bells half-muffled, 1008 Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. F. Dale, M. Hedges, T. Stockdale, G. Dowling, J. Highfield, C. Jackson (conductor), F. Merrison, J. Chamberlain, G. Miller. On April 18th, the Organ Bicentenary Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. F. Dales (first quarter-peal), F. Merrison, H. Jenkins, C. Jackson (conductor), G. Dowling, H. Rodmell, D. W. Brown, J. Chamberlain. On April 21st, for morning service, 431 Grandsire Caters. F. Dale, M. Hedges, H. Wright (Yarmouth), G. Dowling, F. Merrison, J. Highfield, C. Jackson (conductor), G. Miller, D. W. Brown, J. Chamberlain. On April 28th, for morning service, 539 Grandsire Caters. M. Hedges, T. Stockdale, A. Naylor (Leeds), G. Dowling, F. Merrison, J. Highfield, C. Jackson, G. Miller, D. W. Brown, G. Hare (Beverley).

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 9th and 23rd; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 14th and 28th; at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 14th; at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 15th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 21st; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th at 8 p.m.; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays at 7.30 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKBRILL, Hon. Sec.
32, Edgely Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association (late the St. James's Society).—Established 1824.—Southern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, May 18th, at St. Mary's, Putney. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All members and friends invited.

F. A. SMITH, Hon. Sec.
86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill.

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Mistley on Saturday, May 4th. Tea 9d. each at the Parish Institute at 5.30, will be provided for those sending notice to

A. STUFFLEBOTHAM, Dis. Sec.
Sandpit Road, Braintree.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hursley on Saturday, May 4th. Church tower open during the afternoon and evening. Tea in Vicarage garden at 5.30, if weather unfavourable in Parish Room.

JAS. W. ELKINS, Hon. Sec.
20, Culver Villas, Winchester.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, May 4th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.

T. ROLLERSON, Branch Sec.

The Sussex County Association.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 4th. St. Peter's tower open from 11 to 1, and from 6 till 8 p.m. St. Nicholas tower 6 to 8 p.m. Luncheon at The Unicorn hotel, North Street, at 1.30. Members' ticket 1s. 6d. The Lord Bishop of Chichester will preside at the luncheon, and at the business meeting which follows. Ringers' service at St. Nicholas 4 p.m. Preacher—Canon Southwell. Half railway fares, with a maximum of 2s., will be allowed members attending the meeting. It is hoped that as far as possible they will avail themselves of the cheap fares.

G. WATSON, Hon. Gen. Sec.
St. Leonards.

The Salop Guild.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Market Drayton on Saturday, May 4th. There will be ringing in the afternoon in the parish church, followed by a meeting in the vestry.

REV. H. B. BECKWITH, M.A., Hon. Sec.
Ridgmount, Shrewsbury.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, May 4th, at 6.30 p.m.

It is expected the bells at Mytton church will be available during the afternoon.

J. WATSON, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Chorley with Whittle-le-Woods, on Saturday, May 11th. Further particulars by circular.

W. H. SHUKER, } Hon. Secs.
J. H. BANKS. }

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready at 5.

WALTER HUGHES, Sec.
3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, May 11th. The bells of St. Stephen's (8), and of St. Dunstan's (6), will be available from 3 till 9 p.m., of St. Alphege (6) from 3 till 4 p.m., and of the Cathedral (10), after 4 p.m. Tea, for which a charge of 3d. per member present will be made, will be taken in St. Peter's Parish Hall at 5 p.m. The usual business meeting will be held after tea. Will all members who intend to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday, May 8th. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid before the meeting.

E. TRENDLELL, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Boughton, Faversham.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.

13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

The North Notts. Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, May 4th. Business meeting in Parish Room 3.30 p.m. Divine Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Howard's Rooms 5.0 p.m. Members of kindred societies heartily welcome.

B. DARLEY, Hon. Sec.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held at Devizes on Monday, May 6th (King's Accession). Service by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. P. W. G. Filleul, in St. John's church. The sermon will be preached by the Lord Bishop of the diocese. Luncheon at The Bear hotel, 2s. each, at 1.45 p.m. By courtesy of the incumbents the following towers will be offered: peal of 8, St. John, Devizes; peal of 6, St. Mary, Devizes; peal of 6, St. James, South Broom; peal of 6, St. Mary, Potterne; peal of 6, St. Mary, Rowde.

W. P. SCHUSTER, Hon. Sec.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Magor (Mon.) on Saturday, May 11th, at 4.30.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, M.A., Caerphilly.
JOHN W. JONES, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Scorton on Saturday, May 18th. Arrangements will be made for conveyances from Preston if it is desirable.

E. R. MARTIN, Branch Sec.

Dudley and Districts Guild.—The next quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Sedgley on Saturday, May 18th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. T. G.

Swindell. Business meeting afterwards.
HERBERT SHEPPARD, Hon. Sec.
66, Himley Road, Dudley.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Staplehurst on Saturday, May 18th. Tower open at 3. Service in church at 5. Business meeting after the service. Half travelling expenses up to but not exceeding 2s. each will be paid to members attending.

W. LATIER, Hon. Dis. Sec.
26, Dukes Road, Tunbridge Wells.

The Kent County Association.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Westerham on Whitsun Monday, May 27th. At this meeting four representatives on the Central Council of Church Bell-Ringers are to be elected. Candidates must be nominated by two members, and their nomination papers forwarded to the Hon. Secretary before May 13th. For dinner tickets, etc., apply to

FREDK. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec.
The Precincts, Canterbury.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The annual report of the above Guild for 1911 is now ready. Members under Rule xi. can have them by sending three penny stamps to the Secretary, ALBERT E. REEVES, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

St. John's, Deptford, S.E.—Practices were resumed on Monday, April 15th, 1912.

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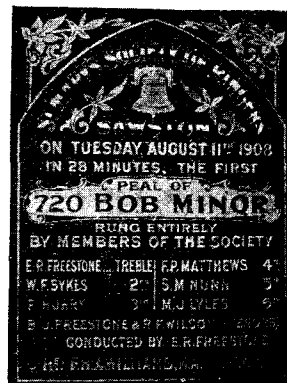
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All business communications should be addressed to "Mr. Geo. Carter, 1, Selborne Road, Walthamstow."

Notices of any kind, to ensure insertion in the current issue, should reach us not later than first post on Thursday morning. Unless this is done we cannot insert them till the following week.

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1912.

A REPORT which came to hand this week contained among other items, a reflection on the Rector of a parish which, if they had been true, would have shown an utter disregard for the feelings of a band of ringers, a body of church workers who deserve due consideration, and have a right to expect it. In the case in question complaint was made that the Rector had disbanded the local company of ringers without a cause, and that, having promised to arrange a service in connection with the quarterly meeting of an Association he failed to do so. We have since ascertained that so far as the first complaint was concerned there was absolutely no foundation for it; the reasons for taking the step were sound and valid. As to the latter, the fact that someone who should have done so

neglected to inform the clergyman of the date of the meeting, is a sufficient explanation. Had this matter concerned the local ringers only we should have let it pass, but as there were others present, who probably went away feeling that they had been neglected we are anxious to remove the idea. We would also remind correspondents that it is as well to keep all personalities out of reports. Apart from the risk of an action for libel, no self-respecting editor would insert a report containing imputations on an individual or an Association without making careful enquiry.

We are always ready to publish fair reports of meetings and other doings of Ringers and their Associations. When, however, they contain personalities such as this one did we have to use the blue pencil freely and strike them out. It is only fair to say that the correspondent who sent the report was not a local member, and we believe he sent it in perfectly good faith.

At the meeting of the Bedfordshire Association at Elstow, everything seems to have gone with a merry swing, the only sign of anything otherwise being at tea time, when an unusual number apparently put in an appearance and caused some slight confusion. The lady ringers, however, came to the rescue, and things were soon put in order again. There was perhaps just a symptom of dissatisfaction in the part of the Secretary's report dealing with the attendance at meetings. It seems to be a prevalent idea nowadays—and the idea is by no means confined to members of Associations of Change-Ringers—that members need not attend the meetings. Individual members are apt to take to themselves the argument: "There will be enough present without me," and stay away. There is no need to say that this argument applied in the case of every member would result in no one attending. It is disheartening to an energetic secretary, after using every effort to secure a good meeting to find that only a small proportion of members turn up. A word to the wise is sufficient, and members should see to it that no one who has a right to be there is away. If we could imbue every ringer with the idea that the meeting could not go on without him there would be no complaint about small attendances. Some members do think so, and these are the members who make for the success of any Society.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WALTER DARLINGTON .. Treble.	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 5.
ERNEST BRETT 2.	CORNELIUS CHARGE 6.
ALFRED W. BARKUS 3.	GEORGE CHARGE 7.
CHARLES G. JANE 4.	ALFRED G. CRANE Tenor.

Conducted by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

The above are members of the Metropolitan Police Force, and it is believed to be the first peal ever rang by a band of policeman.

A DIAGRAM OF UNION TRIPLES (1893), may be had gratis, on application by letter to W. H. THOMPSON, 5, Sillwood Street, Brighton, to whom the unsold remainder has been returned by the publishers.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

On Wednesday, April 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. John, Waterloo Road,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

JARROLD HAYWARD Treble.	ERNEST G. STIBBONS 5.
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS 2.	HENRY G. MILES 6.
ALBERT N. SELBY 3.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS 7.
JAMES R. MACEMAN 4.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

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

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke, Chelsea,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE WATKIN Treble.	FRANK A. SMITE 6.
WILLIAM J. DEAN 2.	ERNEST A. REEVE 7.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 3.	ALFRED G. H. NEWMAN 8.
HAROLD BURTON 4.	GEORGE SPENCER 9.
WALTER G. MATTHEWS 5.	HARRY MANCE Tenor.

Composed by F. BENNETT, and Conducted by H. MANCE.

First peal of Bob Royal by all the band, and first peal of Bob Royal for the above Association.

The Provinces.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

J. PALLISTER Treble.	G. H. TAYLOR 5.
H. LENTON 2.	J. SMITH 6.
W. H. WILSON 3.	W. KINGDON 7.
G. W. PEVERELL 4.	E. TITT Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by G. W. PEVERELL.

*First peal and first attempt.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(DUFFIELD BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Alkmund,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE BASSON Treble.	JOHN FLOWER 5.
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2.	FRED HICKLING 6.
CHARLES DRAPEE 3.	HENRY LETTS 7.
ERNEST H. CLARKE 4.	JAMES PAGETT Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE FREEBERRY, of Derby, and Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, April 28th, for morning service, a touch of Bob Major, and 252 Stedman Triples. J. Spalding, F. Lambert, jun., C. Moss, A. H. Took, A. Lee, J. Howard, F. C. Lambert (conductor), W. Pierce. Also two courses, E. Easter ringing the 4th. For evening service, 252 Stedman Triples. F. J. Smith (Leiston), treble, others as before. On Sunday, April 21st, on handbells, 252 and 168 Stedman Triples. A. Lee, 1-2; H. Barton (conductor), 3-4; F. C. Lambert, 5-6; J. O'Neill, 7-8; and two courses of Grandsire Caters, J. Howard, 9-10.

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

On Saturday, April 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720s of Oxford, and four 720s of Kent, each called differently.
Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES HENRY BAKER .. Treble.	JOHN THOMAS LADD .. 4.
JOHN CHARLES TINKER .. 2.	WILLIAM DICERNSON .. 5.
FREDK. S. W. BUTLER .. 3.	WALTER AYRE .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. S. W. BUTLER.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor by all the band, and first peal on the bells.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 22, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES.

ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. Treble.	JAMES HOUGHTON .. 5.
JAMES GARRETT .. 2.	WALTER J. GERMAN .. 6.
WALTER PERKINS .. 3.	JOHN J. MAWEY .. 7.
J. HUBERT HORN .. 4.	JAMES T. WARD .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who lost their lives in the "Titanic" disaster.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, April 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

W. PARDOE .. Treble.	C. WALLATER .. 5.
E. HOBTON .. 2.	R. BAKER .. 6.
F. WARD .. 3.	C. BRECH .. 7.
E. TYLER* .. 4.	J. ADAMS .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. WALLATER.

*First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Tom Watson Day.

ST. LEONARD'S-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 20 cwt.

JAS. LIVERMORE, JUN. .. Treble.	FRANCIS A. KENNETT .. 5.
WALTER ALCOCK .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT .. 6.
GEORGE H. HOWSE .. 3.	GEORGE WATSON .. 7.
FRANK MEDHURST .. 4.	HARRY DENMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

The conductor was elected a member of the Association prior to starting peal. Rung for evening service, the occasion being the induction of the new Rector, the Rev. Gerald W. Douglas, by the Lord Bishop of Chichester. The conductor's 700th peal.

CREWE (Cheshire).—On Sunday evening, April 21st, for Divine Service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1368 changes, in 59 mins. W. T. Holding, R. Langford, sen., J. H. Riding, A. Crawley, R. T. Holding, jun., G. H. Crawley, J. Dentith, C. J. B. Cooke, R. T. Holding, sen. (conductor), R. Langford, jun. The above is the longest touch of Caters for all the band except the ringers of the 3rd and 9th bells; also the longest touch upon the bells.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BEES. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.
Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE† Treble.	†JOHN GRANSBURY .. 6.
RALPH COLES .. 2.	†ROBERT H. YOUNG .. 7.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 3.	JAMES W. WILKINS .. 8.
RICHARD BUCKLAND .. 4.	BENJAMIN PAGE .. 9.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 5.	FRANK W. BOXALL .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

†First peal of Stedman Caters.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, April 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY ARGYLE .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. COX .. 5.
E. HARRY STONELRY .. 2.	FRANK E. PREVIN .. 6.
THOMAS H. VALLANCE .. 3.	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 7.
HAROLD D. ARGYLE .. 4.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

First peal in the method by Messrs. Vallance, Cox, and Smallwood. This peal is No. 35 in the Central Council's Peal Collection, Section 3.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qt. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIE, JUN.* .. Treble.	HENRY GAENHAM .. 5.
EDWIN WHITING .. 2.	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. 6.
ALFRED SMITH .. 3.	ALBERT G. WARMES .. 7.
WILLIAM STEELE .. 4.	FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY, and Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

*First peal in the method.

WESTERHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 23½ cwt.

GEORGE B. SELBY .. Treble.	HENRY J. SELBY .. 5.
ARTHUR J. LEWIS .. 2.	EDWARD J. HOAD .. 6.
ALBERT BELTON .. 3.	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HENMORE .. 4.	JOHN W. STEDDY .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

Rang with the bells half-muffled (except the tenor), as a last token of respect to Lieutenant-Colonel C. A. M. Warde, of Westerham, who was a Life Member of the Association, and was buried on the above date.

CROYDON (Surrey).—At the church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') in 55 mins. T. H. Colburn, H. Brooker, D. Wright, C. F. Johnston, W. States, W. S. Wise (conductor), T. Groombridge, jun., S. R. Roper. Rung with the bells fully muffled as a mark of respect to those who perished in the recent "Titanic" disaster.

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

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

J. FRANK PROCTOR* Treble.	WILLIAM G. THORPE .. 6.
JOHN C. WESTSTONE .. 2	*ERNEST NIDD 7.
DAVID B. OVERTON .. 3.	ALBERT C. DARNELL .. 8.
HARRY THORPE 4.	†SIDNEY PROCTOR 9.
WILLIAM CAWTON* 5.	THOMAS H. HALL Tenor.

Composed by JOHN ROGERS, and Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

*First peal of Caters. †First peal of Caters as conductor. First peal of Caters on the bells, and in the county for the Guild by an entirely local band.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER* Treble.	SAMUEL GROVE 6.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS* .. 2.	JOHN WITHERS 7.
WILLIAM SHILVOCK .. 3.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. 8.
WILLIAM SHORT 4.	OLIVER JAMES 9.
GORDON CHECKITTS .. 5.	CHARLES F. WHITE Tenor.

Composed by W. T. ELSON, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

*First peal of Grandsire Caters.

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

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY TUCKER Treble.	FRANK BLONDELL 5.
CHARLES GILES 2.	FREDK. A. HOLDEN .. 6.
RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 3.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. 7.
ERNEST MENDAY 4.	ALFRED H. POLLING .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

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

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

HENRY TUCKER Treble.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 5.
REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. 2.	FRANK BLONDELL 6.
CHARLES GILES 3.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. 7.
ERNEST MENDAY 4.	ALFRED H. POLLING .. Tenor.

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

BURSLEM, STAFFORDSHIRE.
STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Norwich Surprise, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

JOHN FARRILL Treble.	ERNEST TIGWELL 4.
JOHN E. WHEELDON .. 2.	HENRY WHITEHEAD .. 5.
CLEMENT POINTON .. 3.	DANIEL PRESTON Tenor.

Conducted by E. TIGWELL.

First peal as conductor. Rung on the first anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ARTHUR CRAVEN Treble.	JONATHAN THOMSON .. 5.
HARRY GREAVES 2.	WILLIAM T. PALMER .. 6.
WILLIAM DAFFIN 3.	WILLIAM H. TURTON .. 7.
FREDK. PARSONS 4.	JOHN ROBERT BROOKS .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

First peal of Major by the ringer of the 2nd, who with the 7th hail from Killamarsh; the rest to the local band.

Handbell Peals.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

HARRY F. DAWKINS .. 1-2.	ERNEST PYE 5-6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3-4.	WESLEY WATSON 7-8.

Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

Umpire—Arthur Chaplin.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

JAMES HUNT 1-2.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 5-6.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. 3-4.	FREDK. A. HOLDEN .. 7-8.
FRANK BLONDELL 9-10.	

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

CAMBRIDGE.—THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, April 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

IN THE PRESIDENT'S ROOM, TRINITY COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 1-2.	*REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 5-6.
E. MAURICE ATKINS* .. 3-4.	*WILLIAM D. JAMES .. 7-8.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

*First peal of Norwich in hand. Umpire—G. G. Bell.

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FUNERAL OF MR. TOM WATSON DAY.

The funeral of Mr. Tom Day, formerly of Coalbrookdale, where he was a chorister and bellringer at Holy Trinity church, who passed away at Willenhall on the 18th inst., took place at Coalbrookdale on Tuesday afternoon. Previous to leaving Willenhall, from whence the remains were conveyed by road, a short service was conducted at St. Giles' by the Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Pratt. On Sunday the Willenhall ringers rang with the bells half-muffled, as a token of their deep sympathy, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. On Tuesday they rang a peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled. Tom had been a member of the St. Giles' band since coming to live at Willenhall. On Sunday, at Coalbrookdale, as a tribute of respect to Tom, also out of sympathy for the sufferers by the wreck of the "Titanic," 504 Stedman Triples was rung for morning service with the bells half-muffled, being the first ever rung in the method by eight local Dale ringers. J. Hanley, treble; H. Aston, 2; H. Bailey, 3; F. S. Downing, 4; J. L. York, 5; W. Jones, 6; W. Saunders (conductor), 7; A. Garbutt, tenor. This is rather remarkable, as the band began to learn Stedman just before Mr. Day left Coalbrookdale. It was one of his last wishes that he should be buried at Coalbrookdale Church, which must have been very dear to him; also that the Rev. C. B. Crowe should conduct the service, the ringers to be his bearers. As they brought him over the hill on Tuesday, his old colleagues rang several 120s of Stedman Doubles with 4-6-8 covering. As they drew near the church, the ringers wearing white ties and gloves, met them. After a solemn service, conducted by the Rev. C. B. Crowe (Vicar), a course of Grandsire Triples on hand-bells was rung at the graveside as a token of affection. The hymn "Now the labourer's task is o'er" was sung in church, and the organist, Mr. Wallace Wall, played the Dead March. Beautiful wreaths were sent, including one each from the Willenhall and Coalbrookdale ringers. Our deepest sympathy is with his parent. Tom was a keen ringer. He rang his first peal at Madeley, Shropshire, on June 8th, 1908, being a peal of Grandsire Doubles, the first peal on the bells. He was then 14. On November 21st in the same year he rang his first peal of Grandsire Triples at Coalbrookdale, conducted by W. Short. The previous day he rang a peal of Doubles at Malinslee, being the first peal on the bells. On July 17th, 1909, he rang the 2nd through the first peal of Grandsire Triples ever rung by eight Coalbrookdale ringers. The average age of six of the band was eighteen years. Tom was the youngest. He also rang in the first muffled peals ever rung on these bells, these being to the memory of King Edwaad VH. When he left Coalbrookdale, he had just begun to learn Stedman. Tom's father was a member of the Dale band for nearly twenty years.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A quarterly meeting was held at Bedworth on Saturday last, and members were present from Bedworth, Nuneaton, Stoke Golding, Lutterworth, Coventry, and Stratford-on-Avon. The ropes here are somewhat clumsy and greatly hinder good striking; but there is a prospect of their being substituted very shortly by something more modern and pliable. Tea was partaken of in the schoolroom, and the business meeting followed, with the Rector, Canon F. R. Evans, Vice-president of the Guild in the chair. Rugby was chosen for the October quarterly meeting. In the event

the bells at that place not being available, however, Stratford-on-Avon was selected, and failing the latter, Boldmere. Two new members were elected. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, and also for the excellent arrangements he had made for tea. A good deal of ringing was indulged in, and the methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Major.

NEW WINDOW AND FONT—PONTNEWYNYDD

There has just been dedicated, at St. Luke's Church, Pontnewynydd, near Pontypool, a new stained glass window and a new font. The Bishop of Llandaff officiated and preached. The window is by Butler, Bayne & Co., and was presented by Mrs. Edward Jones, of Snatchwood Park, in memory of her son, Mr. Percy Howard Jones. The font, a beautiful work of art, was presented by the Misses Davies in memory of their father, who was vicar of Pontnewynydd from 1875 to 1901. The late Rev. D. O. Davies found the building of the church at a standstill, but eventually he succeeded in completing it, and subsequently added beautiful ornaments for the interior. Then came the re-seating, together with new choir-stalls. The church forms also a noble example of what is being done by Churchpeople for their church in this colliery district, in spite of all that has been said to the contrary.

PEDLAR'S ACRE.

Lambeth Parish Church has a prominent stone tower that furnishes a picturesque contrast to the red-brick gateway of the archiepiscopal palace.

In the south wall of the chancel is a pane of glass upon which is depicted a pedlar with his staff and pack and dog. This is supposed to represent the nameless pedlar who gave the piece of ground called "Pedlar's Acre" to the parish on condition that a portrait of himself and his dog should always be preserved in the church, and also that his beloved canine companion should receive Christian burial in the churchyard.

OBITUARY.

EASTER.—On April 25th, at Wragby, Yorks., after a brief illness, John Easter, of the Yorkshire Association and Barnsley and District Society of Change-Ringers, aged 75 years.

WILLIAMS.—On April 25th, at Droxford, Hants, after only a few days' illness, Mrs. Sarah Williams, mother of George Williams, of West End, near Southampton, aged 93 years.

The Vicar of Brighton has appointed the Rev. W. A. Carr, rector of Telscombe, to succeed the Rev. E. H. Brewin as vicar of Christ Church, Brighton. Mr. Carr is well known and liked in the diocese of Chichester, and is keenly interested in education, elementary and secondary. His fine physique is a useful endowment for the work of a busy town parish. He is Provincial Chaplain of the Sussex Freemasons, and has some reputation as a cricketer.

His Majesty the King has forwarded a donation of £40 towards a colliers' memorial, in the form of a painted-glass window, which it is proposed to place in Whitwick Parish Church, Leicestershire, to miners who have lost their lives in the locality.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD DISTRICT.

Through the kindness of the Rev C. F. B. Hawkins, the above district held its first meeting at Elstow on Saturday last, April 26th. There was a very fair attendance, and good instruction was given to a number of ringers, the strangers to the tower expressing great pleasure at ringing on that historic ring of bells. Had it been possible for the immortal tinker, ringer, and writer, to have been present, we feel sure that he would have expressed his pleasure that the ringing community was rapidly leaving Vanity Fair. Certainly in our ringing we have the Hill of Difficulty, and sometimes we get into the Slough of Despond, but with a "Great Heart" with us we are able to overcome giant Despair. Some of the ringing that took place may be termed "meeting ringing," and some change ringing; among the latter was a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, also a 720 of College Bob IV. (Standard Methods), in which each ringer rang his first 720 in the method.

The business meeting was held in the grand old vestry within the church. Did any ringer feel inclined to render himself obnoxious, and such things seldom occur now-a-days at ringing meetings, the low groined ceiling, the effect of the stained glass window and the general aspect of that vestry would immediately subdue all passions and infuse an earnest desire to promote the principles of the Society and sound comradeship with each other.

Mr. R. Gardner (Bromham) was elected to the chair, and right well did he carry out the onerous duties appertaining to that honourable position. Mr. J. W. Barker, as convenor of the meeting gave a brief *resumé* of the events that led the parent Society to divide the area into districts, and explained the power that was put into the hands of ringers resident within the districts.

The Rev. C. F. B. Hawkins was elected President for the ensuing year, Miss Evelyn Steel Vice-President, and power was given to future meetings, if necessary, to add to the number of vice-presidents. Mr. J. W. Barker was elected Hon. Secretary, and in thanking the members he appealed for a good attendance at the meetings; nothing was more disheartening to officials than that they should go to the trouble of arranging meetings, sending out invitations to companies and to individual ringers to attend, and then only get a meagre response. Each tower in the district should make a point of sending one representative at least to a meeting. It was decided that all the towers should be represented on the committee, each tower to elect its own representative. It was decided to hold the meetings monthly, and, at the invitation of the chairman, to hold the next meeting at Bromham on Saturday, May 25th. Votes of thanks to the Rev. C. F. B. Hawkins and Mr. R. Gardner concluded the business, and the ringers adjourned for tea. More ringers came to tea than had been anticipated, and in the delightful confusion that ensued, the adaptability of the lady ringers was most emphatically pronounced. The ready manner in which the Misses E. and D. Steel assisted in providing for the wants of their fellow ringers tended to raise a feeling of admiration in the heart of the most stern misogynist.

After tea the bells were kept going, and at the conclusion each one went away pleased that they had been privileged to spend a happy half-day together.

ISLINGTON WORKHOUSE CHAPEL SERVICES.

At the fortnightly meeting of the Islington Board of Guardians, held on Thursday last at St. John's Road Board-room, a resolution was passed authorising "Non-conformist religious instructor" to hold services in the chapel of the workhouse. The chaplain, the Rev. R. McKenny, entered a strong protest against the proposed invasion of the chapel, which is licensed by the Bishop for the services of the Church of England, and especially for celebrations of the Holy Communion. The chaplain has appealed to the Local Government Board, and is prepared, if necessary, to carry the matter further. It may be observed that the number of inmates who are Protestant Dissenters is infinitesimally small, and that therefore a room set apart for the purpose would afford ample accommodation for the proposed service. The Roman Catholics are reported to be quite content with the room which is allotted to them.

S.P.G. INCOME.

Bishop Montgomery, addressing the members of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel at the last monthly meeting, referred to the recent strike and the fall of income. He said: "You will ask, perhaps, what report we have to give about our income—whether strikes and unrest have left their marks upon our receipts. We are some £6,000 behindhand in our funds for the first three months of this year. Without any question this is the effect of the strike and the general unrest. It is also clear to us that the financial effect of these weeks of what has been civil war, has been far greater than the effect of the South African war during any period of its course. This is a fact well worth knowing."

The Rev. Dr. Westcott, who has been organising secretary for S.P.G. in the diocese of Ripon and Wakefield for the last two years, has been appointed by the Standing Committee of the Society Chief Secretary for the Northern Province—another new post created in the home organisation of this Society. Dr. Westcott will retain his connexion with Ripon and Wakefield, but will have the help of an assistant secretary for this part of his work.

The world-wide influence of the Society was strikingly emphasised at the annual conference. Asia, the Antipodes, South America, and far-off Labuan are only some of the corners of the globe whose representatives assembled under the chairmanship of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Primate alluded to the visit of the King and Queen to India. An extraordinary historical incident of that visit, he said, was the effect it had had upon the natives. He looked forward with hope to the day when India would be not merely, as it was often called, one of the great jewels in the crown of our King-Emperor, but a centre of Christian force and Christian thought.

The Church Missionary Exhibition opened at Cromer by Archdeacon Pelham has proved a great attraction.

Mrs. Hill, of Crowland, has been appointed sexton of Crowland Abbey (Lincolnshire), an office which has been filled by a member of the Hill family for over 200 years.

The Bishop of London and the Bishop of St. Davids will speak at a meeting in defence of the Church in Wales, to be held in the Great Assembly Hall, Mile End Road, next Tuesday evening.

CHURCH NEWS.

The 39th annual meeting of the Army Guild (Holy Standard and St. Helena), will be held at the Church House, Westminster, next Wednesday afternoon, at half-past two.

The Archdeacon of Buckingham, the Ven. E. D. Shaw, in his visitation charge at High Wycombe on Tuesday, said that the contributions to the Bishop Paget Memorial Fund had now reached a total of £2,700.

The Rev. Edward Montagu Plumtre, curate-in-charge of St. Andrew's, Frimley Green, Surrey, has been appointed to the living of Stalham, Norfolk, of which the patron is Mr. R. J. Neville, M.P.

Canon Hugh Bethell Jones, Vicar of Brooklands, on retiring from the position of Rural Dean of Bowdon, was the

recipient of an illuminated address, a Prayer Book, two volumes of history, a gold watch-chain, and fountain-pen.

The Rev. R. B. Tweddell, assistant-curate of St. Paul's, Camden Square, on the occasion of his marriage, and in appreciation of his seven years' work in the parish, was presented with a cheque for £50 from members of the congregation.

For the first time, as far as records go, in the ancient church of Yaxley, Eye, Suffolk, one of the most interesting and beautiful in the county, a Confirmation was held last week. Fifty-eight candidates were presented to the Bishop of Thetford, several of them of mature years, and many coming from adjacent parishes.

The London Diocesan Conference will meet in the Great Hall of the Church House of May 8th and 9th. The following subjects will be discussed:—Defence of

the Church in Wales, Diocesan Finance, Single-School Areas Bill, Status of Women Workers in the Diocese, The Church's Call, Sunday Schools, and Church Hostels in New Universities.

Dr. Percy Dearmer announces that there is no shadow of foundation for the statement, published in more than one newspaper, that he had applied for the rectory of Bow Church. The thought of doing so, he added, had never crossed his mind.

The King of the Hellenes has conferred on the Rev. David Ross Fotheringham, of Holy Trinity, Haverstock Hill, the Gold Cross of the Royal Order of the Saviour, in recognition of his services to Greece during the war of 1897, and his contributions to the study of modern Hellenic literature.

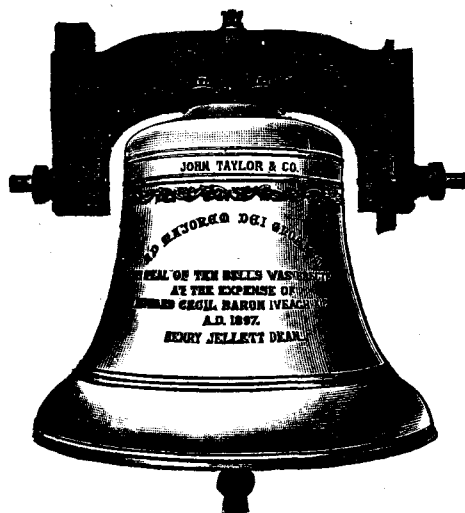
The restoration of the first portion of the work at Llansallos Church, Cornwall, has now been completed. This part of the general scheme of repairing this interesting old church consisted of the carved oak roofs, and the strengthening of the tower and walls. During the progress of repairing, carved fragments, probably belonging to the former screen, were found under the paving of the floor. The font and parts of the walls are Norman work, but the old fabric appears to have been re-constructed during the 15th century, when the arcades were constructed.

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And the recent "Grandring," of Exeter Cathedral.

1912 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

By C. JACKSON, Hull.

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43215	-
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23145	-

5024 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By H. PRICE.

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A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By H. G. ROWE, Cheshunt, Herts.

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First eight courses.

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264357	5	546327	2
362745	5	345762	5
763524	5	743256	5
567432	5	627543	1
245367	1	526374	5
		435726	1
342756	5	524367	3
673542	1		
426357	2	325746	5
324765	5	673425	1
723546	5	256347	2
657423	1	352764	5
456372	5	753426	5
234756	1	267345	2
452367	3	452736	2
		324567	3S
		753624	1
		467253	1
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Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DOVER (Kent).—On Sunday, April 21st, after the evening service at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples was rung as a farewell to Canon Bartram and the Rev. and Mrs. Wordsworth. W. Corteen, G. Saunders, A. Roberts, H. J. Saunders, H. C. Saywell, J. B. Saunders, C. Turner conductor, F. Bridges. Canon Bartram, who has resigned after eleven years as Vicar through ill health, will be greatly missed by ringers, as he was always willing to encourage the local band, and also the members of the County Association.

THE WHITECHAPEL FOUNDRY BAND.

SOUTH HACKNEY.—On Sunday, April 28th, at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. L. A. Hughes, A. Hughes, jun. (conductor), W. Hazell, D. F. Gibbons, A. Hughes, sen., F. Conn, J. Thomas, T. Lawrence. Composed by Matthew A. Wood.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, HOLBORN.

HOLBORN.—On Tuesday, April 23rd, members of the above Society rang a half-muffled peal of the whole pull and stand, as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. John Thomas Knight, for many years steeplekeeper of the above church. The members were:—J. Rayner, D. Haslam, E. Herbert, B. W. Bailey, J. S. Knight, W. Turner, H. Grimmer, W. A. Humphreys. Tenor 28 cwt. Conducted by J. S. Knight, son of the deceased. On Friday, April 26th, a half-muffled peal was rung at the James', Clerkenwell, by the following: H. Grimmer, J. Rayner, D. Haslam, W. Turner, E. Herbert, C. Ward, B. W. Bailey, W. A. Humphrey. Conducted by B. W. Bailey.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Mon) — On Friday, April 26th, at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. N. Morgan, J. Bullen, J. W. Jones, W. Millard, F. Chamberlain, F. Charles, A. E. Morgan (conductor), T. Max. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal in honour of the birth of a son to the Hon. Secretary of the Association, the Rev. Connop L. and Mrs. Price.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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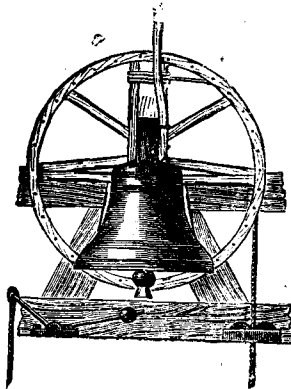
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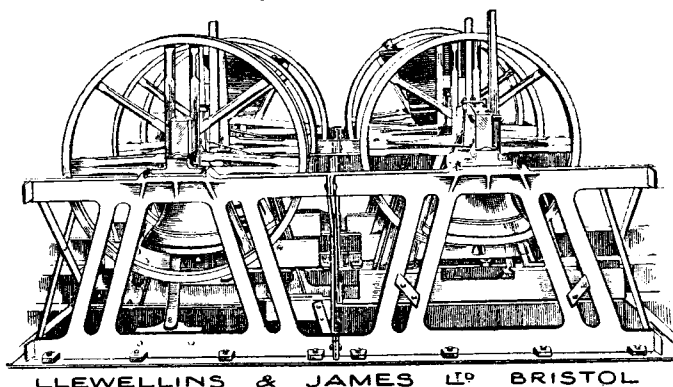
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sion Day. The clergy might deem it
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send their children to church on
Ascension Day instead of to school.
The local education authority has no
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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting was held at The Unicorn hotel, Brighton, on May 4th. After luncheon, at which the Master of the Association, Mr. F. B. Tompkins, presided in the absence of the Bishop of Chichester, who was unavoidably unable to attend, the usual business meeting was held, sixty members being present. Supporting the Master were the Rev. Canon Southwell, of Chichester, Rev. H. Hordern, Vicar of St. Nicholas', Brighton, Mr. Ford, Hon. Treasurer of the Association, Mr. Watson, Hon. Gen. Sec., and Mr. Cyril Johnston, Hon. Sec. Surrey Association. Letters of apology for absence were read from the Mayor of Brighton, R. I. Dawe and J. S. Goldsmith. The President, the Lord Bishop of Chichester, and all the Vice-Presidents were re-elected, and the Rev. H. Hordern and G. W. Douglas added to the list. Mr. Tompkins was re-elected Master, Mr. Ford Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Watson, Hon. Gen. Sec., Mr. Howse, Hon. Sec. Eastern Division, Mr. Evans, Hon. Sec. Western Division. Mr. A. D. Stone was elected Hon. Sec. for the Central Division in place of Mr. Dawe resigned. The retiring auditors were also re-elected. After the adoption of the report and balance sheet,

Mr. Watson moved the following resolution: "That a sum of £18 be taken from the General Fund and paid into the Reserve Fund, so as to bring the balance of this up to £50." This was seconded by the Master, and carried unanimously. Some verbal alterations were made to rules 9, 10 and 12.

The following was added to rule 14: "The amount of this (Reserve) Fund shall not exceed £50, and the Hon. Treasurer shall be empowered to withdraw the interest from the fund and pay it into the Benevolent Fund."

The Hon. Secretary proposed the following as rule 15: "That a fund be established to be called the 'Benevolent Fund,' to be composed of all Life Honorary Subscriptions, interest from the Reserve Fund, and such sums as shall be from time to time ordered to be paid at a General Meeting, Grants from such funds, in accordance with a scheme to be prepared by the Committee, to be made to necessitous ringers who shall have been members of the Sussex County Association for at least five years." Explaining that the Association—thanks to economical administration—was in a thoroughly healthy condition, the profits amounting to from £13 to £14 per year, it seemed to him an opportune time to do something for the benefit of those members who might be in need of temporary assistance, either from sickness, accidents, or other causes.

Mr. Tompkins seconded the resolution, which was carried with acclamation.

The following were elected as delegates to the Central Council: Mr. Tompkins (Western Division); Mr. Keith Hart (Central Division); Mr. G. Howse (Eastern Division); Mr. G. Watson (The County). The Challenge Bell was presented to St. Nicholas tower, Brighton. Lewes was chosen as the place for next year's annual meeting. A short service was held at 4 o'clock at St. Nicholas, the preacher being the Rev. Canon Southwell. A collection for the Ringers' Benevolent Fund realised 12s. 7d.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual Festival was held on May 6th, at St. John's church, Devizes, when a large congregation almost filled the church. Amongst the clergy present were the Right Rev. F. Wallis, D.D. (Archdeacon of Wilts.), the Revs. Canon W. Gardiner, B.D., Vicar of Southbroom; C. A. Phillips, Bournemouth, H. E. Tilney Bassett, Rector of Beeching, Wilts.; F. Lloyd Edwards, Rector of Kington Magna; H. H. Mogg, Rector of Bishops Cannings; A. E. G. Peters, Vicar of St. Mary, Marlborough; E. C. Alexander, Vicar of Edington. The Rev. P. W. G. Filleul, Rector of Devizes, read the service of the Guild, and the Secretary (Rev. W. P. Schuster), read the lesson, 1 Pet. ii. 11-18, and acted as Bishop's chaplain. The sermon was preached by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Salisbury from the text "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest," St. Matt. x. 20. The Bishop dwelt most eloquently on the words selected, specially showing the force of each individual word in a text which he called the most beautiful in the Bible. The duty of coming—the universality of the call—"Come" "All"—the almost universality of weariness which on all sides exists—all these were dwelt on with much care, and in a most impressive manner. Then the preacher brought home to ringers, powerfully, that it was their office to emphasize and repeat this welcome message. He also showed how the voice of the bells reaches further than the sound of any human voice. Not a few hundreds of people only, but whole districts were obliged to listen to their message; it fell like rain upon "just and unjust." How necessary is it that those who bear this to many should themselves fulfil their high duties from the very highest motives.

The day being that of King's Accession, the Collect "O God who providest," from the Accession Service was said after the Collect for the day, and the first verse of the National Anthem was sung after the service.

An excellent lunch was served at The Bear hotel, to which 82 sat down. The usual toasts were honoured. A business meeting followed, and then all the towers of the neighbourhood with one consent enlivened the rest of the evening. Thanks are due to the Incumbents who granted this favour to the Guild.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

A most enjoyable quarterly meeting of the members of the above district was held at Hursley on Saturday, May 4th. During the afternoon and evening some good touches of Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Court, and Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung on the church bells. At 5.30 an excellent tea was provided in the Parish Room, at which the Diocesan Guild Secretary (Rev. W. E. Colchester), presided. The Rev. E. W. Stuart (curate), apologised for the absence of the Vicar (Rev. R. Pughe), who was engaged in a missionary mission in the Exeter diocese. Several ringers were admitted to member-

ship of the Guild, among them being two very enthusiastic and promising young lady ringers, viz., Miss Grace Russell and Miss H. R. Harman, who were admitted as members of the Cathedral band.

Mr. W. C. Lampard reported that he had completed a course of instruction to the Bishop Sutton band, and expressed his satisfaction with the progress they had made.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the parish room. Evensong was attended at 6.30. Although Hursley is several miles from any railway station, there was a good attendance of members from Winchester, Twyford, North Stoneham, Southampton, and Dibden. The local band was also well represented.

YORKTOWN DISTRICT.

The second quarterly meeting of the year took place at Horsell on Saturday last, and though the afternoon and evening set in wet the attendance was satisfactory. The bells were raised at four o'clock, 2nd touches of Doubles and Minor were rung. Most of those who came for the meeting attended Evensong, and afterwards sat down to a splendid tea, kindly provided by Mrs. and the Rev. Norman Pares. The handbells were got in hand, and a good course of Stedman Cinques brought round by W. Shepherd 1-2, A. H. Pulling 3-4, A. F. Shepherd 5-6, G. B. Edser, 7-8, J. S. Goldsmith 9-10, W. A. Woodrow 11-12. The business meeting, which followed, was presided over by the Rev. Norman H. Pares, and after the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the Ringing Master (Mr. W. Shepherd), gave a brief account of the doings for the quarter. Two peals and five quarter peals had been scored, and two combined practices and a cycle run arranged and carried out. Arrangements having been made for the ensuing three months, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith brought forward the question of a benefit scheme for ringers, and the matter was eventually left in the hands of Mr. Fairey, who promised to bring it forward at the annual general meeting, at Winchester, on June 29th. A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Fairey, and seconded by Mr. W. Shepherd, was accorded the Vicar and Mrs. Pares for generously entertaining the Guild. The Vicar, in responding, said he had done nothing to merit a vote of thanks, his wife did all the hard work, but he wished to say how pleased they both were to see such a good company in Horsell that day. Touches on tower and hand bells concluded a very pleasant meeting.

Correspondence.

UNRECORDED PEALS.

To the Editor.

SIR,—I find that a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Eastwood, Notts, on Feb. 4th, 1911, was omitted from our annual report for this year; the total number of peals rung during the year should therefore be 159, not 158 as published.

I may be to blame for the omission, but to prevent a recurrence may I ask the conductors of peals rung for the Midland Counties Association in the future to let me have particulars within 14 days, and not leave me to ferret them out from the ringing papers, and after that in many cases to be obliged to write for the composition.—Yours &c.,

W. E. WHITE.

Cotgrave, Notts,
May 5th, 1912.

OBITUARY.

MR. JOHN COALES.

"Such a one goes not unhonoured to his grave."

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Mr. John Coales, who had been a member of the St. Andrew's Society, Rugby, since its formation in 1895, and verger at the parish church for upwards of twenty-two years. He had been in failing health for some time, and passed peacefully away on Monday, April 29th, in his 82nd year, from heart failure, following a painful illness, leaving a widow, three sons and one daughter to mourn his death.

Mr. Coales had a remarkable career—a career any man might truly be proud of. He was born at Titchmarsh, near Thrapston, and as a young man assisted his father in his business as a blacksmith. Village life, however, did not appeal to him, for at the age of 21 he joined the Metropolitan Police Force, being on duty at the opening of the Crystal Palace. When the Crimean War broke out he enlisted in the Commissariat Department, going to Sebastopol after the famous siege, and was in the field at Balaclava and Inkerman. He received the English and Turkish medals. He was then for a number of years a sorter in the Post Office, travelling between Rugby and Carlisle, retiring on a pension in 1886, when he became Curator of the Art Museum at Rugby School. In 1890 he was appointed verger at the parish church, which position he held almost to the time of his death.

Mr. Coales was of a quiet, unassuming, but jovial disposition, always ready with his kindly advice and help, and most attentive to his duties. To know him was to love him, and his loss will be keenly felt, his place hard to fill. He learned to handle a bell when quite a lad, but it was not till the year 1895, when a new peal of eight bells was opened at Rugby that he learnt change-ringing with the newly-formed band, under the instruction of Mr. James George. He belonged to that old school of perfect strikers which the present generation would do well to follow, a very safe ringer, and rarely absent from service or practice ringing. Opportunities for peal-ringing were very few, and he had only rung one 5000—Grandsire Triples, but he learned to ring Bob Major and Stedman Triples after his 75th year. He was Deputy Ringing-Master of the St. Andrew's Society for a number of years, and although he had not been able to ring for some months previous to his death, he retained his interest to the last.

The funeral took place on Friday Inst, the remains being conveyed to the parish church, where the first part of the service was read by the Rector, Canon Baillie, who also officiated at the interment. Several ringers attended to represent the St. Andrew's Society, and after the coffin had been lowered to its last resting-place, a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung over the grave by J. W. Chandler, 1-2; J. B. Fenton, 3-4; A. J. Hessian, 5-6; H. O. White, 7-8. A floral wreath in the shape of a bell was also sent by the St. Andrew's Society.

In the evening as a last mark of respect to their departed comrade (time not permitting for a quarter-peal), 1008 Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled by the eight oldest members of the Society, conducted by a very old friend of the deceased, Mr. James George, the band standing as follows: A. J. Hessian, 1; R. Watson, 2; H. O. White, 3; J. W. Chandler, 4; J. B. Fenton, 5; A. Bramall, 6; J. George, 7; R. Clarke, 8.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at Dunstable on Saturday, May 4th, by the kind invitation of the Rector, the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, President of the Association, for the purpose of electing officers for the Luton District, which comprises Luton, Dunstable, Leighton Buzzard, Woburn, Husbourn Crawley, Aspley Guise, and the towers in the neighbourhood of these towns.

Owing, however, to the heavy showers during the day, which by the way were really needed for the gardens, the attendance was very small, only numbering just over twenty, and it was thought advisable, seeing that all the towers in the district were not represented, to adjourn the business part until the next meeting, which will be held at Leighton Buzzard on June 15th.

The bells were kept going from 3 p.m. till 8.30 p.m., and the methods rung were Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman, Bob Major, and Grandsire. Master James Wing, of the Luton band, scored his first touch of Grandsire Triples on this fine ring of bells, and was congratulated on his performance by the Mayor of Dunstable, (Alderman E. Franklin), who is one of the local band.

Owing to pressure on our space consequent on the inclusion of the Analysis of Peals, compiled for the Central Council being published this week, we are compelled to hold over several peals. They will appear next week.

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By GEO. CROSS, Norwich.

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23456	I	4	5	6	
32654	-	-	-	-	
52436	-	-	-	-	
24536	-	-	-	-	
45236	-	-	-	-	
46253	-	-	-	-	
43265	-	-	-	-	
32465	-	-	-	-	
34265	-	-	-	-	S
24563	-	-	-	-	
54362	-	-	-	-	
35246	-	-	-	-	
52346	-	-	-	-	
23546	-	-	-	-	

Repeat three times. Bob for single except in third part. Sixth the extent right, and twenty times wrong.

For continuation of Mr. Dains' article on Cambridge Surprise Royal see page 124.

BY ROYAL WARRANT

TO

HER LATE MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA.—1857-1901.

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14 on last year, which was itself a record. So the record gives a plain proof, if proof were needed, of the increasing interest taken in the Art by its exponents. To turn to the figures of the Associations, the Winchester Diocesan Guild this year comes from eighth place to the top in matter of points, though Norwich and Midland Counties have each a larger number of peals to their credit. The total number of points gained shows a decrease, as do also the average number of points per peal. Is this a sign that the more advanced methods are being neglected? We hope this is not the case, but that other circumstances account for the decline. There must be no receding from the highest point of efficiency, Ringers must see to it that both show an increase in the next Analysis. The names of ten ladies appear in the records as against eleven in the previous year, but the ten include some new names. Among the ladies one stands out conspicuously—Miss Edith K. Parker, who rang in no less than 21 peals, conducting 17. Two other ladies—Miss Jukes and Miss Lillian Willson also had the honour of conducting peals. Handbell peals are well to the fore this year, showing an increase of 83—119 against 35. Altogether the records for 1910 show progress and make pleasant reading. The compilers deserve the warmest thanks of all members of the various Associations. Only those who have had personal experience know the amount of labour entailed in searching out and scheduling such a mass of details as are comprised within its limits. We miss this year the name of Mr. G. P. Burton, and acknowledge with gratitude the services rendered by Messrs. Arthur T. King and Joseph Griffin, and the Rev. E. W. Carpenter. May the year which is new speeding on show still further progress, and when the records of 1912 come up for review may they be even brighter than those of 1911.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

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THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2.	*WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 8.
WILLIAM TRUSS 3.	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN .. 9.
FREDR. J. HARDY 4.	HERBERT LANGDON 10.
JAMES SCHOLES 5.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 11.
ARTHUR D. BARKER 6.	THOMAS LANGDON Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and
Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

*First peal on twelve bells.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, HOLBORN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

GEORGE SPENCER Treble.	BERTRAM PERWETT 6.
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 2.	REUBEN SANDERS 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	*FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. 8.
CHARLES T. COLES 4.	WILLIAM PYE 9.
GEORGE R. PYE 5.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This peal was rung as a compliment to the Rev. Edgar Rogers, M.A., Vicar of the above church, on the eve of the eighth anniversary of his induction. *First peal of Cambridge Royal, also 200th peal.

The Provinces.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES AND ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s.

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qrs. 12 lbs. in D.

HARRY FLEET Treble.	*REV. ALBERT RUST 4.
EDMUND HOBBS 2.	CYRIL HERBERT 5.
HORACE SMITH 3.	MARK LANE Tenor.

Conducted by CYRIL HERBERT.

*First peal. First peal on the bells since the recasting of the tenor and rehanging by Messrs. John Taylor and Sons.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of Bob Minor, Woodbine, and Oxford Delight. and two 720s each of Oxford and Kent.

JAMES WARDLEY Treble.	WILLIAM SAWYER 4.
GEORGE ABLETT 2.	HENRY PUTTOCK 5.
ROBERT MILES 3.	CHARLES E. FISHER Tenor.

Conducted by W. SAWYER.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt.

LIONEL HAMMOND Treble.	HERBERT PRATT 4.
FREDR. C. LAMBERT 2.	THOMAS CRANE 5.
HARRY BARTON 3.	JOHN PUNCHARD Tenor.

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung as a welcome home to Captain and Mrs. Balfour, of Wissett Hall, and Mr. and Mrs. Calvert, of Spexhall Manor, after their recent visit to South Africa; also as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 5th.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

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

REGINALD LAST Treble.	*GEORGE BAILEY 4.
LEONARD LAST 2.	*ARTHUR BAILEY 5.
THOMAS DAVEY 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

*First peal in seven methods. The Messrs. Bailey hail from Rickingham.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM NAPPER, JUN. .. Treble.	G. FREDERICK JAMES .. 5.
THOMAS EAST 2.	JOHN BOWER 6.
ARTHUR YATES 3.	JAMES S. NAPPER 7.
JOSEPH NAPPER, JUN. .. 4.	ALFRED WOOLLEY Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS EAST.

COMPILED BY THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

NOTE.—a Includes 7023 and 7777, both on handbells. b 10,080 in 4 Minor methods. c 8000 K. T. B. Major. d 13,440 Bob Major.

g 7200 in 10 Minor methods.

The 53 peals rung by Independent Societies were thus distributed, viz.: Cambridgeshire 3; Cheshire 3; Derbyshire 5; Gloucestershire 10; Lancashire 5; Surrey 1; Sussex 1; Warwickshire 3; Worcestershire 6; Yorkshire 1; and Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, 1. Total, 53.

The 222 peals of Treble Bob were rung as follows; In the Kent Variation—Maximus 9; Royal 12; Major 159; in the Oxford Variation—Royal 1; Major 121.

The 302 peals of Grandsire Triples may be subdivided as follows: Holt's Original 27; Holt's Six-part 1; Holt's Ten-part and Variations 65; Peal's Twelve-part and Variations 69; Carter's Twelve-part and Variations 17; other peals by Carter 10; Taylor's peals 27; Hollis's peals 15; Rev. C. D. L. Moorhouse's peals 3; Lindoff's peals 2; Day's Six-part peals 2; Bruerton's Twelve-part peals 2; Biddlestone's Twelve-part peals 2; other peals, 10.

The 128 peals in Plain Methods comprise: Bob Royal 3; Bob Major 109; Canterbury Pleasure Major 2; College Single Major 1; Little Bob 1; Triples 1; St. Clement's Bob Triples 1.

The 77 peals of Doubles are shewn in the following statement ;—

	No. of Methods.							
Association	1	2	3	4	5	6	11	12
Bath and Wells	11	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bedfordshire	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Central Northamptonshire	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Devonshire	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ely Diocesan	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
Hereford Diocesan	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hertfordshire County	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lincoln Diocesan	3	1	—	1	—	1	—	—
Llandaff Diocesan	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Middlesex County	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Association
Midland Counties
North Wales
Norwich Diocesan
Oxford Diocesan
Salisbury Diocesan
Salop Archidiaconal
Sussex County
Towcester and District
Worcestershire and Districts
Independent Societies

RINGERS.

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e 12,240 K. T. B. Maximus. / 9056 K. T. B. Major.

Leicestershire 2 ; Lincolnshire 1 ; Middlesex 9 ; Staffordshire

Albion Treble Bob 2; and Rose of England' Treble Bob 1.
part 7; Parker's Five-part 2; Parker's Six-part 17; Parker's
peals 10; Vicar's peals 7; Rev. E. Banks James's peals 3;
unnamed, 14.
Saint Clement's Bob Major 1; Oxford Bob Triples 7; Plain Bob

of Methods.					
3	4	5	6	11	12
		1			
5	1		1		
1		1		1	1
8	2	2	3	1	1
Total 77.					

The 232 peals of Stedman Triples comprised:—Thurstans's One-part 2; Thurstans's Four-part and Variations 194; Carter's peals 9; Sir Arthur Heywood's peals 12; Washbrook's peals 5; Lates' peals 3; Bulwer's peals 3; Wilde's peals 2; Dr. A. B. Carpenter's peals 1; Un-named peals 1.

The greatest number of changes in one peal was 13,440, viz., Bob Major rung on handbells by the Yorkshire Association. A peal on tower bells, of 12,240 Kent Treble Bob Maximus was rung by the Lancashire Association, and a performance in four Minor methods by the Midland Counties Association reached a total of 10,080 changes. Other long peals consisted of 9056, 8000, 7777, 7200, and 7023 changes respectively. Under 6000 changes there were 1731 peals rung. The number of peals rung on Church bells were 1620; on handbells 119. Total—1739 peals.

The peals rung are 14 more than last year, and create a new record. They were rung in the following months, viz.: January 147; February 143; March 104; April 137; May 134; June 155; July 91; August 68; September 120; October 179; November 201; December 260. Ten ladies have taken part in successful peals during the year 1911, viz.: Miss Elsie Bennett took part in two peals of Bob Major, and one of Grandsire Triples, all on handbells. Two of the peals were rung for the Kent County Association and one for the Winchester Diocesan Guild. Miss Gillingham took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples for the Bath and Wells Association. Miss Jukes rang in and conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples for the Bath and Wells Association. Miss Sarah Pigott took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford; while, for the Worcestershire and Districts Association, she rang in no less than three peals, a peal of Doubles in eleven different methods, a peal of Oxford Bob Triples, and a peal of Bob Major. Miss Edith K. Parker has surpassed her brilliant performances in 1910 by an even more brilliant record for 1911. She rang in no fewer than 21 peals, of which she conducted 17. The list is as follows, viz.:

				Rung.	Conducted.
London Surprise	...	...	...	8	6
Superlative Surprise	...	...	...	6	5
New Cambridge Surprise	...	...	...	3	3
Stedman Triples	...	...	...	3	3
Forward Royal	...	...	...	1	—
				—	—
Total	...			21	17

The peals being distributed among the following Associations:—

Royal Cumberland Youths	...	..	...	...	10
Middlesex County Association	...	...	...	...	5
Midland Counties Association	...	...	...	...	3
Hertfordshire County Association	...	...	...	...	2
Salisbury Diocesan Guild	...	...	...	...	1
			Total	...	21

Miss Kate Stanford took part in a peal of Bob Minor for the Norwich Diocesan Association.

Miss Evelyn Steel took part in two peals for the Bedfordshire Association, one in seven methods of Minor, and the other Grandsire Triples.

Miss May Thompson took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples for the Midland Counties Association.

Miss Alice White took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples for the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Miss Lillian Willson rang in the following peals for the Midland Counties Association, viz.: two of Kent Treble Bob Major, one of Grandsire Triples, one of Superlative Surprise Major, and one of Stedman Triples. One of the peals of Kent Treble Bob was conducted by her.

The conductors of four peals and upwards were:—A. H. Pulling 67, W. Pye 43, B. Prewett 30, F. Bennett, 29. C. F. Bailey 25, G. Williams 24, J. Mottis 21, C. W. Clarke, C. Glenn and Keith Hart 20, Rev. H. Law James 18, C. R. Lilley and Miss Edith K. Parker 17, T. H. Taffender and E. M. Atkins 16, F. R. Borrett, J. E. Davis and W. Shepherd 15, S. Grove 14, R. Matthews and A. H. Ward 13, B. Thorp 12, Rev. A. T. Beeston 11, J. E. Groves, F. C. Lambert, F. G. May, D. J. Nichols, W. Steel and Sam Thomas 10, R. T. Houlding, sen., E. W. Marsh, George N. Price and George F. Williams 9, E. J. Buesden, A. Coppock, J. Flint, F. Manser, W. Sawyer, E. Harry Stoneley, A. G. Warnes, G. Wightman and Challis F. Winney 8, Edwin Barnett, sen., Rev. C. Carew Cox, T. T. Gofton, Joseph Griffin, T. Groombridge, sen., B. A. Knights, J. W. Lake, A. E. Moore, W. S. Smith, R. Sperring and A. Y. Tyler, 7, W. Bellamy, Rev. E. V. Cox, W. G. Ellis, A. Fallow, E. C. Gobey, Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, E. H. Lewis, W. Perkins, G. R. Pye, J. D. Seamer, Isaac Sidebotham, H. Springall, R. E. Stavert, S. H. Symonds and A. P. Wakley 6, J. H. Blakiston, S. Bullock, T. W. Chapman, C. T. Coles, G. H. Cross, A. J. Day, R. F. Deal, D. Elliott, J. B. Fenton, W. Fisher, J. Goodman, jun., F. A. Holden, J. B. Halifax, J. Hough, W. D. James, Arthur Mackears, Thos. Metcalfe, James Morgan, Joseph Pigott, E. Reader, William Short, Albert Simpson, J. Thomas, C. A. Valentine.

Wm. Watts and Samuel Wood 5. G. T. Alexander, John Austin, Fred Bennett, Geo. Cattermole, W. H. Corbett, F. W. Dixon, A. W. Gravett, John G. Hall, Harry Hampson, Frank Holder, F. J. Howchin, Robert W. Hyner, T. B. Kendall, Arthur Knights, J. A. Lambert, William Latter, W. Lincoln, E. H. Lindup, W. Mallinson, Ernest Mann, H. J. Mansfield, Harry Page, W. J. Paice, W. Porter, W. Poston, F. W. Rice, R. Richardson, Joseph Ridyard, J. Souter, Geo. E. Symonds, William Taylor, F. Watkinson, H. W. Wilde, Edward Whiting, William Willson and Albert Wright 4.

In addition to the above 46 persons conducted three peals each; 101 two peals; and 295 one peal. Three peals were published without a conductor's name, and one peal was rung un-conducted, viz.: a peal of Minor in seven methods, by members of the Hertfordshire County Association, at Gt. Munden. Three

ladies appear in the list of conductors: Miss Jukes, who conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples; Miss Edith K. Parker, whose peals as conductor having been referred to elsewhere it need only be mentioned here that she conducted London Surprise and New Cambridge Surprise for the first time in 1911; and Miss Lilian Willson, who conducted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

The following peals were rung on handbells, viz.: Stedman Cinques 4; Stedman Caters 32; Stedman Triples 26; Grandsire Caters 6; Grandsire Triples 15; Bob Royal 1; Bob Major 24; Minor 7; Kent Treble Bob Major 2; Oxford Treble Bob Major 2; total 119.

The above handbell peals were rung for the following Associations:—

Ancient Society of College Yths. ... 1	Essex County ... 5	Lincoln Diocesan 4	Winchester Guild... 64
Cambridge University Guild ... 4	Ely Diocesan ... 5	Llandaff Diocesan 1	Warwickshire Guild 2
Central Northamptonshire ... 7	Herts. County ... 3	Middlesex County 4	Yorkshire County... 8
Cleveland and North Yorkshire ... 2	Kent County ... 2	Midland Counties 4	Independent... .. 3

Total 119.

NOTE.—In reckoning points for peals, those over 7000 and under 10,000 changes count as two peals; 10,000 and under 12,000 count as three peals, and so forth. Points were first used to ascertain the relative position of Ringing Associations in the Analysis for the year 1895. The following Table gives the first twenty Societies and their positions since 1897:—

	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911
Winchester Diocesan Guild ..	14	12	15	10	13	16	23	18	15	10	9	9	12	8	1
Middlesex County Association ...	25	18	9	4	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	3	3	2	2
Norwich Diocesan Association ...	5	9	5	6	6	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	3
Midland Counties Association ...	8	6	6	13	11	13	10	5	5	5	4	1	1	3	4
Kent County Association ...	7	8	3	3	4	4	6	9	3	3	3	4	5	4	5
Yorkshire Association ...	9	11	8	14	12	12	9	3	4	4	7	5	4	5	6
Sussex County Association ...	1	1	2	5	3	7	3	7	7	17	10	7	7	6	7
Worcestershire and Districts Assn....	6	3	10	15	18	21	20	23	17	14	8	14	9	14	8
Lancashire Association ...	4	5	7	7	8	14	19	22	9	8	6	8	8	11	9
Oxford Diocesan Guild ...	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	8	8	6	5	6	6	7	10
Essex County Association ...	11	10	12	9	10	9	8	6	6	7	11	11	10	9	11
Central Northants Association ...	10	14	14	16	15	22	14	14	16	22	20	16	20	16	12
Hertfordshire County Association ...	19	13	18	20	14	8	12	12	13	16	12	13	13	17	13
Llandaff Diocesan Association ...	33	30	28	—	33	33	37	41	36	35	35	32	37	33	14
Chester Diocesan Guild ...	24	22	23	21	20	19	22	28	20	9	23	19	19	15	15
Ancient Society of College Youths ...	2	4	4	2	5	5	5	4	10	11	16	21	22	22	16
Lincoln Diocesan Guild ...	—	—	32	32	29	26	26	26	26	25	29	25	17	18	17
London County Association... ..	34	37	35	27	34	32	28	21	19	20	18	17	24	21	18
Society for Archdeaconry of Stafford	21	17	13	19	19	17	18	25	21	21	13	18	18	19	19
Royal Cumberland Youths ...	17	23	24	22	23	20	25	19	23	18	19	20	15	23	20

The number of peals rung year by year from 1881, to the present time is as follows:—

1881...156 1884...419 1887...646 1890...699 1893...705 1896...791 1899...912 1902...1313 1905...1519 1908...1474 1911...1739
 1882...244 1885...500 1888...759 1891...878 1894...859 1897...905 1900...924 1903...1469 1906...1313 1909...1628
 1883...330 1886...556 1889...797 1892...802 1895...766 1898...1002 1901...1194 1904...1512 1907...1339 1910...1725

Grand Total—29,875.

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 Boothby Pagnell Rectory, Grantham.

ARTHUR T. KING.
 JOSEPH GRIFFIN.
 E. W. CARPENTER.

THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

SWANSEA.—On April 30th, at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. George Searle, an old member of the band, who was buried on that day. W. Jones, F. Curtis, F. Morgan, P. Kneath, J. Davies, C. Hoare, J. Hoare (conductor), E. Davies.

BIRMINGHAM.—At St. John's, Deritend, on Saturday, May 4th, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing 45 mins. S. Coley, T. Collinson, J. Corrigan, W. Webb, E. Large, A. Scrivens, J. Collett, T. Pearce. Afterwards a 1008 was rung. Rung with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the late Alfred Hall, a ringer at this church, who was killed on the railway whilst in the execution of his duty, and was buried on the above date. He leaves a widow and three children, to whom the band tender their deepest sympathy.

ASTON (Birmingham).—At the parish church on Sunday, May

5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 49 mins. E. Wood, A. Scrivens, A. Jones, E. Large, J. Corrigan, J. Hopkin, J. Collett, W. G. Ellis, F. Bennett, C. Allen. Composed and conducted by W. G. Ellis.

KEA (Cornwall).—On Monday, April 22nd, at All Hallows church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. H. Chegwidan, W. Greet, W. Davey, H. Harris, A. D. Sowell, P. Harfoot, J. Thomas (conductor), C. Gallehawk. On May 4th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Teague, W. Greet, H. Chegwidan, A. D. Sowell, J. Thomas (conductor), Rev. R. H. Sowell. And 720 Bob Minor. H. Chegwidan, W. Greet, W. Davey, A. D. Sowell J. Thomas (conductor), Rev. R. H. Sowell.

WARWICK.—On Sunday, May 5th, at St. Mary's church, for Evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1277 changes, in 47 mins. Miss J. I. Williams, E. H. Adams, F. Moss, T. Male, J. Jones, F. Brassington, W. Male, T. Standly, H. Middleton conductor, G. Lapworth.

LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 29, 1912 in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, GARSTON,

A PEAL OF ORANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SAMUEL MILLERSH'P*	..Treble.	HARRY FYLES	5.
THOMAS JENNION	2.	JOHN ALLEN	6.
GEORGE R. NEWTON	3.	EDWARD CAUNCE	7.
GEORGE WOODHALL†	.. 4.	†THOMAS W. GILMOUR ..	Tenor.

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

*First peal away from the tenor. †First psal in the method.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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

Conducted by W. SAWYER.

WOODBURN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

ROBERT H. YOUNG* .. ..Treble.	*GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE..	5.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	*GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ..	6.
JOHN C. TRUSS*	RICHARD BUCKLAND	7.
JOHN EVANS*	*REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ..	Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

*First peal in the method, also by the branch.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY BARTON .. ..Treble.	HERBERT PRATT	4.
FRED. C. LAMBERT	THOMAS CRANE	5.
JAMES SPALDING	CHARLES MOSS	Tenor.

Conducted by H. BARTON.

Rung on the festival of SS. Philip and James.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, May 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF ORANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

SAMUEL PEARCE .. ..Treble.	BENJAMIN GOUGH	5.
ARTHUR BAKER	SAMUEL BAKER	6.
WALTER GRINSELL	WILLIAM FISHER	7.
JOSEPH ROBERTS	ALBERT E. LAW	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a last token of respect to the late Rev. W. Spencer, M.A., who for twenty-eight years was the highly esteemed Vicar of the above parish.

BROCKDISH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of College Exercise, Woodbine, and Oxford Treble Bob, with each calling reversed, and one 720 of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 10 cwt.

W. GOBBETT .. ..Treble.	G. HOWARD	4.
F. A. LICENCE	R. PEAKE	5.
A. WHITING	J. FILEY	Tenor.

This is the first peal on the bells.

Conducted by R. PEAKE.

WOOTON BASSETT, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SWINDON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qrs.

JOHN M. BRINKWORTH ..Treble.	CHARLES J. GARDINER ..	5.
GEORGE W. TOWNSEND ..	LOUIS A. WILSON	6.
ROBERT W. HYNER	ERNEST J. OLIVER	7.
FRANK LOOKER*	RICHMOND ROBERTS ..	Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ROBT. W. HYNER.

*First peal. Rung after meeting one short for Stedman Triples.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ERNEST STONE .. ..Treble.	GEOFFREY J. STONELEY ..	4.
ROBERT C. CLIFFORD ..	THOMAS H. VALLANCE ..	5.
WALTER J. HORTON	E. HARRY STONELEY ..	Tenor.

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Rung for the festival of SS. Philip and James. First peal in seven plain methods by all the band, on the bells, and by the Association.

SWANSEA.—THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANE'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR E. MORGAN ..Treble.	JOHN DAVIES	5.
PHILIP KNEATH	CHARLES HOARE	6.
CHARLES MORSE	JAMES HOARE	7.
FRANK MORGAN	HARRY WILLIAMS	Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES HOARE.

First peal of Stedman rung in West Wales diocese. First peal of Stedman as conductor. First peal of Stedman for all except ringers of treble and 4th. Arranged for A. E. Morgan, who hails from Newport, and who was elected a member before starting.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

THOMAS HUGHES .. ..Treble.	BENJAMIN GOUGH	5.
ARTHUR BAKER	SAMUEL BAKER	6.
GEORGE HUGHES	WILLIAM FISHER	7.
CHRISTOPHER WALLACE ..	HORACE BELCHER	Tenor.

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Rev. W. Spencer, M.A., Vicar of Coseley.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD Treble.	RICHARD DRAGE 5.
ALLEN R. HICKTON 2.	JOSEPH HALL 6.
EDWARD C. GOBEY 3.	JOSEPH BAILEY 7.
CHARLES DRAPER 4.	NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON.. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH BAILEY.

First peal of Stedman by the ringer of the 6th. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of Miss Beatrice Bailey, daughter of the conductor.

STOKE, COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT Treble.	WILLIAM T. COX 5.
JOSEPH H. WHITE 2.	FRANK E. PERVIN 6.
FRANK SMALLWOOD 3.	CHARLES FREEMAN 7.
EDWARD H. JOHNSON 4.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

This is the first peal in the method in the City of Coventry by a local band. Mr. Hunt's first peal of Major. Messrs. White and Freeman's first peal in the method with a bob bell. Rang as a farewell to Mr. Smallwood, who is leaving Coventry for Staveley, Westmoreland.

Date Touches.

FINCHAM (Norfolk).—For morning service on Sunday, May 5th, at St. Martin's church, a date touch (1912 changes) of Bob Minor, in 60 mins. R. Bacon, A. Bacon, F. Porter, H. Bowman, O. Staines, E. Barker (conductor). Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. Longest length by the treble, 3rd and 4th ringers.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NEW CROSS, S.E.—On Friday, May 3rd, for practice at 3, Hart's Lane, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal (1260 changes). Miss E. L. Bennett, 1-2; W. Shepherd (conductor), 3-4; F. Bennett, 5-6; F. J. Hairs, 7-8; F. G. Woodiss, 9-10.

OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Sunday, May 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. W. Coveney, T. Eades, F. Hunt, S. R. Garner, E. E. Bridges, G. Beeby, H. Baker (conductor), G. Coveney.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

STOKE, COVENTRY.—On Sunday, May 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. F. E. Pervin, J. H. White, W. H. Brunsdon, A. Roberts, H. T. Cox, C. Freeman, J. F. Smallwood (conductor) H. G. Kettle.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

E. HAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Sunday, May 5th, for Divine Service, 1008 Grandsire Triples. J. Butler, T. East conductor, A. Yates, W. Napper, E. Butler, J. S. Napper, J. Butler, W. J. Napper.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LEYTONSTONE.—On Monday, April 29th, for practice at the parish church, 720 London Surprise Minor. F. Doran, H. Torble, W. Deran, W. Theobald, W. Miller conductor, J. E. Sykes.

WEST HAM.—On Sunday evening, May 5th, for Confirmation

Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1260 changes. W. Doran, A. Scambler, A. Neale, T. Cutforth, J. Scholes, E. Andrews, W. Theobald, R. Sanders, G. Haydon, G. Potter. Composed by J. Bradley, and conducted by W. Doran.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Monday evening, April 15th, at Great St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Taylor, Rev. A. H. F. Boughy, J. Taylor, W. B. Kempton, P. Taylor, E. M. Atkins, W. Eusden, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson conductor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. F. E. Kempton, one of the youngest members of the Society of Cambridge Youths. In memory of those who perished in the "Titanic" disaster, on Monday, April 22nd, at Great St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was attempted with the bells muffled, but unfortunately lost after ringing over 1000 changes. The bells were then half-muffled, and a short touch of Stedman brought round. On Wednesday, April 24th, at the church of Our Lady and English Martyrs (R.C.) with the bells fully muffled, 559 Grandsire Triples. T. W. Dickerson, G. Taylor, T. R. Dennis, J. Taylor, R. Taylor, B. D. Buttress, F. E. Kempton (conductor), W. B. Kempton.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting of this Association was held at East Retford on Saturday, May 4th, when there was a very good attendance of members, nearly all the towers being well represented. In the absence of the Vicar the chair was taken by the Rev. C. Leeper, who also conducted the service, preached the sermon, and presided at tea. Other clergy present were the Revs. Canon Gray, R. D. Foster, and B. Darley (Hon. Secretary). The financial statement showed a credit balance of £9 11s. 9d, and the Report showed an accession of a dozen new members. So far good; but on the other hand one tower and five individual members had dropped off, and the last act of the retiring Secretary was to strike off the names of 16 unattached members who had failed to pay up. It was seen from the Report that the Anston band, besides a 5040 in seven Surprise methods, had accomplished 17 new methods in the course of the past year. It is understood that this indefatigable company can ring eighty different Minor methods, and hardly suppose that any band of ringers can have a more extensive repertoire.

After passing the balance-sheet and report, a good deal of business was got through, the principal item of the agenda being the election of a new Secretary. This did not appear to be a coveted post, but eventually Mr. H. Haigh consented to fill the breach, and was unanimously elected. In addition to being an experienced and capable ringer, Mr. Haigh wields the pen of a ready writer, and is no doubt the right man in the right place.

After a capital tea, to which 67 members and friends sat down, the party dispersed for ringing at the three towers of East Retford (10 bells), West Retford and Ordsall (6 bells each), and as we went to catch our too early train, all were going merrily in various methods, one being a 720 of London Surprise by the Anston company.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 23rd; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 14th and 28th; at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 14th; at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 15th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 21st; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th at 8 p.m.; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays at 7.30 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.
32, Edgley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association (late the St. James's Society).—Established 1824.—Southern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, May 18th, at St. Mary's, Putney. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All members and friends invited.

F. A. SMITH, Hon. Sec.
86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill.

The Lancashire Association.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Chorley with Whittle-le-Woods, on Saturday, May 11th. Further particulars by circular.

W. H. SHUKER, } Hon. Secs.
J. H. BANKS. }

The Lancashire Association—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready at 5.

WALTER HUGHES, Sec.
3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, May 11th. The bells of St. Stephen's (8), and of St. Dunstan's (6), will be available from 3 till 9 p.m., of St. Alphege (6) from 3 till 4 p.m., and of the Cathedral (10), after 4 p.m. Tea, for which a charge of 3d. per member present will be made, will be taken in St. Peter's Parish Hall at 5 p.m. The usual business meeting will be held after tea. Will all members who intend to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday, May 8th. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid before the meeting.

E. TRENDLE, Hon. Dis. Sec.
Boughton, Faversham.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.
13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Magor (Mon.) on Saturday, May 11th, at 4.30.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, M.A., Caerphilly.
JOHN W. JONES, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport.
Hon. Secs.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Biggleswade District.—A combined practice will be held at St. Leonard's church, Old Warden, on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready at 6 o'clock.

F. BLOOD, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Scorton on Saturday, May 18th. Arrangements will be made for conveyances from Preston if it is desirable.

E. R. MARTIN Branch Sec.

Dudley and Districts Guild.—The next quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Sedgley on Saturday, May 18th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. T. G. Swindell. Business meeting afterwards.

HERBERT SHEPPARD, Hon. Sec.
66, Himley Road, Dudley.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Staplehurst on Saturday, May 18th. Tower open at 3. Service in church at 5. Business meeting after the service. Half travelling expenses up to but not exceeding 2s. each will be paid to members attending.

W. LATTE, Hon. Dis. Sec.
26, Dukes Road, Tunbridge Wells.

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Eastwell, near Ashford, on Saturday, May 18th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Lady Northcote has kindly invited the members to tea, and to look over the gardens of Eastwell Park. Will members intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, May 14th. The bells have recently been rehung by Mears and Stainbank.

C. TRIBE, Hon. Dis. Sec.
British School Villas, Tenterden.

The Yorkshires Association.—The next meeting will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, May 18th. For full particulars see circular.

CLERMONT GLENN, Hon. Sec.
11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, May 25th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7. The President, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, will unveil a peal-board, and a good attendance is desired.

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Branch Sec.
Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

The Kent County Association.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Westerham on Whitsun Monday, May 27th. At this meeting four representatives on the Central Council of Church Bell-Ringers are to be elected. Candidates must be nominated by two members, and their nomination papers forwarded to the Hon. Secretary before May 13th. For dinner tickets, etc., apply to

FREDK. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec.
The Precincts, Canterbury.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The annual report of the above Guild for 1911 is now ready. Members under Rule xi. can have them by sending three penny stamps to the Secretary.

ALBERT E. REEVES.
5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

Notice.—Shoreditch Bells Fund.—Funds are urgently needed to put this grand old peal in proper repair. £50 wanted before the work can be commenced. Who will help a poor parish? Contributions thankfully received and gratefully acknowledged. Collecting cards also supplied by H. J. Bradley, The Parish Church, Shoreditch, E.

St. John's, Deptford, S.E. — Practices were resumed on Monday, April 15th, 1912.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.

On Saturday, April 20th, about a dozen members of the Essex Association visited the above church for a pull on the peal of six bells, recently rehung and re-arranged by C. Carr and Co., of Smethwick, to find many improvements in the go of the bells, access thereto, lighting of the ringing-chamber, etc. The opinion was unanimous that something might be done to deaden the sound in the ringing-chamber. The methods rang included Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, New London Pleasure, Double Court, and Cambridge Surprise. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar, the Rev. Chas. Edmunds, for the use of the bells.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

The monthly meeting of the South and West District of the above Association was held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West, on Saturday afternoon last. About twenty members attended and rang touches of Stedman Triples, Treble Bob, Grandsire Triples, and Plain Bob Major. During an interval in the ringing the visitors were entertained to tea in the vicarage room by the Vicar (Rev. H. G. Bird), who is President of the Association. At the conclusion of the tea, Mr. F. Beadle, District Master, expressed the thanks of the members to the Vicar for his kind hospitality, and for the use of the bells. A meeting this Saturday (May 11th), will be held at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, to open a new peal of eight bells. It is hoped to hold a meeting on June 1st at St. Peter's, Staines.

The Archdeacon of Exeter reaffirmed a great truth when he stated in his charge last week that the Church's times of rest were not the times of her best progress. There is certainly abundant evidence in the history of the Church to prove that persecution and violence had been far less deadly to her than apathy and cultured cynicism; that the sword is a much less dangerous weapon than the sneer; that dry-rot within is much more to be dreaded than any assault from without. The Archdeacon, whose remarks had special reference to the Church in Wales, said that the present attack might, if the opportunity be rightly used, result in men being led to study Church matters,

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL: ITS COMPOSITION AND PROOF. SKELETON COURSE

By HENRY DAINS, Past Master of The Royal Cumberland Youths.

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PLACING THE SIXTH BELL.

Twelve is the number of rows we have to deal with 6th in H. position. These are divided into four groups of three rows each, viz., 2 6, 3 6, 4 6, 5 6. The false course end 3 2 5 4 6 absorbs six of these rows, and, sample out the others as best you may, the same false course end prevents but one group of these being used in full when extents are wanted. The other three of the six, not being of the same group, must be brought plain at course ends. This quality will be referred to later on.

For my purpose I therefore select the full group of 5 6 course ends, and the others are those that best link up to that group.

These course ends are given in columns below, showing 6th in 5 6, side by side with the false course ends of both positions.

Table of True and False Course Ends.

No. 1, True.	No. 2, False.	No. 3, True.	No. 4, False.
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35426	53246	52364	34562
42356	24536	25463	43265
34256	42536	45362	32465
23456	32546	35264	24365

Table of Proof Scale Rows.

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" No. 2	"	24365	" No. 3 "
" No. 3	"	46253	" No. 4 "

NEWTON, CAMBS.

Thursday, the 25th of April, 1912, will be long remembered by the inhabitants of the pleasant little village of Newton, in the Isle of Ely and county of Cambridge, as it was the opening day after the restoration of their peal of six. A touch of Bob Minor was rung for the service at 7.30 p.m., which was largely attended. Some of the choir from the neighbouring village of Tydd St. Giles came to assist in the musical part of the service, and the following clergy were present: Right Rev. Bishop Harrison, D.D., the Rector (the Rev. T. W. Thomas, M.A.), the Rural Dean (the Rev. W. T. R. Crookham), the Rev. G. Woodgate, M.A., Rev. R. Boyer, M.A., the Rev. F. N. Bird, M.A., and

the Rev. Burr, M.A. During the singing of the hymn "O God our help in ages past," the clergy walked to the belfry (which is on the level of the church), where the Rev. W. T. R. Crookham read the Dedication Prayers, and afterwards pulled the tenor rope three times. Then followed the singing of "Now thank we all our God," during which the clergy returned to the choir stalls and the Bishop entered the pulpit. He preached a very interesting sermon from Psalm cxxii, "I was glad when they said unto me we will go into the House of the Lord." A collection was then taken in aid of the funds, which amounted to nearly £7. After the service the following members of the Wisbech band rang a 720 of Bob Minor, con-

ducted by Charles Goakes: H. Bannham, T. Haines, W. H. Freeman, G. Piggins, R. Narborough, C. Goakes. Then followed some firing, after which some members of the local band rang a few rounds and set changes. Then, with the assistance of Messrs. H. Piggins and S. Collison, touches of Minor and Doubles were rung. The bells were then lowered and the ringers were entertained to a most excellent supper at the residence of Mr. Churchwarden Goose, who with the Rector and Mr. Churchwarden Eyre have worked extremely hard to secure the repair of the bells. After the inner man had been refreshed the handbells were brought into use.

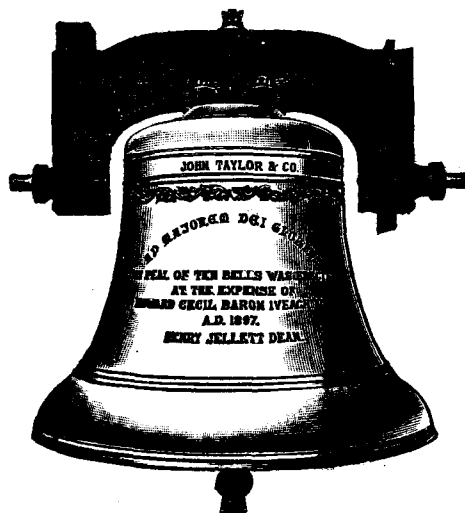
The work of rehangings has been carried out by the well-known firm of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have done the work in their usual first class manner. The beautiful "go" and pleasant tone of the bells was spoken of in the highest praise by both the ringers and the villagers.

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WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.

A meeting of the Blackburn branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Whalley last Saturday, when a large number of ringers met from Blackburn, Colne, Clitheroe, Church Kirk, Mytton and Padiham. Having obtained permission from the Vicar a few took the opportunity of going to Mytton church, a very ancient one, where a few touches in different methods were rung. After tea the meeting was held at Whalley church. It was proposed the next branch meeting be held at Rishton on Saturday, June 18th. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicars of Mytton and Whalley for the use of the bells, also to the ringers for having everything in readiness.

The Rev. R. Newman, Vicar of Whalley, suitably responded, and hoped the branch would hold another meeting there before long.

Several touches of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Stedman were afterwards rung. This was one of the most representative meetings held by the branch for some time.

BECKENHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, May 5th, at St. George's church, for evening service, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 43 mins. C. H. Hughes, J. Town, G. L. Joyce (first quarter-peal), H. T. Gowlett, E. Wigg, A. Turner, T. H. Taffender conductor, A. D. Barker.

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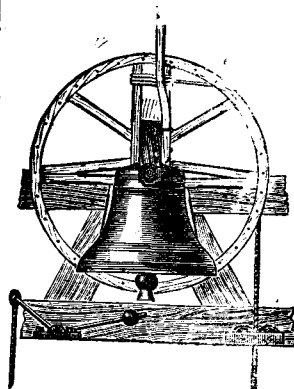
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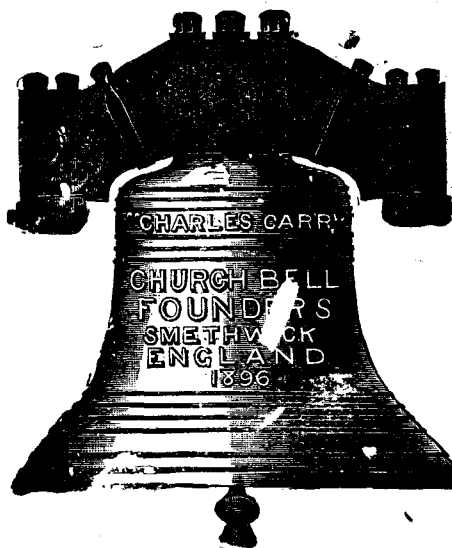
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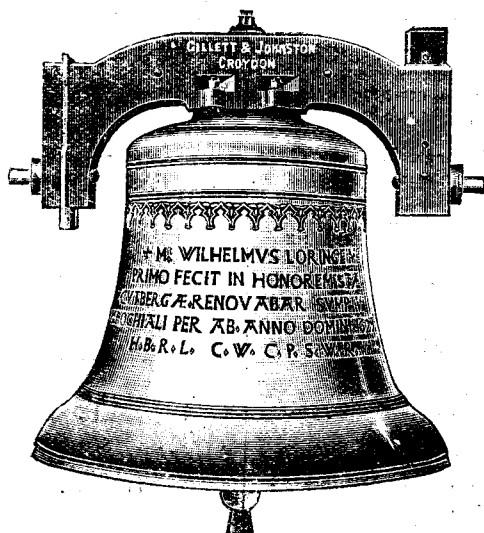
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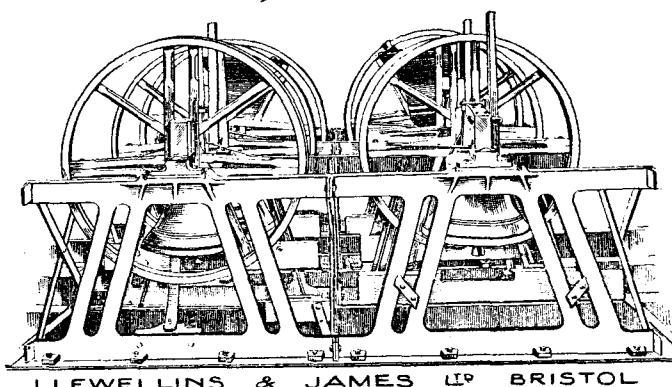
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At a vestry meeting held at Sutton,
Herefordshire, it has been decided to re-
place the ancient and picturesque stone-
tile roof of St. Nicholas Church by green
Westmoreland slates. The tender of
Messrs. E. W. Wilks and Son, of Here-
ford, was accepted for carrying out the
alteration in accordance with plans and
specifications prepared gratis by Mr. Geo.
Andrews, of Rose Bank. The stone tiling
now condemned has probably served for
500 years.

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THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the above was held at Magor, Mon., on Saturday afternoon, May 11th, and was well attended by representatives from Llandaff, Cardiff, Newport, Caerleon, Llanfrechfa, Caldicot, Chepstow, Nash, etc. Previous to the meeting the bells were raised and various methods rung. In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, through illness, Mr. J. Prickett, of Chepstow, was voted to the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted as correct. Acknowledgements were next read for the receipts of the amounts sent to the Vicar of Marshfield for the restoration of Peterston bells and also from Shoreditch for the small amount sent there. Instructors' reports were next dealt with, Mr. Jones reporting progress at Machen, and it was unanimously decided to again invite Mr. Jones to continue his instruction. The election of new members was proceeded with. Rhymney tower had written asking to be re-elected, and also asked for an Instructor, and it was decided to accept the offer of help given by members of the Caerphilly tower to Rhymney. New members were also elected from Llanfrechfa, Blaenavon, Caerleon and Chepstow. It was decided to hold the next Monmouthshire meeting at Bassaleg, the Glamorganshire meeting having already been arranged for Llanbradach. A vote of thanks was next accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, with an expression of regret that illness prevented him coming to the meeting. A vote of thanks was also given to the Chairman for presiding, which brought the meeting to a close. Ringing was the next order, the methods rung being Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent.

With one exception the bells, a ring of six, are by Rudhall, 1785, and badly want attention, there being a great deal of movement in the frame, causing a thrust on the tower and the bells to go badly. The frame is decidedly unsafe, especially between 5 and 6. It was stated that through illness the Vicar is resigning, and that it was not likely that anything would be done to the bells at present.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Canterbury on Saturday, May 11th, and about sixty members attended. The bells of St. Stephen's were rung from 3 till 9 p.m., and of the Cathedral from 4 till 9 p.m., except during the interval for tea from 5 till 6.30. The tea, given by the Association, was provided by Mr. Sergeant in St. Peter's parish room, and gave great satisfaction. The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore presided.

After tea he called upon the Secretary to read the minutes of the meetings held during the year, who also remarked that fifteen peals had been rung in the district, that thirty-five had taken part in them, six rang their first peal, and one acted as conductor for the first time. The Secretary and representatives were re-elected respectively. St. Peter's, Thanet, was chosen for the autumn meeting, Wickhambreaux for the spring, and Ospringe for the

annual meeting. A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman for so ably and fairly conducting the meeting, and for his work in connection with the Association generally, concluded the business.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

After several poorly attended meetings the Marlborough Branch held a record meeting, from the point of numbers, at Overton, on Saturday last, May 11th. The ringers met at the church of St. Michael at 3 o'clock, and the bells were kept going until 4.30, when a service was held, the new Guild service being used for the first time in this branch. After service the ringers enjoyed an excellent tea at the residence of Mr. Waite.

At the subsequent meeting the Rev. H. Tootell, Vicar of Overton, was made an honorary member of the Guild. The next three meetings were fixed for Wootton Bassett, Savernake and Compton Bassett respectively if permission can be obtained.

The Rev. A. E. G. Peters, chairman of the Marlborough branch, gave a report of the annual festival held at Devizes on Monday, May 6th. Business concluded with the election of the chairman to represent the branch on a committee for the discussion of a competition for the Guild.

Ringling continued until after 8 o'clock, when the members left, having spent a very pleasant afternoon.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

All roads led to Chorley on Saturday last, the reason being the half-yearly meeting of the Association, when by the kind permission of the various authorities the bells of the parish church of St. Mary (R.C.) and Whittle-le-Woods, about three miles out, were available, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent and Superlative were rung. At 5 o'clock a short service, conducted by the President, the Rev. H. J. Elsee (in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, the Ven. Archdeacon Fletcher), was held in the church, Mr. Elsee afterwards explaining the interesting old pews and other things which were to be found in the church. A short meeting was then held in the Institute, Mr. Elsee presiding, when comments were freely exercised about the arranging of monthly and half-yearly meetings on the same day, and discussions were held on other subjects dear to the mind of the ringer. After votes of thanks had been accorded to the various authorities for the use of the bells and Institute, and the organist for presiding at the organ, the members dispersed, some to the tower, others to billiards, bowls and walks round the town till trains and motor cars called "Who goes home." All seemed pleased in renewing old friendships and making new ones.

A DIAGRAM OF UNION TRIPLES (1893), may be had gratis, on application by letter to W. H. THOMPSON, 5, Sillwood Street, Brighton, to whom the unsold remainder has been returned by the publishers.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A few members of the Guild from Coventry, Warwick, Fenny Compton, and Stratford-on-Avon betook themselves on Saturday last to the remote, but historical village of Burton Dassett. The church tower contains a fine ring of six bells, cast in 1686 by Henry and Matthew Bagley before they dissolved partnership. In recent years the bells have been rehung in an iron frame, but unfortunately its construction has turned out to be faulty, and the consequence is that the bells do not go as well as they might, indeed it would mean some hard work if a 5000 was to be rung on them. From the top of the tower a good view of the Edge Hill and of the old battlefield of the Royalists and Parliamentarians is obtained, and it is said by some that Oliver Cromwell actually watched the progress of the battle from the church tower, and slid down a bell rope to escape. At all events it is interesting to note that there were three bells in the tower at that time, together with a Sanctus bell. One of the visitors found a small clapper which was very likely the clapper of the old Sanctus bell named in the record of 1552. The bells are of very good tone, tenor about 13 cwt., and the visitors were content to ring a few short touches of Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Oxford Treble Bob before tea. The Vicar had very kindly provided tea on the vicarage lawn, and the local ringers joined the visitors at the table. Afterwards the church, which is full of interest and somewhat remarkable in its construction, came in for inspection, and then the tower was again ascended, and a well-struck 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was accomplished in 24 mins. by E. N. Johnston, Rev. C. Carew Cox, F. Pervin, W. T. Cox, A. Roberts (conductor), E. N. Adams. Messrs. W. Price and W. G. Dickins also took part in some of the other touches rung during the afternoon. As far as can be ascertained the above is the first change-ringing ever performed on the bells, and it caused the local ringers much gratification, being something entirely new to them. Unlike many county village ringers they were not at all averse to hearing the tenor turned in amongst the other bells. Beautiful weather favoured this little outing, and the whole afternoon was much enjoyed by all.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed after tea to the Vicar, the Rev. W. Westacott, and his wife, for their kind hospitality and welcome to the member of the Guild.

MESSRS. T. DOBLE AND SON (TAUNTON).

The bells of West Charlton Church, a Somersetshire village lying on the G.W.R. between Castle Cary and Taunton, were recently re-opened after being overhauled by this well-known firm. The work consisted of strengthening the cage by putting in long tie bolts and corner plates, recasting the third (by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough), quarter-turning the others, and adding new fittings to all. The dedication service was conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Brymer. Beside the local band, many visiting ringers were present, and after the former had had a pull, some of the latter rang a 120 of Grandsire Doubles, the following taking the ropes: T. Doble (conductor), W. S. Doble, S. Hawkins, J. Hilburn, E. Creed, M. S. Welshman. Other six-scores were rung during the evening, the general opinion being that the "go" of the bells was excellent, and reflected great credit on the firm who carried out the work. We learn with pleasure that change-ringing is taking on in this part of the country. Long may it flourish.

VISIT TO THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY.

From Waldron to Whitechapel! Could contrast be more contrastful? From green hedgerows and woods touched with the spirit of May and the opening Spring, to hedges of brick and mortar, to murky and malodorous bye streets, relieved at last by coming in sight of Messrs. Warner and Sons' Bell Foundry in Spitalfields. This was the bourne of our journey, for Waldron was sending the junior members of its two choirs to view the recasting of six out of the eight bells belonging to the parish church. And it was well worth the journey. The moulds of the bells about to be recast were ranged in the arc of a circle in the foundry, and upon a raised dais seat, which might have been made especially for the purpose, the boys were invited to stand so as to get the best possible view of the process. To some of them the riding upon the top of an omnibus had been a novel experience, what then was the casting of the bells to be! Meanwhile until the critical moment arrived, Mr. Robert Warner had kindly arranged that a sister peal should be chimed, whilst he himself pointed out various items of interest connected with bell casting.

At length the door of the smelting furnace was opened, and out rushed a lava-like stream, emptying itself into a huge cauldron to the extent of 3 tons of molten metal. This done, a mighty crane swung the cauldron aforesaid over the moulds, until from the least to the greatest they had been filled with the fused metal of the old bells, and the addition of copper and tin. Strict silence was enjoined as the cauldron moved from bell to bell, and had to be adjusted to a nicety by word of command, but when the last bell (the tenor) was completed, human nature asserted itself, and three hearty cheers burst from forty throats for Mr. Warner and his skilled workmen.

The churchwardens of Waldron Parish and other friends were present, and the boys returned to their country homes with a sight engraved upon their memories, which more than half a century hence perhaps they will be relating to their grandchildren.

W. J. HUMBLE-CROFTS, Rector of Waldron.

May 11th, 1912.

The above description of the casting of the bells calls to mind the words of "The Limerick Bell Founder."

"In the furnace the dry branches crackle; the crucible shines as with gold;
As they carry the hot flaming metal in haste from the fire to the mould;
Loud roar the bellows, and louder the flames, as they shrieking escape,
And loud is the song of the workmen, who watch o'er the fast filling shape.
To and fro in the red glaring chamber, the proud master anxiously moves,
And the quick and the skilful he praiseth, and the dull sluggard reproves;
And the heart in his bosom expandeth, as the thick bubbling metal upswells,
For like to the birth of his children, he watcheth the birth of his bells."

We regret to announce the death of Mr. James Pettit, which took place on Sunday last at Hackney Infirmary after a long illness. The funeral takes place to-day, (Saturday), at Manor Park Cemetery. (See Notice page.) We hope to give a sketch of his career in our next issue.

THE STEPNEY PEAL.

The ancient Church of St. Dunstan, Stepney, the mother church of East London, has a history stretching back into almost forgotten times; its monuments are reminiscent of the distant Past, speaking as they do of those who long years ago went honoured to their rest. Its registers are perhaps more interesting than those of any other parish in England, containing as they do the names of many (some even distinguished persons) who were either born or died at sea; for in the days when nearly, if not quite, all the shipping trade of England centred on London, all the births and deaths that took place on board English ships were registered at Stepney. The parish thus became known as the "Sailors' Parish," and gained the reputation of being the largest parish in the world. It was peculiarly fitting, then, that the awful disaster to the "Titanic" should be commemorated at St Dunstan's by a muffled peal, which was rung on May 9th, by request of the Vicar, Rev. G. C. Wilton. Another, and perhaps the primary, reason which associates the peal with the disaster is that some of those who perished went away from the East End, among them the Rev. and Mrs. Carter. The peal, 5007 Stedman Triples, was conducted by Mr. Herbert Langdon. Many people assembled in the church grounds to listen. The thanks of the ringers, whose names appear in our peals columns, are tendered to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the towerkeeper for having them in such good going order.

A SUGGESTION.

It has been suggested that, following the lead of the Policemen, the Printers, and the Parsons, the Pedagogues should form a band for a peal. We know of no reason why they should not, and shall be pleased to assist in any way we can. Who will offer to take part?

Mr. H. G. Rowe writes to say that the two date touches of Grandsire Triples by him are false, the second one being sent in mistake, but he will publish correct one in due course. He tenders his thanks to the reader who pointed this out to him.

The ringers of Horley, Surrey, celebrated the centenary of the casting of the back six bells by Mears, of Whitechapel, by ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples on May 2nd.

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CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL: ITS COMPOSITION AND PROOF.

By HENRY DAINS,

Past Master of The Royal Cumberland Youths.

Will our readers please note and alter in the Skeleton Course in last week's issue, the following errors:—

The second row marked A of lead I. should read

6241830597

and the third row in the third block lead I. should read

2064189735

ALTERNATIVE WAYS AND MEANS.

In the foregoing examples and diagrams it has been conclusively shown how false course ends are found, by extracting rows from the plain course for that purpose.

In the following an endeavour is made to show how similar results are obtained by a less elaborate process, viz., by a studious observation of the rows as they stand in the plain course, not only in this, but in others also.

Now, by reference to S.C. as an example of this process, a glance at row D.vi., shows the working bells at the tail end of that row, placed thus: 65432, and in row D.viii. these bells are placed 56342, and reading these rows backward we get 23456 and 24365 respectively. If, then, we can exchange the position of these rows in a course we should get 24365 in place of 23456, and so, perhaps, get a false course end. The following shows how this is accomplished. If, when pricking rows likely to produce false course ends, say, for instance, D the second row in the block of lead vi. (see S.C.) you place this as at D the first row of the block of lead viii., from this point prick back to the lead end and from that prick forward by lead end scale to the course end, and here you get 24365 as the false course end.

Here, then, we see the art of using the rows when found is to exchange positions of them. A reference to Diagram No. 5 will show similar results, and further explain this process, as there we get rows of A.vi. in one course at A.i. of another course, which is really the same thing. The other false course ends are obtainable by the use of like means, or by the application of Diagram No. 4 any false course end will be revealed.

I may here say it was by these alternative ways and means that I found the false course ends in the first place, but resorted to examples and diagrams for corroborative proof, and illustrations for this article.

SECTIONAL COMPOSING.

Having given the false course ends of this method, sampled out and placed the 6th bell in 56, proved the courses from which these course ends are brought up, we will now start the composition of a peal. In so doing my usual way is to commence at the bottom and work upward, just as is done from the ground when building a church or its steeple.

In placing the 6th in position it will be noticed we have already composed two sections, and as five course ends only can be linked together either way in 56, when extents are used we have the course ends in hand for a third section. These I now proceed to give, as follows:—

SECTIONS.

No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 4.
63254 M W	56234 M W	36245 M W
52436 - -	35264 - *	42563 - -
35426 - *	25463 -	64523 - *
23456 -	45362 -	54326 -

In giving these sections I have dropped course ends and H bobs at * positions.

What has now to be done is to compose Section No. 3, to link up No. 2 and No. 4. In so doing obviously a bob M must be called from 54326. This would give us 34625, but it is useless. We therefore add a bob W to this and get a true course end in 23645, from which a bob W produces the last row of a full group of true course ends, the last being 42365. From this a bob M must be used, which gives 62534, from which we cannot go. Adding a bob W will reproduce work already done, and so we fall back upon the only alternative, and add a bob at H to this M, and thereby link up Sections No. 2 and No. 4.

SECTION No. 3.

54326 M W H
23645 - -
42635 - *
56234 - -

In giving this section I drop two course ends and H bobs at * position, as before.

We now have to compose courses that will link up sections No. 1 and No. 4. In doing this we must start with a bob at M, if only to remove the 6th from H position. This call gives us 43652, but from it we cannot go, and as either a bob M or M and W will reproduce work already done, so we perforce fall back upon the only alternative, which is a bob H, by which we get 64352. From this a bob W gives the last course end of a true full group of 42s. This row is 56342, from which a bob at M links up the two sections in question, and so completes the composition.

SECTION No. 5.

23456 M W H
64352 - -
56342 - *
36245 -

All these sections will now be collected, adding thereto the course ends dropped at * positions, and placed together in one column, with the calling by the side in peal fashion.

The peal will next be proved, showing the application of the false course ends as used in the course end proof. In so doing a full column of the rows produced by the false course end proof scale 32546 is given, but when proving by the false course ends, 24365 and 46253, both of which must be used for every course end, none of those will be given which already appear in the first-mentioned column.

(To be continued.)

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

On Saturday, May 11th, the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild held their monthly meeting at the above place, about thirty ringers attending from Alsager, Lawton, Crewe, Northwich and Nantwich. Ringing commenced about 3 o'clock, and was kept up in various methods until 5.30, when an adjournment was made for tea kindly provided by the Rector (the Rev. G. W. Skene, M.A.) After full justice had been done to the good things provided, a hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for his kindness in allowing the use of the bells and for providing the tea. This was carried with acclamation. After passing the accounts for the past year the visitors wended their way to the tower again, and ringing was kept up until about 8 o'clock by various bands, among the methods rung being Stedman, Grandsire and Erin Triples, Treble Bob and Bob Major.

Notices.

The charge or the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 23rd; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 28th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 21st; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th at 8 p.m.; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays at 7.30 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The funeral of the late Mr. James Pettit will take place on Saturday, May 18th, at Manor Park Cemetery at 4 o'clock. Forest Gate or Manor Park Stations on Great Eastern Railway.

The London County Association (late the St. James's Society).—Established 1824.—Southern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, May 18th, at St. Mary's, Putney. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All members and friends invited.

F. A. SMITH, Hon. Sec.
86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Scorton on Saturday, May 18th. Arrangements will be made for conveyances from Preston if it is desirable.

E. R. MARTIN Branch Sec.

Dudley and Districts Guild.—The next quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Sedgley on Saturday, May 18th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. T. G. Swindell. Business meeting afterwards.

HERBERT SHEPPARD, Hon. Sec.
66, Himley Road, Dudley.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Staplehurst on Saturday, May 18th. Tower open at 3. Service in church at 5. Business meeting after the service. Half travelling expenses up to but not exceeding 2s. each will be paid to members attending.

W. LATTER, Hon. Dis. Sec.
26, Dukes Road, Tunbridge Wells.

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Eastwell, near Ashford, on Saturday, May 18th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Lady Northcote has kindly invited the members to tea, and to look over the gardens of Eastwell Park. The bells have recently been rehung by Mears and Stainbank.

C. TRIBE, Hon. Dis. Sec.
British School Villas, Tenterden.

The Yorkshires Association.—The next meeting will be held at Gnisley on Saturday, May 18th. For full particulars see circular.

CLEMENT GLENN, Hon. Sec.
11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, May 25th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7. The President, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, will unveil a peal-board, and a good attendance is desired.

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Branch Sec.
Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

The Kent County Association.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Westerham on Whit Monday, May 27. Committee Meeting in Vestry at 11 Service at noon. Preacher—The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Rochester. Dinner in the Public Hall at 1 p.m. Towers open for ringing: Westerham (8), Brasted (6). Limpsfield (St. Peter's, 6), and St. Andrew's (6). The elected Central Council Representatives will be expected to attend the meeting on Whitsun Tuesday. For dinner tickets, etc., apply to

FREDK. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec.

The Precincts, Canterbury.

The Warwickshire Guild.—A monthly meeting will be held at Hampton-in-Arden on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) available at 3.30 p.m. Rev. C. Cox, Hon. Sec. Shottery.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Helmsore on Saturday, May 25th. Bells will be ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. T. ROLLERSON, Branch Sec.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Isle of Ely District.—A meeting will be held at Chatteris on Whit Monday, May 27th. Bells of Chatteris (6) and Doddington (5) available during the afternoon. Short service in parish church at 5.30. Tea at 5.45 p.m. Will members intending to be present please notify me before May 25th.

F. ROWLINSON, District Secretary.
Burnsfield Street, Chatteris.

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday at Kelvedon. 11.0.—Divine Service at St. Mary's church with address by the Rev. H. S. Sanders, Vicar of Woodford, 11.0.—Annual Meeting at the Infant School. 1.30.—Dinner at the Church Hall. Tickets 1s. each to members who give notice beforehand. Non-members 2s. each. To ensure accommodation at the dinner, notice must be given to me not later than May 22nd. A brake will convey ringers to the neighbouring towers during the afternoon. HENRY T. W. EYRE, Hon. Sec.

Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—The Whit Monday meeting will be held at West Hartlepool. Bells of St. Oswald, St. Aidan, and Stranton available all day. Committee meets at Grand hotel at 1.0 p.m. Dinner at 1.30. Members intending to be present please notify

CHAS TODD, Hon. Secretary.
26, Greenbank Crescent, Darlington.

Peterborough and District Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whittlesea on Whit Monday, May 27th. Bells available all day. St. Mary's (8), and St. Andrew's (6). Service at 5 o'clock. Business meeting after.

F. T. COOKE, Hon. Sec.
195, Gladstone Street, Peterborough.

Notice.—Shoreditch Bells Fund.—Funds are urgently needed to put this grand old peal in proper repair. £50 wanted before the work can be commenced. Who will help a poor parish? Contributions thankfully received and gratefully acknowledged. Collecting cards also supplied by H. J. Bradley, The Parish Church, Shoreditch, E.

Long Peal Attempt.—All being well, eight members of the Middlesex County Association will attempt a long peal of Bristol Surprise Major at Hornchurch on Monday, May 27th, starting about 8.30 a.m.

5040 BOB ROYAL.

By FRANK BENNETT.

23456	W	M	H
64235	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-
43256	S	-	-
25436	-	-	-
42536	-	-	-
54236	-	-	-
23546	-	-	-
52346	-	-	-
35246	-	-	-
24356	-	-	-
32456	-	-	-

Repeat the last twelve courses, omitting bob at middle.

First rung at New Cross on May 10th, 1912, on handbells, conducted by W. Shepherd.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By G. CROSS, Norwich.

5120.	I	4	5	6
23456	-	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-	-
45625	S	-	-	-
26345	-	-	-	-
63245	-	-	-	-
32645	-	-	-	-
46255	-	-	-	-
62435	-	-	-	-
34265	-	-	-	-
35246	-	-	-	-
52346	-	-	-	-
23546	-	-	-	-

Three times repeated. Bob for single evcept in third part. 4, 5, 6 only in 6ths.

TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

By the same Author.

5088.	M	W	H
23456	-	-	-
52364	2	2	2
32654	2	1	-
53246	2	2	2
46325	1	2	2
62345	2	-	-
45236	1	2	2
23457	1	1	-

misfortune to fall upon bad times is one which requires careful consideration. The resolution introducing the matter is couched in such terms as will relieve the Central Council from responsibility, though expressing agreement with the proposal. Not for the first time is the proposal put forward, for some five years ago the same question was on the table. Whether or not a Benevolent Fund is absolutely necessary is largely a question of opinion. There are no doubt cases in which a little help is welcome, but we incline to the opinion that the man who takes to bell ringing and keeps to it is the kind of man who makes provision for times of sickness and need. Even these, we are ready to admit, are not always fully prepared for the very worst, but they would be the last to seek assistance. We are heartily in agreement with the scheme, but having had some experience of a similar fund we say it is wise to weigh well the pros and cons before launching a Benevolent Fund.

Another question which appears on the agenda deals with the matter of ringing for Sunday Services. The practice of chiming instead of ringing is common in some parts of the country, and there are one or two instances, of recent occurrence, where ringers have refused to ring for service, even when requested to do so by their Vicar. This ought not to be. The bells were placed in the towers to call parishioners to worship, not that a band of ringers might exercise a hobby on a week night—for this is what it amounts to when the bells are merely chimed on Sundays and rung during the week. Bell ringers are church workers, and are recognised as such by every right minded person. That being so, and the privilege of taking a part in God's service by calling worshippers together being granted them, they must use the privilege by giving of their best to the service, even though it entails some sacrifice. The practice of chiming is not universal, we are glad to say, but it is evidently common enough to warrant the Central Council in calling attention to it. The necessity for doing so should not have arisen, but having arisen the Council are doing the right thing in bringing the matter forward for discussion, and we believe ringers will see to it that there shall be no need for its repetition.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The first session of the eighth Council (22nd Annual Meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, 28th May, 1912, in the Small Hall of the Church House, Westminster, at 11 a.m. punctually.

The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30 p.m., from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, until 5.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously, at 9.45 a.m., in the same room.

N.B.—The entrance to the Small Hall is from Great Smith Street.

AGENDA, 1912.

- 1.—Election of President, and of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.
- 2.—Minutes of last Meeting.
- 3.—Statement of Accounts and of Sale of Publications.
- 4.—Election of Honorary Members.
- 5.—Introduction of new Members to the President.
- 6.—Election of Standing Committee.
- 7.—To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees; and re-appoint, or alter the constitution of, the Committees, as may be thought desirable, viz.:—

- (a) Peal Collection.
- (b) Church Press.
- (c) Legitimate Methods.
- (d) Peal Values.

(e) Peals Analysis.

To discuss the following:—

8.—A Peal of Minor must consist of at least seven true 720s, and the bells must strike Rounds only once at the end of each, and immediately go into the next. The peal may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 720s fulfilling the same conditions, with or without one touch of less than 720 changes to make up some definite number.

9.—(a) That a Committee of five (?) six-bell ringers be appointed to draw up a scale of Points for performances on five and six bells.

(b) That this Committee, together with the Peals Values Committee, try and find a common denominator by means of which the value of such performances compared with that of peals on higher numbers can be fixed.

10.—That it is desirable to reconsider some of the conditions laid down for the legitimacy of Methods, as stated on page 18 of "Rules and Decisions," 1904.

11.—That this Council, in extending its hearty welcome to the "Ringing World," has heard with satisfaction from the Hon. Secretary that he has, from the first appearance of the paper, sent for publication in its columns all essential Official Notices and Reports of the Council, and notes with pleasure that the Analysis of Peals for the past year has been compiled from, and has appeared in identical terms in both ringing papers alike.

12.—That the Hon. Secretary of the Council be instructed to write to the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings and request them to meet a deputation from the Council and discuss the supposed danger to towers caused by substituting iron bell-frames for wooden frames.

That the Hon. Secretary also bring to the notice of the Royal Institute of British Architects the Council's recommendations with regard to the proper height to hang bells relative to the belfry windows.

13.—That the Council, while itself declining to take part in the formation or subsequent management of such an enterprise, if set on foot, and without in any sense pledging its individual members, would nevertheless view with satisfaction the establishment on a sound financial basis of a Benevolent Fund for the benefit of any members of the Exercise who may stand in need of help.

14.—That this meeting of the Council, while recognizing the value of peal ringing generally, and the laudable desire of the members to assist in placing their own Association at the head of the Peal Table, wishes to express the strong conviction that the chief aim of all members should be the encouragement in all towers of ringing, rather than chiming, the bells for Sunday services, thus helping to achieve the primary object for which bells are hung, viz., the Glory of God and the calling of the parishioners together for His worship.

15.—To fix the place of meeting for next year.

16.—Other business, if any.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon Secretary.*

A Social Gathering will be held at the Westminster Palace Hotel at 9 p.m., to which Sir Arthur Heywood invites the Members of Council and their ringing friends.

COMMITTEE OF POINTS FOR PEALS.

REPORT, 1912.

Your Committee, having carefully considered the questions referred to them at the meeting of Council at Leicester, last year, beg leave to report as follows:—

As regards points for peals on seven bells and upwards, they recommend the adoption of the Schedule brought forward by Mr. J. Griffin and supported by Mr. A. T. King, and calculated from the formula:—

$$\frac{VN^3}{8^3}$$

In the matter of points for peals of Minor they recommend one point for each 720 rung in any plain method, two for each 720 in any Treble Bob method, three for each such in any method with "Broken Leads," and four for each such in any Surprise method; each 720 to be counted as such, whether rung

all through in one and the same method in the usual manner, or composed of touches in more than one method making up when taken together one true 720. Also, in addition to the points thus apportioned to the seven 720s of which the peal consists, they recommend that a point be given for each method rung, commencing with the second method. Thus, for a peal consisting of seven 720s in one and the same plain method, such as Plain Bob, seven points would be given, and for one consisting of seven 720s in fourteen Surprise methods, 41 points would be given; that is 28 points for the seven 720s, and 13 points for the fourteen methods.

(Signed) A. B. CARPENTER.
JOHN CARTER.
HENRY DAINS.
CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

NOTE.—Though signing this report Mr. Carter wishes it to be stated that he is strongly averse to any 720 consisting of portions in different methods. He considers that each 720 should be rung straight through in one and the same method.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, May 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS 6.
WILLIAM TRUES 2.	FREDERICK J. HARDY 7.
ALFRED B. PECK 3.	THOMAS FAULKNER 8.
ALFRED W. GRIMES 4.	EMANUEL HALL 9.
JAMES SCHOLES 5.	HERBERT LANGDON Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Bart., and
Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Rung with the bells half muffled in memory of those lost in the
"Titanic."

The Provinces.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE TOWN HALL, ALBERT SQUARE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 52 cwt.

ROBERT DAVIES Treble.	JOSEPH RIDYARD 5.
JOHN T. BOTTRILL 2.	FREDERICK PAGE 6.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 3.	HARRY CHAPMAN 7.
EDWIN H. LEWIS 4.	† RICHARD NEWTON Tenor.

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

*Fiftieth peal. †Seventieth peal First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells. This is the heaviest peal of bells yet rung to Triples by eight men only. Rung on the back eight.

EASTWOOD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt. 20 lbs.

F. CHEIST Treble.	J. P. POLLARD 5.
J. T. POLLARD 2.	F. ROWLEY 6.
ALFRED WYLD 3.	A. PARKER 7.
E. MANNERS 4.	J. WYLES Tenor.

Conducted by A. PARKER.

First peal away from the tenor by the ringer of the treble. First peal by the ringers of the 5th and tenor. Rung as a farewell peal to Alfred Parker, who is leaving for Western Australia, all the ringers wishing him God-speed and success in his new sphere of labour.

KIRKBURTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT B. SHAW Treble.	JOHN ROLLINSON 5.
HARRY ARMITAGE* 2.	EDWIN R. ARMITAGE 6.
WM. MOORHOUSE 3.	JOHN ALLEN 7.
HERBERT PICKERING 4.	JOE W. PICKERING Tenor.

Composed by S. MARSH, and Conducted by E. R. ARMITAGE.

First peal as conductor. *First peal.

HORLEY, SURREY.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

PETER ETHERIDGE Treble.	STEPHEN KENWARD 5.
JOSEPH KENWARD 2.	ALBERT HARMAN 6.
THOMAS WHITMORE 3.	ALBERT SONGHURST 7.
GEORGE ILLMAN 4.	CHARLES OSBORN Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

This peal was rung to commemorate the centenary of the back six bells of the peal, they having been cast by Mears, of the White-chapel Foundry, in 1812.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN. .. Treble.	FRED W. HERBERT 5.
EDGAR VALLANCE* 2.	T. HENRY HARDY 6.
REV. R. P. FARROW 3.	JAMES HARRIS 7.
MISS LILIAN A. WILLSON .. 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

*First peal on eight bells. This peal, in one part, has only 4 5 6 in 6th place at a course-end.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

FRED ABBOTT Treble.	HARRY ALLRED 5.
JAMES ALLRED 2.	HERBERT ALLRED 6.
JOHN T. ALLRED 3.	TITUS BARLOW 7.
JOSEPH RIDYARD 4.	ROBERT ALLRED Tenor.

Composed by G. CROSS, and Conducted by ROBERT ALLRED.

Rung as a birthday peal to the ringers of the 3rd, 4th and tenor, this being the longest peal rung on the bells.

HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 lbs.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD 5.
JOSEPH J. PRATT 2.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD 6.
GEORGE SPENCER 3.	ARTHUR HARDING 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	JOHN H. B. HESSE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. E. E. Charles, it being the first peal during his incumbency; also as a birthday compliment to Ferris J. Shepherd.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
VICARS'. Tenor 30 cwt. 12 lbs. in C sharp.

ROBERT CHRISTIAN Treble.	*ROBERT SPALDING 5.
EDWIN R. TODD 2.	DENISON HAYWARD 6.
CHARLES HARDING 3.	FREDERICK PRESTELL 7.
CHARLES PIDGEON 4.	WILLIAM LEE Tenor.

Conducted by DENISON HAYWARD.

*First peal on eight bells and was arranged for Mr. Spalding who hails from Thorpe.

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qrs. 26 lbs. in F.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE Treble.	JOSEPH J. PRATT 5.
BETRAM PERWETT 2.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 3.	CHARLES EDWARDS 7.
WILLIAM WELLING 4.	JOHN H. B. HESSE Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the steeplekeeper for having everything in readiness. First peal of Major on the bells. Mr. Hesse was elected a Life Member of the above Guild previous to starting. The band represents four counties and eight parishes.

WORCESTER.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 18½ cwt.

BENJAMIN S. HILL .. Treble.	JOSEPH BRETTELL 5.
GEORGE HINTON, SEN. .. 2.	ALBERT HILL 6.
GEORGE HINTON, JUN.* .. 3.	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON .. 7.
WILLIAM BANKS 4.	WILLIAM EDGINGTON .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. E. BANKS JAMES, and
Conducted by ALBERT HILL.

*First peal.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS .. Treble.	BEN S. THOMPSON 5.
FREDK. KNIGHTS 2.	GEORGE ORFORD 6.
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 3.	GEORGE HOWCHIN 7.
ALBERT G. WAENES 4.	FRED J. HOWCHIN Tenor.

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

First peal in the method by the ringer of the 6th.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS, JUN. .. Treble.	EDWIN WHITING 5.
FRANK COPEMAN* 2.	*ALFRED FUNNELL 6.
FREDK. J. BOERETT 3.	*GEORGE POYNTE 7.
ERNEST WHITING 4.	WILLIAM STEELE Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by WH. STEELE.

*First peal in the method.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

JESSE HALLETT* .. Treble.	GILBERT H. HARDING .. 5.
FRANCIS W. NEATE .. 2.	HENRY W. BROWN .. 6.
GEORGE HILL 3.	THOMAS F. KING 7.
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. 4.	LUTHER P. SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS F. KING.

*First peal on eight bells. This peal was arranged and rung as the quarterly peal for the Bath District, and it was the first as such.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PAREE'S 12-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

JOHN SINDEN Treble.	JAMES LIVERMORE, JUN. .. 5.
WALTER ALCOCK 2.	GEORGE WATSON 6.
ROBERT W. GREEN 3.	WALTER FRANKS 7.
PERCY CARTER* 4.	JAMES LIVERMORE, SEN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WATSON.

Mr. R. W. Green hails from London, for whom this peal was arranged, this being his first peal in the method. *First peal.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(CHARLES' SOCIETY, PLYMOUTH.)

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT CHARLES' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

REGINALD A. H. DOBSON Treble.	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT .. 4.
WALTER H. MARSH 2.	FRANK HOCADAY 5.
REV. EVERARD S. POWELL .. 3.	ERNEST W. MARSH Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

First peal in seven methods by all and on the bells. First peal in seven methods in Devon and by the Guild.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM DAVIES .. Treble.	JAMES HOPKINS 5.
JAMES JONES 2.	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 6.
JOHN CORRIGAN 3.	FRANK BENNETT 7.
WILLIAM H. JONES 4.	CHARLES ALLEN Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal as conductor, and rung at the first attempt.

EYNSFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

HUBERT J. BLACKWELL .. Treble.	ISAAC EMERY 5.
JACK BURLS* 2.	REUBEN BALDWIN 6.
GEORGE HUXLEY 3.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 7.
GEORGE DURLING 4.	WILLIAM WEST Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

*First peal on eight bells.

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

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

STANLEY COLE Treble.	THOMAS WRIGHT 5.
JOHN WIGMORE 2	*FRED MILLARD 6.
ALBERT WRIGHT 3.	FRANK COLE 7.
WILLIAM HALE 4.	HUBERT HANES Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Proctor, of Painswick, on attaining her 100th birthday.

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

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. GARRARD .. Treble.	WILLIAM F. GARRETT .. 5.
EDGAR PEMBERTON 2.	HARRY BARTON 6.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
WILLIAM MOTTS 4.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This peal was arranged and rang to oblige William E. Garrard and Son, who were spending a week-end in Suffolk, and belong to the St. Mary Abbot's Society, Kensington; also Harry Barton, from Southwold, Suffolk. A peal should have been attempted at the church of St. Mary-le-Tower, but owing to the tower being out of repair the authorities would not allow the bells to be used.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD, AND THE BATH
AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 31 cwt. 3 qrs.

FREDK. C. RICH Treble.	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. 5.
SIDNEY HILLIER 2.	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 6.
ARTHUR K. HARRISON .. 3.	GILBERT H. HARDING .. 7.
JOHN S. RUMMING† 4.	LUTHER P. SMITH Tenor.
	†FREDK. HAYES

Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

*First peal. †Elected members of the Bath and Wells Association previous to starting.

BEDFORD.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
 On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5151 CHANGES.
 Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

ARTHUR N. HARDY Treble.	HERBERT L. HARLOW .. 6.
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 2	FRANK BENNETT 7.
ALBERT E. BRIGHTMAN .. 3.	WILLIAM BERRY 8.
HERBERT SHARP 4.	WILLIAM SHIMMANS .. 9.
FRANK HALES 5.	JOHN W. BAKER Tenor.

Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method by ringers of 4th and 6th. The above peal was rung on the 151st anniversary of the first peal on the bells, viz., 5040 Bob Major Single, May 11th, 1761, by Cumberland Youths. The ring of eight was put in in 1745, a company of ringers from St. Michael's, Cornhill being present and ringing for the dedication. The present 9th bell is the only one that has survived the 167 years.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
 (HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

B. RIDGWAY* Treble.	*S. WHITE 5.
A. MOORE* 2.	†F. COTTON 6.
J. TANSEY* 3.	G. THOMPSON 7.
W. SHARPE* 4.	*A. SHARRATT Tenor.

Conducted by F. COTTON.

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

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being 720 each of Cumberland Exercise, London Treble Bob, College Exercise, College Pleasure Killamarsh Treble Bob, Woodbine and Oxford.

JOHN E. WHEELDON .. Treble.	*LEONARD CLARKSON .. 4.
CHARLES PRESTON 2.	DANIEL PRESTON 5.
CLEMENT POINTON 3.	WILLIAM WHEELDON .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. POINTON.

*First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

W. R. JOHN POULSON .. Treble.	FREDK. A. POULSON .. 5.
ARTHUR SYMONDS 2	CHARLES WOODCOCK .. 6.
SAMUEL EVANS 3.	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. 7.
REV. EDWARD J. TEESDALE 4.	WILLIAM DENT Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
 Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

First peal in the method by the ringers of the 4th, 5th, and 6th. Rang as a farewell peal to the Rev. E. J. Teesdale, who is leaving Chelworth, Suffolk, to take up the living of Burstow, Surrey. The ringers were entertained to tea at Long Melford after the peal.

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

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINGR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Grandsire, and two 720s each of Oxford Single Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob, called differently.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST P. BRYANT† .. Treble.	*FREDK. WELLS 4.
GEORGE WOOD† 2.	†WILLIAM R. WOOD .. 5.
GEORGE KENWARD† 3.	GEORGE BILLENNESS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

*First peal. †First peal in four methods, and first peal in four methods by the Guild on the bells. The conductor belongs to Rye, and the rest are Iden ringers.

WETHERDEN (Suffolk).—On Sunday, April 12th, at the parish church, 720 New London. J. Horrex, H. Crick, A. Symonds, T. Hollocks, H. Gladwell, R. J. Poulson (conductor). First 720 in the method on the bells. For evening service 720 Oxford, standing as before.

**SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being seven 720s:—i, Double and Single Court; ii, Double and Single Bob, iii, Oxford Bob; iv, Double Oxford; v, Cambridge Surprise; vi, Oxford Treble Bob; vii, Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

R. HUGH RICHARDSON .. Treble.	C. WILLIAM SMITH .. 4.
JOHN W. LAKE .. 2.	WILLIAM RICHARD .. 5.
JAMES OSBORN .. 3.	ROBERT RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

Rung with the bells half muffled after the funeral of Mrs. James, mother of the Vicar of Surfleet, who was interred at Gloucester on that day.

**EMBERTON, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)**

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF TREBLE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM JACQUES* .. Treble.	WILLIAM FREEMAN .. 4.
FREDK. W. BOOTH .. 2.	FREDERICK J. MYNARD .. 5.
GEORGE H. F. WEST† .. 3.	EDWIN S. MYNARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. S. MYNARD.

*First peal of Treble Bob. †First peal away from the treble. First peal as conductor.

**STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6240 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY BRIGGS .. Treble.	FRED H. DEXTER .. 5.
HARRY ARGYLE .. 2.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 6.
ERNST MORRIS .. 3.	CHARLES H. FOWLER .. 7.
ARTHUR PETTIT .. 4.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. Tenor.

Composed by F. H. DEXTER, and Conducted by C. H. FOWLER.

This peal, now rung for the first time, is the longest on the bells, and is also T. W. Chapman's 100th peal for the Midland Counties Association.

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

On Monday, May 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.**

LEONARD OSBORNE* .. Treble.	ALFRED WATMORE .. 5.
CHARLES GILES .. 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. 6.
WALTER A. WEBB .. 3.	AMBROSE W. OSBORNE .. 7.
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 4.	REUBEN SAWYER .. Tenor.

Conducted by AMBROSE W. OSBORNE.

*First peal of Stedman, aged 13 years, 10 months. Robert J. Dawe hails from Seaford, Sussex, for whom the peal was arranged; also rung as a birthday compliment to Horace Osborne, brother of ringer of treble.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday evening, May 5th, for Divine Service at St. John the Divine, 560 Double Norwich Major. P. Dunkley, Miss L. A. Willson, W. Willson, jun., E. Vallance, F. W. Herbert, J. Harris, J. Tomlinson, W. Willson conductor. On Sunday, April 28th, at St. John's, with bells deeply muffled, as a tribute to the "Titanic's" dead 924 Stedman Triples, first six standing as above, with W. Willson 7, and R. Hubbard 8.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Grandsire, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 11 cwt.

HENRY S. BREALEY .. Treble.	*GEORGE BARELEY .. 4.
JOHN H. SWINFELD .. 2.	JOHN HOUGH .. 5.
HERBERT HURDMAN .. 3.	DAVID L. COTTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. HODGE.

*First peal in seven methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 4th and tenor.

Handbell Peals.

CAMBRIDGE.—THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, May 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At 14, Trumpington Street,

A PEAL OF BOE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSO 1-2.	REGINALD O. STREET .. 5-6.
WILLIAM D. JAMES* .. 3-4.	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 7-8.

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

*First peal with an inside pair of bells. Umpire—F. R. White.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, May 5, 1912, in One Hour and Fifty-seven Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. S. Proctor,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Single Court, and three 720s each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

HARRY THORPE .. 1-2.	WILLIAM G. THORPE .. 3-4.
SIDNEY PROCTOR .. 5-6.	

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

Umpire—Lawrence E. Mears. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. G. Thorpe and A. Taylor, who are members of the local band.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 8, 1912, in Three Hours Thirteen-and-half Minutes,

At 43, Heath Road,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES.

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

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpires—Charles W. Smith and Walter Sear. First twelve-bell peal in the county, and by the Association. It was rung at the first attempt.

NEW CROSS, LONDON, S.E.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

At 3, Hart's Lane,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 1-2.	FRANK BENNETT .. 5-6.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 3-4.	FRANK I. HAIRS .. 7-8.
FREDERICK G. WOODIS .. 9-10.	

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and Conducted by WM. SHEPHERD. Umpire—Mr. George H. Daynes. First peal of Bob Royal by all and first on handbells by the Association. Rung at the first attempt. Miss Bennett is the first lady to ring a peal of Bob Royal. This composition, which is now rung for the first time, will be found on another page.

CAMBRIDGE. — THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
In the President's Room, Trinity College,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6144 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.**

REGINALD O. STREET* 1-2. | E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 5-6.
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 3-4. | REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 7-8.

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD, and
Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

*First peal of Treble Bob away from 7-8. This peal, which has 4th, 5th, and 6th bells their extent each way in 5-6, is the greatest peal of changes rung by the Guild.

Date Touches.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORLEY (Surrey).—On Thursday, April 18th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1912 changes, in 1 hr. 4 mins. A. Etheridge, J. Kenward, T. Whitmore, A. Harman, G. Illman, P. Etheridge, S. Kenward (conductor), C. Osborn. This touch was rang to commemorate the 69th birthday of Mr. A. Songhurst, Hon. Sec. to the Horley band of bellringers, the members wishing him many happy returns.

Miscellaneous.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WORCESTER.—On Monday, April 29th, at the Cathedral, for practice, 725 Grandsire Cinques. B. S. Hill, G. Hinton, jun., B. Hill, J. Hill, W. Page, G. Hinton, sen., W. Banks, W. C. Jones, J. Morris. A. Hill conductor, W. H. Johnson, J. R. Newman. Longest length of Cinques by G. Hinton, jun. and W. Banks. On Sunday, May 12th, at St. Helen's church, for Divine Service, 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major. W. Page (conductor), G. Hinton, sen., G. Hinton, jun., W. C. Jones, W. Ranford, J. Brettell, A. Hill, E. Watkins. Also 288 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Page (conductor), L. Longney, G. Hinton, sen., G. Brettell, W. Ranford, W. C. Jones, A. Hill, E. Watkins.

MALVERN LINK.—On Sunday, May 12th, for Divine Service, at St. Matthias' church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 51 mins. W. Niblett, E. E. Barber, F. Stanton, J. Brown, H. Chance, F. Bryan, R. G. Knowles (conductor), A. Richings. Longest length by ringer of the 5th.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWPORT (Monmouthshire).—On Friday, May 10th, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. V. Morgan, J. Bullen, F. Charles, S. Jones, J. W. Jones, C. F. Johnston (Croydon), A. E. Morgan conductor, J. Goddard.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND — On Saturday, May 4th, an attempt for a peal of Minor, as a birthday compliment to J. Buries, aged 19, who conducted, came to grief after 1 hr. 20 mins., there being rung 720 each of Grandsire Minor, Plain Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure, a "stand" being called during Oxford Treble Bob. J. Avis, G. Ambrose, G. Jones, R. Smith, J. Burles conductor, F. Mitchell.

DEPTFORD, S.E.—On Friday, May 10th, for Annual Thanksgiving Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from the Original, in 43 mins. G. R. Simmonds, F. S. Bacon, F. W. Richardson (conductor), A. G. Bennington, W. J. Jeffries, A. E. Goddard, J. Law, C. H. Macklin. On Sunday, May 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from the Original, in 44 mins. R. Fosdike, A. G. Bennington, G. R. Simmonds, A. E. Goddard, F. W. Richardson, J. Crowder, W. J. Jeffries (conductor), C. H. Macklin.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BREKENTON (Somerset).—On Sunday, May 12th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but unfortunately it

failed just half-way, owing to a shift course, after some good ringing. J. S. Rimming, A. K. Harrison, G. H. Harding, T. F. King, A. F. Martin Stewart, S. Hillier, W. J. Prescott (conductor), S. J. Hector.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUTTON (Cambs).—On Wednesday, May 8th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 24 mins. E. W. Cattell, R. Pinch, J. W. Townhill, G. Howard, A. F. Faux, sen., A. J. Abrams (conductor). Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs. This 720 was rung in honour of a son being born to Mr. and Mrs. Few, Mr. Few being Captain of the Sutton ringers.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Tuesday evening, May 7th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. J. Thomas, R. W. Green, F. Mathis, P. Carter, A. Rideout, J. Sindén, W. Franks (conductor), R. Dennis. Longest length by ringers of 1, 4 and 5.

ELSTOW (Beds).—On April 16th, 720 Bob Minor. V. Cooper, Miss D. Steel, Miss E. Steel, S. Smith, H. Cooper, E. White (conductor). On April 22nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. Smith, F. Blood, Miss E. Steel, C. Pratt, H. Cooper, E. White (conductor). First 720 in the method as conductor. On April 25th, 720 Kent. Miss D. Steel, J. W. Barker, Miss E. Steel, S. Smith, Rev. Tyrwhitt-Drake, J. Hare. And 720 College Bob iv. E. White, R. Gardner, H. Harlow, F. Mortimer, J. W. Barker, H. Tysoe.

GREAT BADDOW (Essex).—On Sunday evening, May 12th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. H. Dawson, W. Rice, W. Newman, H. Richell, A. Whight, A. Richell, G. Green, F. Newman. Composed by H. N. Price, and conducted by G. Green.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, FONTMELL MAGNA, DORSET.

RE-DEDICATION OF CHURCH BELLS.

The interest so readily shown when the work of restoration was first taken in hand, was still apparent on the day of the re-dedication service by the Archdeacon of Dorset on April 15th, when quite a large congregation gathered at the parish church to take part in the service. The form used was very similar to that used at the recent opening of the Wimborne Minster bells. Following upon actual form of dedication, the ringers retired to the tower and rung a short touch. Then followed an appropriate address by Archdeacon Dundas, who chose as his text, "Let all things praise the Lord." The special hymn beginning "Lifted safe within the tower, now our bells are set on high," and the Blessing brought the service to a close. After the service several touches were rung by the ringers, all of whom expressed themselves as very well pleased with the bells under their new conditions. The work was entrusted to the well known firm of Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of London, and it is interesting to note that the bells were restored by the same firm some fifty years previously.

The work of restoration included the recasting of the 3rd bell, and it is a matter of congratulation to all concerned to know that the work has been well and thoroughly done, and that so loyal has been the support of the parishioners, that not a penny of debt now rests upon the village.

The ringers of Swineshead, South Lincolnshire, are on strike, because of the appointment of a new sexton and vergier.

POPULAR DAILY SEA TRIPS.—A sure sign that summer is approaching is the announcement by The New Palace Steamers, Limited, that their popular steamer "Royal Sovereign" will commence her daily sailings down the River Thames (Fridays in June excepted) to Southend, Margate, and Ramsgate, on Saturday, the 25th inst., and her sister ship, the "Koh-i-noor," to Deal and Dover on Sunday, June 23. As usual, the steamers have been thoroughly overhauled. The pleasant Saturday afternoon trips to Margate by the "Koh-i-noor," generally known as the "Husbands' Boat," will commence on June 22, and continue throughout the season. The 15-day circular ticket by the South-Eastern and Chatham Railway, down by boat and back by rail, which proved so very popular last year, has again been arranged for. The Company still control the catering, which is a guarantee that the best of food and drink is supplied at the most reasonable prices.

SWINDON (Wilts.).—At Christ Church on May 12th, for evening service, 1248 Double Norwich. L. A. Wilson, A. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, G. W. Townsend, E. J. Oliver, J. Herbert, S. Palmer, C. J. Gardiner (conductor). Longest touch in the method by J. Herbert, who hails from Putney. On Tuesday, May 14th, for practice, 384 Superlative Surprise Major. C. J. Gardiner (conductor). G. W. Townsend, R. W. Hyner, F. Looker, E. J. Oliver, H. W. L. Wells, G. Lancaster, E. Bishop. First touch in the method on the bells.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET.—On Saturday, May 11th, at St. Margaret's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Moulden, C. J. Gardiner (conductor), R. W. Hyner, J. Herbert, W. G. Lancaster, G. Lancaster. First 720 by J. Herbert, of Putney.

LOUGHBOROUGH (Leicestershire).—On Sunday evening, May 12th, for Divine

Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters in 50 mins. H. Stubbs, R. Lane, E. Leslie, E. Cartwright, V. Smith, C. Harriman, J. Oldhan, E. Reader, J. Hutchby, J. Powell.

5021 STEDMAN CINQUES.

By JOHN CARTER.

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132465	-				S
241365	-				
421365	-				S
134265	-	-			

Round 3rd change next six.

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B. 2, 4, 5, 7, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23.

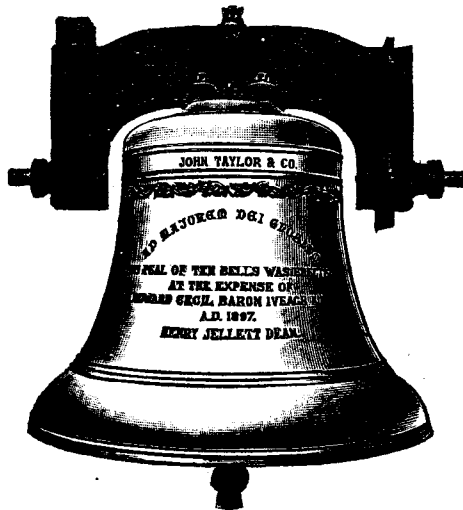
This peal has the 6th the twenty-four courses at home in the tittums. Treble a 2nd bell, and 11 courses in the handstroke home position. Last 8 courses with the 5th and 6th at home. First composed with these qualities

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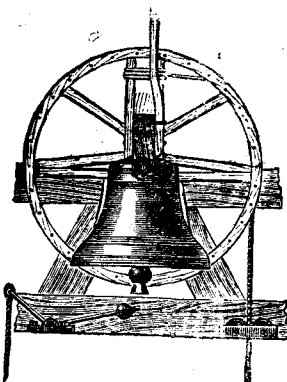
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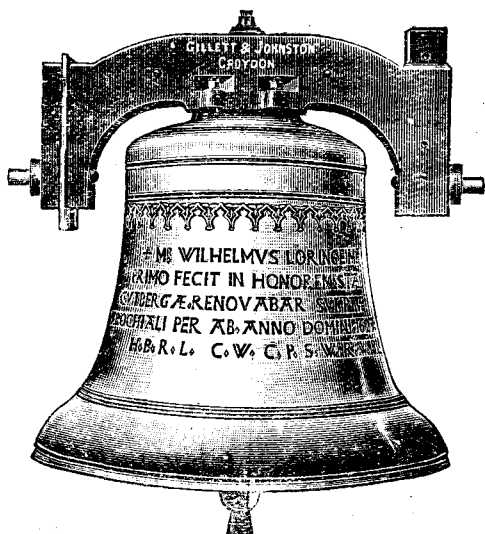
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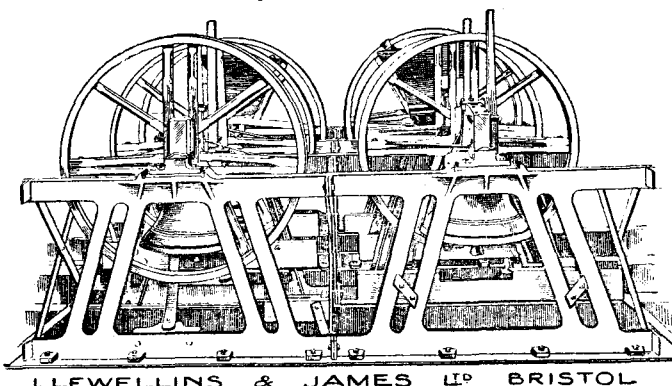
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SHERMANBURY (Sussex).—At St. Giles'
Church, the Bishop of Chichester has
dedicated a new oak pulpit, reading desk,
and a tablet bearing the names of twenty-
nine known rectors of the parish. These
offerings are in memory of the Rev. H. W.
Hunt, Rector of Shermanbury from 1872
to 1911, and Rural Dean for a portion of
that period. The Bishop was assisted in
the dedication service by the present
Rector, the former Archdeacon of London,
and the Rev. H. D. Meyrick, Rural Dean,

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ASHFORD DIVISION.)

HUGE GATHERING. A LADY'S GENEROUS GIFT.

The quarterly meeting of the Ashford Division of the above Association was held at Eastwell on Saturday last, and considering that the bells have recently been restored, it was a very fitting occasion to visit that church to endeavour to secure the affiliation of the Eastwell tower to the Association. From what we gather it is probable that this will be done. In the circumstances it was very gratifying to know that the efforts of the seventy odd members present to persuade the local ringers to take up change-ringing were successful. The towers represented were: Appledore, Ashford, Boxley, Brabourne, Canterbury Cathedral, Chart, Headcorn, Horsmonden, Hythe, Iden, Marsham, New Romney, Rolvenden, Rye, Sellinge, Stone-in-Oxney, Tenterden and Woodchurch.

The church contains a peal of six. The tenor has been recast, and the whole peal rehung most satisfactorily by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Previous to the rehunging ringing was done on the ground floor, but a ringing chamber was erected at the time of the restoration. The whole expense was borne by Lady Northcote, of Eastwell House, in memory of the late Lord Northcote, and a tablet with a suitable inscription, recording the fact, has been placed on the north wall, inside the tower, near the entrance.

By kind permission of Lady Northcote the company were allowed to view the grounds of Eastwell House. The majority of the ringers could be compared unto the children of Israel. They had travelled many miles, and on arrival in the numerous conservatories at the spacious mansion, it must have made them feel they had reached the "land of Promise," for the palms and innumerable kinds of flowers, with various shades of blossoms, were so beautiful, that the pen of the writer could not begin to describe their excellence. From the conservatories the party wended their way over the lawns, which are kept in perfect condition, and it was quite evident that ere long the flower beds will present a magnificent spectacle. A portion of the kitchen garden was inspected, after which the company returned across the park, which is sixteen miles in circumference, back to the church. To give our readers some idea of the size and magnificence of Eastwell House and its surroundings, thirty gardeners are employed there.

A service was held at five o'clock, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Secretary of the Association, intoning the prayers, while the hymns "O God, our help in ages past," and "Saviour again, to Thy dear name we raise," were sung, and suitable Psalms chanted.

The Rector (the Rev. J. A. Halloran), who delivered an address, took for his text II. Timothy 1, 9. "Who hath

saved us, and called us with a holy calling?" The last two words, said the rev. gentleman, seemed to so well describe ringers' work, which was a holy calling. Ordinary trades and businesses were often pursued by the same family from generation to generation, and that he thought was especially true about ringers. Probably it was so with some of the members of their Association, for several members of a family might form part of the ringers at one tower. There seemed to him to be very often a sort of family inheritance in connection with bellringing. The office of a ringer was a holy calling, and bellringers could always feel they were doing a direct and special work for God in calling people to church. The more they worked together and other kinds of church workers toiled together the more they recognised the respective callings they had as sacred, holy callings, the more it would tend to uplift the whole work done into a sphere of sanctity and brightness. Theirs was a very gracious duty, and they had to be skilful to perform it. They were God's messengers, summoning people to worship, and they who rang the bells were doing God's work by sending out the message. But they could not execute their duties without God's help. It was the same with the parson. He had to seek God's help, and if they also sought it, they would find their work would be much happier and more cheerful.

Subsequently an adjournment was made to the boat house, near the pretty lake. Here an excellent tea, given by Lady Northcote, was partaken of. The Rector presided, and the business meeting followed.

The Rector was elected an honorary member, and Messrs. H. C. Humphery and Albert Noake (New Romney) were admitted as probationers.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore moved a hearty vote of thanks to Lady Northcote for providing the tea and extending them the privilege of inspecting the grounds of Eastwell House. He thanked the Rector for the use of the bells and for his admirable address. He also mentioned that at the annual meeting of the Association, at Westerham, on Whit Monday, a special form of service, which had received the sanction of the three episcopal heads, would be used.

The votes of thanks were carried with acclamation, and in response the Rector said he was glad to welcome them to Eastwell. It was the first time they had visited there, and he hoped to have the pleasure of seeing them again. He would convey their message of thanks to Lady Northcote, who was not in residence at present, but he was sure if her ladyship was at Eastwell House when they came again she would attend personally. Continuing, the Rector referred to the restoration of the bells, and expressed the opinion that he thought the work was done well. He hoped the bells would long remain as a memorial to Lord Northcote, who was only with them a short period before he was called to rest. They knew little of him, but he had a very distinguished career, and although his time was short in their midst, they learnt to love and esteem him. In conclusion the rev. gentleman wished success to the Association.

The bells were kept going in the afternoon and evening,

among the methods practised being Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

Mr. A. C. Kay, of Ashford, kindly obtained permission for Kennington, another six-bell tower to open during the evening, and some capital Minor was indulged in there.

Ringling concluded at nine o'clock, terminating one of the largest meetings held in the Ashford Division.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

A meeting of the above district was held on Saturday last at St. Mary's, Putney, there being a record attendance. Ringing commenced at four o'clock, touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative being rung. The business meeting was held at the "Half Moon" hotel, at eight o'clock. The Master (Mr. H. S. Ellis) occupied the chair. The place chosen for the next meeting was Isleworth, provided the necessary permission was granted; if Isleworth were not available then St. Stephen's, Ealing. The date of the meeting is the third Saturday in July. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector of St. Mary's for the use of the bells, and to Messrs. Bolton (Master) and Honeyball (Secretary), of the Putney band. To this Mr. Bolton suitably replied, saying he was very pleased to meet the members of the Association at Putney. The Master having to leave to fulfil a special engagement, Mr. H. Mance took the chair and conducted a musical evening, when a programme of touches on handbells, songs, recitations, &c., was rendered, most of those present taking part.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

On June 1st, five members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild will attempt a long peal of Stedman Caters at Guildford. The length will be about 14,000, and the starting time is 2.30. The band is made up as follows: Messrs. F. Blondell, J. Hunt, and A. H. Pulling (Guildford); J. S. Goldsmith (Woking); and W. Shepherd (Hersham).

Correspondence.

POINTS FOR PEALS.

To the Editor.

SIR,—In view of the Central Council meeting next week, will you permit me to ask if the Committee of Points for peals is not setting an exaggerated value on the idea that Minor peals should be of one class throughout, that is all Surprise, Treble Bob, or Plain? For example, under the proposed scale seven 720s of Kent Treble Bob would receive 14 points, while the same number would be given for six plain methods and Kent. One Surprise method would get 28 points, while the same method with six Treble Bob methods would receive only 22.

Would it not be simpler and more satisfactory to take as a base for all Minor peals a fixed number "x," and add to this an agreed number of points for each plain, Treble Bob, or other class of method rung? If considered advisable the points for the first method in each class could be greater than for subsequent 720s in other methods of the same class in the peal.—Yours &c.,

E. S. POWELL,

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH).

A successful and well-represented meeting of the Gainsborough District was held at Willingham on Saturday, May 18th, members being present from Gainsborough, West Stockwith, Brigg, Scunthorpe, Laughterton, and Bramston, in addition to some of the local company. Early in the afternoon the bells were rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Ven. J. Bond, Archdeacon of Stow, and Precentor of Lincoln Cathedral; also Mr. F. M. Burton, F.L.S., F.G.S., of Highfield, Gainsborough, who were honorary members of the Guild, and had passed away during the week. Tea was provided at The Half Moon, and followed by the business meeting at which the Vicar of Willingham (Rev. C. H. R. Baldwin), presided. One performing member (Mr. W. Epworth, of Blyton), and one honorary member (Rev. C. H. R. Baldwin), were elected. The latter in his remarks made reference to the Welsh Disestablishment, and gave some sound practical advice to those present by urging upon them to stand firm by their Church, irrespective of their views in regard to politics.

A resolution that letters of condolence and sympathy be sent to the friends and relatives of the two late honorary members previously mentioned, was moved by Mr. J. C. Tinker, and on being put to the meeting, was unanimously carried by the whole of those present standing in silence. Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to those who had been responsible for providing the tea concluded the meeting. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, including a 720 of Plain Bob by the following: W. Ayre, F. W. Atkinson, jun., J. W. Bartram, C. H. Baker, C. Crawford (conductor), J. T. Ladd.

ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR 1911.

From the Annual Report of the Essex Association, just issued, we gather that a record in membership has been established the total number being 773, an increase of 36 during the year, while the addition of £8 to the Reserve Fund brings it up to £95 3s. 11d., making a second record. Beside this the General Account shows a balance of £11 2s. 2½d. in hand. Forty-nine peals had been rung in 27 towers, and five upon handbells. In bringing about this result 156 members took part, 28 of whom acted as conductors. The methods rung were Stedman Caters, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 2; New Cambridge, 3; Superlative Surprise, 2; Double Norwich, 11; Treble Bob Major, 11; Bob Major, 11; Stedman Triples, 1; Grandsire Triples, 2; Surprise Minor, 1; Minor in seven methods, 8; Minor in four methods, 1. The whole of the handbell peals were rung by the Harwich company. Two members have been removed by death—Canon Fraser, of South Weald, one of the oldest honorary members, and Mr. F. Squires, of Wanstead, a much-respected member, and a regular attendant at annual gatherings: Four towers, Brentwood, Galleywood, South Weald and St. Osyth have withdrawn from the Association, whilst Newport, Rickling and Fryerning have become affiliated. New treble bells have been added at Clavering, Shenfield, and Burnham-on-Crouch; the ring of five at Rickling has been overhauled, and the re-hanging of the ten at Chelmsford during the present year is contemplated.

NOTES.

A party of Yorkshiremen from Leeds and District are staying in Surrey, with headquarters at Croydon, from Saturday morning till Tuesday morning. They are to attempt a peal on the ten at Beddington on the Saturday afternoon.

In connection with the Annual Meeting of the Central Council, our readers will note that the following towers will be open on Whit Tuesday, viz., St. Margaret's, Westminster, 5.30 to 7 p.m.; St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 7 to 8; St. Paul's Cathedral 8 to 9.

The Ashford District of the Kent County Association held a most enthusiastic and successful meeting at Eastwell on Saturday. The object of the visit was the conversion of the local band to change-ringing, which seems to have been achieved. This is doing good work, and work which the Association will reap the benefit of later.

Like its predecessor (Easter Monday), the Whitsun Bank Holiday seems to call ringers in all parts of the country to the Annual Meetings of their Associations. Given fine weather there should be record attendances, and we should hear of good business being done.

Altogether the holiday appears likely to be a very busy one.

At least two attempts at long peals are to be made next week. On Monday at Hornchurch, a band of Middlesex Association ringers will attempt a long peal of Bristol Surprise. At Guildford on Saturday, members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild will try for a peal of 14,000 Stedman Caters on handbells.

Death was busy last week among members and supporters of the Exercise. Lincoln lost two honorary members in the Ven. Archdeacon Bond, and Mr. F. M. Burton, F.L.S., F.G.S., of Gainsborough, while in Mr. Jas. Pettit, the Ancient Society of College Youths lost not only a past Master, but a member who was highly esteemed and respected by a large body of ringers, and one who had done a vast amount of work for the advancement of the Art.

Mr. Tom Scarlett, with the aid of his band of handbell ringers, is organising a concert for the benefit of the widow of Mr. Ben Howard, late of Woodford, and a ringer at Braintree. Date and place will be announced later.

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	35642	-	-	-	53462	_____	_____
	63542	-	-	*	36452	_____	_____
	56342	-	-	-	65432	_____	_____
	36245	-	-	-	63425	_____	_____
No. 4	42563	-	-	-	24653	_____	_____
	56423	-	-	-	65243	_____	_____
	45623	-	-	*	54263	_____	_____
	64523	-	-	-	46253	_____	_____
	54326	-	-	-	45236	_____	_____
No. 3	23645	-	-	-	32465	_____	_____
	64235	-	-	-	46325	62453	_____
	26435	-	-	*	62345	_____	_____
	42635	-	-	-	24365	_____	_____
	56234	-	-	-	65324	_____	_____
No. 2	23564	-	-	-	32654	_____	_____
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	35264	-	-	-	53624	_____	_____
	25463	-	-	-	52643	_____	_____
	45362	-	-	-	54632	_____	_____
No. 1	63254	-	-	-	36524	_____	_____
	52436	-	-	-	25346	_____	_____
	35426	-	-	-	53246	_____	_____
	42356	-	-	-	24536	43265	_____
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FRAGMENTARY COURSE ENDS.							
	43652				34562		
	62534				26354		

When placing the 6th bell in 56 in an earlier part of this article I stated that when only a part of the rows of a group are used such course ends must be brought up plain, and not by bobs. These fragmentary course ends prove that statement to be correct.

Now in the first course, from the bob M up to the H bob, the coursing order of the bells is 4 3 6 5 2, and this would be the course ends by omitting the H bob. This, then, although hidden behind 6 4 3 5 2, must be proved with other course ends, whether its proof is covered by the fragment of another course or not, as 6 4 3 5 2 is no relation at all to the first course of this composition. 6 2 5 3 4 is another fragment that must be proved, as this is hidden behind 5 6 2 3 4, and is thus obscured from view.

An exception may be taken to the bringing up of the odd row of a group by pointing out that as there are two rows, 5 4 3 2 6 and 3 5 4 2 6, of the same group, these could be brought up by H bobs. The reply is that this would place us in a worse dilemma, for the third row of that group must then be proved with the others. This row is 4 3 5 2 6, and thus is false against 3 4 2 5 6, and for this and several other reasons 4 3 5 2 6 is inadmissible as a course end.

Now by a scan of the Skeleton Course it will be noticed there are rows in lead IV. and lead VIII. marked E, and upon a further scan rows will be found in lead IV. and lead IX. marked F. These when treated in the way shown in given diagrams produce the false course ends 4 6 2 5 3 and 3 2 5 4 6

respectively, which, of course, are nothing new in this proof except to show that these blocks bristle with these rows, and I here give them in order to emphasize the importance of proving the fragmentary course ends by the false course ends, the same as the full courses are proved. In conclusion let me add that any peal built upon these lines, providing the bob changes are correct, will undoubtedly prove a true composition.

COMPOSITION BY SECTIONS.

In reference to this part of the article I may here say it is well known to many old friends that I have given but a very very small percentage of the figures, &c., involved in the building of a composition. Had I given them all the space occupied would doubtless cover at least a double number of the good old "BELL NEWS." Be this as it may, I have given an introduction to this brain-puzzling part of the bell-ringer's art, and while I could have added plenty more, sufficient for the day, &c.

METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS.

Some few months ago it was found that the fittings of the five old bells in Metherringham Church were in a very dilapidated and unsafe condition. All ringing was stopped, and a meeting called to consider the question of restoration. Eventually Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, were entrusted with the work of supplying three smaller bells to complete the octave, and hanging the whole in a modern iron frame, the old bells being sent to the foundry to be tuned.

The opening ceremony was performed on Wednesday, May 15th, at half-past two, the service being conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. I. S. Rawson. The other clergy present included the Rev. Canon Townrow (Lincoln), the Rev. H. Law James (Surfleet), and the Rev. C. H. Scott (Lincoln). The five old bells had been previously rung up, and immediately the dedication of the three new ones was over, these were also raised, and three leads of Grandsire Triples were then rung by the following: Rev. H. Law James, F. W. Stokes, R. Richardson, A. Mackears, A. Holmes, J. T. Holmes, W. Dickinson, F. R. Kettlebory. The service was then proceeded with, a very fitting sermon being preached by the Rev. Canon Townrow.

At the conclusion of the service a peal of Double Norwich Major was attempted, but this unfortunately came to grief, "stand" being called half-way through the peal, owing to a change-course. The ringers were kindly entertained to tea in the Parish Room, afterwards returning to the church to ring for evening service at 7.30. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were successfully brought round. The sermon at this service was preached by the Rev. G. H. Chard, Vicar of Nocton.

Mr. J. W. Taylor, head of the famous Loughborough firm, was present at the dedication, and was warmly congratulated on the excellence of the work. The three new bells are exceptionally fine in tone, and harmonize beautifully with the rest, the result being a musical ring of eight, with a tenor of 8½ cwt. in A flat. All who had the pleasure of taking part in the ringing expressed themselves highly satisfied with the splendid "go" of the bells. At the present time there is no band of change-ringers in Metherringham, but the local band has already started handbell practice, and it is to be hoped that before very long the first "local" peal may be attempted.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on the 28th; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th at 8 p.m.; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays at 7.30 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.
32, Edgley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Hornsey on Saturday, June 8th, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. Bernard Spink). Bells available from 3.30. Meeting at 6. All are welcome.
C. T. COLLES, Hon. Sec.
173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, May 25th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7. The President, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, will unveil a peal-board, and a good attendance is desired.
W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Branch Sec.
Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

The Kent County Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at Westerham on Whit Monday, May 27th. Committee Meeting in Vestry at 11 o'clock. Divine Service at noon. Preacher.—The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Rochester. Dinner in the Public Hall at 1 p.m. Towers open for ringing: Westerham (8), Brasted (6). Limpsfield (St. Peter's, 6), and St. Andrew's (6). The elected Central Council Representatives will be expected to attend the meeting on Whitsun Tuesday. For dinner tickets, etc., apply to

FREDK. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec.
The Precincts, Canterbury.

The Warwickshire Guild.—A monthly meeting will be held at Hampton-in-Arden on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) available at 3.30 p.m.
REV. C. COX, Hon. Sec.
Shuttery.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Helmshore on Saturday, May 25th. Bells will be ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.
T. R. CLARSON, Branch Sec.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Isle of Ely District.—A meeting will be held at Chatteris on Whit Monday, May 27th. Bells of Chatteris (6) and Doddington (5) available during the afternoon. Short service in parish church at 5.30. Tea at 5.45 p.m.

F. ROWLINSON, District Secretary.
Burnsfield Street, Chatteris.

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday at Kelvedon. 11.0.—Divine Service at St. Mary's church with address by the Rev. H. S. Sanders, Vicar of Woodford, 11.0.—Annual Meeting at the Infant School. 1.30.—Dinner at the Church Hall. Tickets 1s. each to members who give notice beforehand. Non-members 2s. each. A brake will convey ringers to the neighbouring towers during the afternoon.
HENRY T. W. EYRE, Hon. Sec.
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—The Whit Monday meeting will be held at West Hartlepool. Bells of St. Oswald, St. Aidan, and Stranton available all day. Committee meets at Grand hotel at 1.0 p.m. Dinner at 1.30. Members intending to be present please notify

CHAS TODD, Hon. Secretary.
26, Greenbank Crescent, Darlington.

Peterborough and District Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whittlesea on Whit Monday, May 27th. Bells available all day. St. Mary's (8), and St. Andrew's (6). Service at 5 o'clock. Business meeting after.
F. T. COOKE, Hon. Sec.
195, Gladstone Street, Peterborough.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Biggleswade and District Branch.—Biggleswade.—Re-opening and dedication of new bells (8), on Sunday afternoon next, May 26th, at 3 o'clock. Bedfordshire members kindly note.
F. BLOOD, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. in the Harwood Road Schools.

J. WATSON, Branch Sec.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, June 1st. Please notify Mr. P. Preston, 3, Red Hill, Church Street, Stone, of how many intend to be present not later than May 28th.

REV. C. E. DONNE, } Hon. Secs.
J. JOHNSON, }
143, Flint Terrace, Tunstall.

Notice.—Shoreditch Bells Fund.—Funds are urgently needed to put this grand old peal in proper repair. £50 wanted before the work can be commenced. Who will help a poor parish? Contributions thankfully received and gratefully acknowledged. Collecting cards also supplied by H. J. Bradley, The Parish Church, Shoreditch, E.

Long Peal Attempt.—All being well, eight members of the Middlesex County Association will attempt a long peal of Bristol Surprise Major at Hornchurch on Monday, May 27th, starting about 8.30 a.m.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Swindon Branch took place at Castle Eaton on Saturday, May 18th. There was a fairly large number of members present from Coln St. Aldwyns, Down Ampney, South Cerney, Stratton St. Margaret, Christ Church and St. Mark's, Swindon. The Rev. C. M. R. Luckman (Vicar), granted the use of the bells, and during the afternoon several 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung. An excellent tea, provided by Mr. W. Greenaway, of The Red Lion inn, was thoroughly enjoyed, and a business meeting followed. Mr. O. W. Lang presided in the absence of Mr. E. Bishop, Branch President. One new member was elected, and it was agreed to hold the next meeting at Grittleton on Saturday, June 8th. A vote of thanks to the Rev. C. M. R. Luckman was heartily accorded, and a similar compliment was paid the Rev. A. N. Scott

(Vicar of Kempsford), whose invitation to ring at that church was taken advantage of in the evening. The party then reunited at Castle Eaton, where Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor were practised until 9 p.m.

5033 STEDMAN CINQUES.

BY JOHN CARTER.

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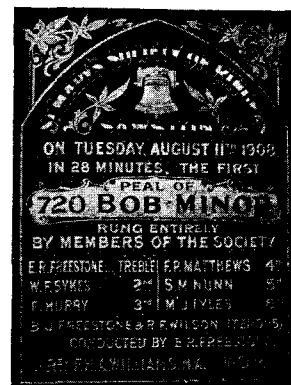
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1912.

NOTHING could better describe the message of church bells, or emphasize the sacred character of the office of ringer than do the words of the Rev. W. Templeton King, Rural Dean, in the course of his address at the dedication of the new bells of St. Stephen's, West Ealing. "A church tower without its bells was," he said, "incomplete, and however perfect architecturally, a dumb and speechless thing. The bells endowed it with a voice; he might almost say with a soul, when one thought of the skill and art of the ringers. That voice possessed its own peculiar nature and characteristics. The bells had not only a voice, but a unique one, capable of expressing shades of feeling, tones, and moods, that could not otherwise be uttered. And since we were spiritual and rational beings, this new

faculty for expression meant an enlarged, heightened, and intensified capacity for emotional experience. To take one or two brief examples. When the bells were rung as a 'muffled peal,' the very heavens seemed 'hung with black,' so mournful and solemn was their sound. But when not all the bells were muffled, and one perhaps left free, then a note of proud mysterious triumph seemed to be blended with their wailing sorrow, as when some great one of the earth, some monarch, victorious general, or national hero passed to his rest. Again, the bells had another voice, that of symbolism. Ringing high above the ground and men's heads, their music might seem as a voice from heaven. Sounding as they did from the tower of a church, a sanctuary for God's worship, that voice might be a veritable 'sursum corda,' a summons to all who heard its music, to 'lift up their hearts,' both calling for and even demanding that response which the church gave in her enthusiastic worship, 'We lift them up unto the Lord.' Again, the way their music was produced suggested an obvious parable. Each bell had its own peculiar note, but when all were rung by a band of skilled and disciplined ringers their harmony was a richer and nobler thing than could be got from any single bell, however great in size or fine in tone."

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The first session of the eighth Council (22nd Annual Meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, 28th May, 1912, in the Small Hall of the Church House, Westminster, at 11 a.m. punctually.

The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30 p.m., from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, until 5.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously, at 9.45 a.m., in the same room.

N.B.—The entrance to the Small Hall is from Great Smith Street.

AGENDA, 1912.

- 1.—Election of President, and of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.
- 2.—Minutes of last Meeting.
- 3.—Statement of Accounts and of Sale of Publications.
- 4.—Election of Honorary Members.
- 5.—Introduction of new Members to the President.
- 6.—Election of Standing Committee.
- 7.—To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees; and re-appoint, or alter the constitution of, the Committees, as may be thought desirable. viz. :—

- (a) Peal Collection.
- (b) Church Press.
- (c) Legitimate Methods.
- (d) Peal Values.
- (e) Peals Analysis.

To discuss the following :—

8.—A Peal of Minor must consist of at least seven true 720s, and the bells must strike Rounds only once at the end of each, and immediately go into the next. The peal may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 720s fulfilling the same conditions, with or without one touch of less than 720 changes to make up some definite number.

9.—(a) That a Committee of five (?) six-bell ringers be appointed to draw up a scale of Points for performances on five and six bells.

(b) That this Committee, together with the Peals Values Committee, try and find a common denominator by means of which the value of such performances compared with that of peals on higher numbers can be fixed.

10.—That it is desirable to reconsider some of the conditions laid down for the legitimacy of Methods, as stated on page 18 of "Rules and Decisions," 1904.

11.—That this Council, in extending its hearty welcome to the

"Ringing World," has heard with satisfaction from the Hon. Secretary that he has, from the first appearance of the paper, sent for publication in its columns all essential Official Notices and Reports of the Council, and notes with pleasure that the Analysis of Peals for the past year has been compiled from, and has appeared in identical terms in both ringing papers alike.

12.—That the Hon. Secretary of the Council be instructed to write to the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings and request them to meet a deputation from the Council and discuss the supposed danger to towers caused by substituting iron bell-frames for wooden frames.

That the Hon. Secretary also bring to the notice of the Royal Institute of British Architects the Council's recommendations with regard to the proper height to hang bells relative to the belfry windows.

13.—That the Council, while itself declining to take part in the formation or subsequent management of such an enterprise, if set on foot, and without in any sense pledging its individual members, would nevertheless view with satisfaction the establishment on a sound financial basis of a Benevolent Fund for the benefit of any members of the Exercise who may stand in need of help.

14.—That this meeting of the Council, while recognizing the value of peal-ringing generally, and the laudable desire of the members to assist in placing their own Association at the head of the Peal Table, wishes to express the strong conviction that the chief aim of all members should be the encouragement in all towers of ringing, rather than chiming, the bells for Sunday services, thus helping to achieve the primary object for which bells are hung, viz., the Glory of God and the calling of the parishioners together for His worship.

15.—To fix the place of meeting for next year.

16.—Other business, if any.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Secretary.*

A Social Gathering will be held at the Westminster Palace Hotel at 9 p.m., to which Sir Arthur Heywood invites the Members of Council and their ringing friends.

The following towers will be open on Whit Tuesday :—
St. Margaret's, Westminster, 5.30 to 7; St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 7 to 8; and St. Paul's Cathedral 8 to 9 p.m.

The Metropolis.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 1, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDK. G. PERRIN Treble.	FRANK HAIRS 5.
ARMIGER J. TROLLOPE .. 2.	ALFRED W. GRIMES.. .. 6.
FREDK. J. HOLDEN 3.	THOMAS LANGDON 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS.. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

POTTON (Beds.)—On Sunday morning, May 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 23 mins. A. O. Bailey, F. Pratt, F. Blood, C. A. Pratt, L. F. Taylor, S. R. Roper (conductor). First 720 of Kent by the treble ringer.

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LONDON.

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On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Four Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 50 cwt.

PERCY O. LAFLIN Treble.	THOMAS MILLER 7.
CHARLES DICKENS 2.	JAMES WELLS 8.
JOHN CARTER 3.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD.. .. 9.
ALBERT WALKER 4.	JAMES GEORGE 10.
WILLIAM SHORT.. .. 5.	JAMES E. GROVES 11.
THOMAS H. REEVES.. .. 6.	JOHN NEAL Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by A. WALKER

The Guild take this opportunity to thank the Rev. Canon Taylor for the use of the bells, and also the many London ringers who met them before and after the peal and gave them such a hearty welcome. Rang on the 9th anniversary of the Record Peal of London Surprise Major by the Guild.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, E.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. DONALDSON .. Treble.	ARTHUR J. NEALE 5.
ALBERT A. HUGHES.. .. 2.	HAROLD W. CLARK 6.
ALFRED W. GRIMES 3.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 7.
REUBEN SANDERS 4.	DALBY HODGSON.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA, S.W.,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR.
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

HAROLD BURTON Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	ALFRED W. GRIMES.. .. 6.
GEORGE H. JAYE 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
CHARLES T. COLES 4.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

The Provinces.

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THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

HENRY G. ROWE Treble.	ALFRED W. GRIMES 5.
FREDK. G. PERRIN 2.	ERNEST BRETT 6.
WILLIAM HEWETT 3.	HARRY FLANDERS 7.
FRANK HAIES 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by F. HOLDEN, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS,
First peal of Major on the bells.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Sunday, May 12th, at St. Mary's church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Long, A. Brooks, L. A. Smith, T. Ball, G. Brooks, J. Monk conductor, J. Brooks, C. Walker. L. A. Smith hails from Leckhampstead, Bucks., and this is his first quarter-peal.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

HENRY G. KETTLE* Treble.	WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON .. 4.
JOSEPH H. WHITE 2.	CHARLES FREEMAN 5.
WILLIAM T. COX 3.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

*First peal of Minor.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Treble.	*HORACE W. HUMBLE .. 5.
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH .. 2.	GEORGE DURLING 6.
SPENCER MARSHALL.. .. 3.	ALFRED JAMES 7.
GEORGE FRENCH 4.	HARRY DURLING Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

*First peal with a bob bell.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720s of Oxford, and four of Kent.

WILLIAM MORRIS* Treble.	JOHN SMITH 4.
HARRY BOTTRILL 2.	ISAAC CAVILL 5.
GEORGE DENT 3.	HARRY SMALE Tenor.

Conducted by I. CAVILL.

*First attempt for a peal.

THAXTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt.

FREDERICK SUCKLING .. Treble.	HARRY E. BOWERS 5.
HARRY P. EMERY 2.	ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 6.
FREDERICK C. RADLEY .. 3.	H. WALTER SMITH 7.
JOHN T. BARKER 4.	EDWARD CLAYDON Tenor.

Composed by W. ROYLE, and Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

HULME, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED BARNES.. .. Treble.	HARRY CHAPMAN 5.
ALFRED CROSS 2.	RICHARD NEWTON 6.
WILLIAM HOLBROOK.. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. COOPER .. 7.
GEORGE D. WARBURTON.. 4.	JOHN T. BOTTRILL Tenor.

Composed by J. FLEMING, and Conducted by J. T. BOTTRILL.

First peal as conductor. Rang on Ascension Day.

NUTFIELD (Surrey).—On May 14th, 720 London Surprise Minor. F. Varo, O. Gilbey, F. Bashford, W. Cheesman, W. Bashford, A. Harman (conductor). First in the method on the bells and by all the band.

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(East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.)

On Wednesday, May 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Grandsire and Oxford Bob, and five 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lbs. in B.

WILLIAM BOWNES Treble.	RICHARD BUCKLAND 4.
RICHARD BOLTON 2.	ROBERT H. YOUNG 5.
FREDERICK BOLTON 3.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

GAYWOOD, KINGS LYNN, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720s. Tenor 12 cwt.

CRAIK SHIPP Treble.	TOM GREENACRE 4.
WM. MITCHELL 2.	B. M. TARGETT 5.
PERCY JOHNSON 3.	GEO. HAWES Tenor.

Conducted by GEO. HAWES.

First peal on the bells, and first peal by all the band.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs. in F sharp.

HUBERT J. DAY Treble.	PETRE LAFLIN 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2.	JAMES BETTS 6.
JAMES MOTTS 3.	ERNEST F. POPPY 7.
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 4.	FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER S. INWOOD Treble.	WILLIAM HODGETTS 5.
CHARLES N. LEMAN 2.	HUBERT EDEN 6.
CHARLES W. SMITH 3.	GEORGE N. PRICE 7.
FRANK F. MARTIN 4.	EDWARD WHITEHEAD .. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by EDWARD WHITEHEAD.

*First peal in the method.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch.)

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER Treble.	JOHN SMITH 5.
WILLIAM SHORT 2.	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6.
WILLIAM SHILVOCK 3.	CHARLES F. WHITE 7.
WILLIAM SMITH 4.	JOHN WOODBERRY Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

*First peal in the method.

HURST, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD,
(Sonning Branch.)

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF J. J. PARBER'S TWELVE-PART,

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 16 lbs.

ALBERT PIERCE* Treble.	JAMES NORTH 5.
JOSEPH WHITE 2.	HARRY BUNGAY 6.
FRANK LUSH 3.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 7.
JOHN RANCE 4.	JOHN PRINCE Tenor.

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

*First peal. This peal was rung as a farewell to James North, who left England for Australia on the 23rd inst., the ringers wishing him every success in his new sphere of labour. At the close of the peal. Mr. Jos. White, on behalf of the branch members attending the monthly combined practices, presented him with a Gladstone bag, as a token of their goodwill, and in appreciation of his regular attendance and assistance on those occasions. Messrs. Pierce, Bungay, and Lambert hail from Binfield; White and Prince from Hurst; Lush from Wokingham; Rance and North from Easthampstead.

CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

BERNARD FISHER Treble.	EDWIN S. MYNARD 4.
HENRY W. GAYTON 2.	WILLIAM JACQUES 5.
FREDERICK J. MYNARD .. 3.	CHARLES W. CLAREE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM JACQUES.

First peal as conductor in seven methods.

STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

F. CHELL* Treble.	C. PAGE 5.
T. CHELL* 2.	J. GOODALL 6.
S. CHURTON 3.	P. PRESTON 7.
E. LONDON 4.	J. ABERLEY Tenor.

Conducted by S. CHURTON.

*First peal.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BEN THORP Treble.	*WILFRED LLOYD 5.
JOSEPH E. SYKES 2.	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 6.
SAMUEL WESLEY 3.	†R. WILFRED COLLIER .. 7.
CLEMENT GLENN 4.	JOHN H. BROTHWELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. WILFRED COLLIER.

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

SANDY (Beds).—On Sunday evening, May 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. C. Fox, Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, F. Blood, C. A. Pratt, S. R. Roper (conductor), L. F. Taylor. First 720 of Treble Bob by the ringer of the treble. The above were rung to oblige Messrs. Taylor and Roper, who hail from Croydon.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs.

ERNEST FISHER Treble.	ALFRED NEWSON 5.
FRED SALTER 2.	THOMAS FITZJOHN 6.
ALFREDO MARCO 3.	CHARLES CARTER 7.
WILLIAM ADCOCK 4.	FRED BURROWS Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by F. BURROWS.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S. Tenor 17 cwt.

FRED HINDLE Treble.	† WILLIAM MALLINSON* .. 5.
JOHN FOULDS* 2.	JOHN WATSON 6.
EMMANUEL DUTSON .. 4.	WILLIAM E. WILSON .. 7.
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 4.	JAMES ASHTON Tenor.

*First peal of Stedman. †Fiftieth peal. Rung on the thirty-fourth anniversary of the 5th ringers first peal. The ringers of the 2nd and 5th hail from Colne; the rest belong to the local company.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

FRANK TALBOT Treble.	JAMES HARRIS 5.
MISS LILIAN A. WILSON .. 2.	ELGAR VALLANCE 6.
LESLIE WILLIAMS 3.	WILLIAM WILSON 7.
T. HENRY HARDY 4.	CONYERS BOULTON Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILSON.

First peal of Triples by the ringers of the treble, 3rd, and 6th

Handbell Peals.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At 155, WATERLOO STREET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

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

CHARLES SANDERS .. 1-2.	ALBERT P. WAKLEY .. 3-4.
*WILLIAM SHERCLIFF .. 5-6.	

Conducted by W. SHERCLIFF.

Umpire—H. Hurdman. First peal in seven methods on handbells by all. *First peal in seven methods and first as conductor.

HAGGERSTON, LONDON, N.E.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the "GEORGE THE FOURTH," BRUNSWICK STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

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

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Royal on handbells. Umpires—Messrs. W. Hewitt and J. E. Davis.

CAMBRIDGE.—THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

In the President's Room, Trinity College,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 1-2.	REGINALD O STREET .. 5 6
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 3-4.	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 7-8.
J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON* 9-10.	

Composed by G. HAYWARD, and

Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

Umpire—Francis R. White. *First peal. 50th peal by the Guild.

Date Touches.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTH TOTTENHAM.—At St. Ann's church, on Monday, May 20th, a date touch of Plain Bob Minor, 1912 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins. E. Davidson, T. C. Ringrose, F. E. Ringrose, A. Howell, F. Fensom, C. H. Ross. Composed and conducted by C. H. Ross. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

Miscellaneous.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.)

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Sunday evening, May 12th, for Divine Service, 608 London Surprise. W. Tayler, A. J. Hessian, H. O. White, C. W. Wheeler, W. Malins, J. B. Fenton, J. A. Fenton, J. M. Chandler. Composed and conducted by W. Malins. On Ascension Day, May 16th, for Evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 54 mins. G. Watson, jun., R. Watson, sen., J. B. Fenton, W. H. Cole, W. Tayler, H. O. White, J. George, W. Malins. Composed by John Carter and conducted by James George. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble and 4th. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Friday, May 17th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Prior, first in the method, G. Joyce, R. Sanders, E. Wigg, W. Doran (conductor), A. N. Other. On Sunday, May 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, 1260 changes, in 50 mins. W. Doran, A. Scambler, W. Truss, T. Cranfield, A. Neale, W. Theobald, F. Newman, H. Torble, G. Haydon, G. Potter. Composed by J. Bradley and conducted by W. Doran.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRADING (Isle of Wight).—On Sunday, April 21st, at St. Mary's church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. M. Pink, F. Chaffey, E. Squibb, G. Wilkins, I. W. Pain, C. Price, H. Jennings conductor, A. Pain. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to those who lost their lives in the "Titanic" disaster.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD,

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

GAINSBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).—On Friday, May 17th, at the church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins. F. S. W. Butler, W. Ayre, C. H. Baker, J. C. Tinker, J. T. Ladd (conductor), W. Dickenson, H. Torr, A. H. Curtis. On Monday, May 20th, another quarter-peal in the same method, in 48 mins. F. S. W. Butler (conductor), C. H. Baker, J. T. Ladd, J. C. Tinker, W. Ayre, W. Dickenson, H. Torr, R. S. Lakin. Both the above were rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the late Ven. Archdeacon Bond and Mr. F. M. Burton, who were for a many years honorary members of the above Guild.

THE BELLS OF ST. STEPHEN'S, WEST EALING

DEDICATION BY THE RURAL DEAN.

"I praise the true God, I summon the people, I call together the clergy, I bewail the dead, I put to flight the plague, I celebrate the festivals,"—these were the words, clothed in Latin, in which, in olden times, the bells of many a church peal described their own mission. The fifth of these functions has dropped out, but the others remain to the present day, neither have the sentimental attraction which ever surrounds "the chimes" at all diminished, even in this materialistic age. This was evinced by the interested attitude of those who attended the dedication service for the newly-hung peal, held last Saturday afternoon in St. Stephen's church, which was conducted by the Rural Dean (the Rev. W. Templeton King), assisted by the Rev. Wilfred S. Tupholme, and the Rev. A. A. G. Hunt,

Several appropriate hymns were sung, and dedicatory prayers read, after which the Rural Dean delivered his charge, during which he described the occasion on which they were met as of rare occurrence. Probably few, if any, of the congregation now assembled, had ever in their lives been present at the dedication of a peal of bells, and had heard such a peal rung for the first time that afternoon. It was with mingled feelings they were assembled for the purpose of this service. Their late beloved Vicar had long desired to see the bells placed in the tower, and to hear them rung. That happiness had been denied him, but, perhaps, in some higher and different way, they might speak to him in the unseen world. If they did, then they would tell him that one reason why they had been so speedily hung, in fulfilment of his cherished wish, was that what he had planned might be carried out as a mark of reverence for this memory. He then went on to describe the uses of the bells, concluding by pointing out that this was a useful lesson for congregation or parish. When all worked together with unity of spirit and harmony of effort for God and His church and their fellow-men, greater and nobler things would result than would be accomplished by any individual, however gifted. These bells, now dedicated, which they would soon hear ringing for the first time, would be for unborn generations, and for centuries to come, calling men to lift up their hearts to God, calling the people of this parish to come to the worship of God in His house of prayer. Might their sound ever fall on hearing ears, and heedful and obedient hearts

With this addition, Ealing has three peals of eight bells, the octave having just been completed by the addition of three bells, by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of Spitalfields, who have also rehung the whole eight.

A touch of Stedman Triples was rung after service by members of the Middlesex Association, and after tea further touches of Stedman, Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and Oxford Bob were rung.

The eight bells of the peal were given by the following: Mrs. and Miss Dawes, Mr. A. A. George, the Misses Baron, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Young, and "A Parish-ioner." The actual cost of the improvement has been £205, £180 of which sum has been already raised.

The ringers, who were given tea in the Parish Room, being the guests of the ladies of the congregation, made the bells ring out their music again in the evening.

WANTED.—A copy of "CHURCH BELLS OF SHROPSHIRE," in good condition.—Address E. RODENHURST, The Heath House, Stanton-on-Hine-Heath, Salop.

EXTENSION MOVEMENT.

During the past year a number of District meetings, most of them well attended, have been held in connection with the Essex Association. We learn with much satisfaction that a series of meetings having for their object the affiliation of those towers which do not belong to the Association is being arranged. This movement is one which should be heartily supported by every member who desires to see the art of Change-ringing advance. It is hoped by means of these meetings to awaken the interest of those residing in the outlying parts of the county, and so make for even greater success in the future than has been achieved in the past.

SOME OLD RECORDS.

From some old records which came into our possession we learn that one of the most notable lords of the Manor of Cowley, Gloucestershire was one named Henry Brett. He was an eccentric man, and was notable for his fondness for bell-ringing, which he gratified by constantly travelling about the country with a company of ringers. So costly was the amusement that in the end he is said to have thus dissipated a splendid fortune. A reminder of the musical tastes of Henry Brett is to be found in the ring of six bells which he gave to the church of St. Mary, at Cowley, in 1730, and which still hang in the tower.

OLD BELFRY RHYMES.

IN THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, BISHOPS WALTHAM,—A.D. 1766

Ye ringers all that use this Belfry
Your hats throw off, your gloves lay by,
The Steward's fees you can't deny.
And if a bell you overthrow,
You shall pay twopence e'er you go.
And if you shall a wager lay,
Or such a thing presume to say,
You shall for that a penny pay.
And if you take God's name in vain,
You shall pay sixpence for your pain,
And when you come the bells to ring,
Drink soberly, God save the King.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, May 19th, for Divine Service, 880 Kent Treble Bob Royal. G. Croucher, H. Reeves, H. Ewins, F. T. Hoad, sen., A. Holman, O. Gilbey, A. Harman, T. Sparks, H. A. Hoad, G. F. Hoad (conductor). On Monday, May 20th, for practice, two courses of Stedman Caters. H. Ewins, G. Croucher, A. Holman, F. T. Hoad, H. A. Hoad, O. Gilbey, A. Harman, T. Sparks, G. F. Hoad, W. Smith.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 22, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

HAROLD BURTON Treble.	CHARLES T. COLES 8.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 2.	FRANK I. HARRIS 6.
ALFRED W. GRIMES 3.	THOMAS LANGDEN 7.
REUBEN SANDERS 4.	JAMES E. DAVIES Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIES.

*First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

FUNERAL OF MR. JAMES PETTIT.

It was a sorrowful party that gathered on Saturday last round the grave in Manor Park Cemetery, which is the last resting-place of all that remains of our late comrade, Mr. James Pettit, who died on May 12th, after a long illness, at the age of 78 years. Many members of the two old London Societies—The Ancient Society of College Youths, and the St. James's Society—were there, among whom we noticed the following:—

Messrs. J. P. Bradley, C. S. Burden, W. T. Cockerill, Albert Coles, Arthur Coles, Mrs. W. Cooter, H. Dains, E. A. Davies, F. E. Dawe, W. Doran, G. Dorrington, T. Faulkner, W. E. Garrard, York Green, E. Hall, S. Hayes, E. Horrex, sen., E. Horrex, jun., R. T. Hibbert, E. Howe, H. Hoskins, Mr. S. E. and Mrs. Joyce, H. Langdon, E. Lee, G. Margetson, E. Marsh, T. Mash, W. and Miss Prime, F. Rumens, H. and Mrs. Springall, H. Springall, jun., J. Scholes, T. H. Taffender, W. Thompson, G. Thurgood, W. Truss, E. Wallage, J. Waghorn, sen., C. Ward, W. Weatherstone, C. F. Winney, Mrs. Wallbank and her sister (nieces of deceased), Knight, etc.

These assembled to pay their last tribute of respect and regard to the memory of one who was fittingly described as a good and true man. Members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a course of Stedman Caters over the grave at the conclusion of the burial service, as follows: F. E. Dawe, 1-2; T. H. Taffender, 3-4; C. F. Winney, 5-6; H. Langdon, 7-8; W. T. Cockerill, 9-10. In the evening at St. Paul's Cathedral, a whole pull and stand muffled peal was rung by E. Horrex, 1; A. Jones, 2; E. Gibbs, 3; R. French, 4; H. Springall, 5; F. E. Dawe, 6; E. Wallage, 7; C. F. Winney, 8; S. E. Joyce, 9; T. Taffender, 10; W. Prime, 11; W. T. Cockerill and C. S. Burden, tenor. Afterwards a course of Stedman Cinques with T. H. Taffender, 7; R. T. Hibbert, 10; G. Dorrington and C. S. Burden, tenor. At the College Youths practice on Tuesday, May 21, at Southwark Cathedral, the bells were half-muffled, when Stedman Cinques, Treble Bob Maximus, and Cambridge were rung as a mark of respect.

At St. Mary's church, Walthamstow, on Saturday evening, the whole pull and stand with the bells half-muffled, was rung by F. Rumens, J. H. Wilkins, G. W. Cooper, T. Cutforth, J. C. Adams, W. J. Hazell, H. Rumens, F. C. Maynard, R. J. Maynard, sen., and W. B. Manning.

Arrangements have been made for muffled peals to be attempted at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on Thursday evening, May 23rd, at 6.15 p.m., and at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on Saturday, the 25th, at 3.30 p.m.

Born on April 25th, 1834, Mr. Pettit started his connection with the Art of bellringing early in life, his first peal for the College Youths being dated December 3rd, 1857, at the age of 23. The earlier peals booked by the Ancient Society of College Youths in which he took part are as follows:

1857, December 3rd, South Hackney, Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. Green; 1862, November 26th, Bethnal Green, Stedman Triples, conducted by W. Cooter; 1863, May 22nd, Bethnal Green, Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by H. W. Haley; 1863, November 28th, Bermondsey, Stedman Caters, conducted by H. W. Haley; 1864, January 30th, Stepney, Kent Treble Bob Royal, conducted by H. W. Haley; 1865, March 18th, Southwark, Stedman Cinques, conducted by H. W. Haley; 1866, March 3rd, Bethnal Green, 8448 Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by H. W. Haley; 1866, March 17th, Cornhill, Kent

Treble Bob Maximus, conducted by M. A. Wood; 1868, April 27th, Bethnal Green, 15,840 Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by H. W. Haley; 1869, January 20th, South Hackney, Grandsire Triples, conducted by James Pettit.

This peal commenced a long series of performances of Holt's Original, in which many living members rang their first peal.

1872, July 27th, Waterford Cathedral, Holt's Original, first peal in Ireland, conducted by J. Pettit; 1881, October 15th, Southwark, Stedman Cinques, conducted by J. Pettit; 1881, December 10th, St. Paul's Cathedral, Stedman Cinques, conducted by J. Pettit; 1882, February 4th, St. Bride's, Fleet, Stedman Cinques, conducted by J. Pettit; 1882, November 11th, Shoreditch, Stedman Cinques, conducted by J. Pettit; 1883, December 8th, Fulham, 11,111 Stedman Caters, conducted by J. Pettit; 1884, October 23rd, St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holt's Original, non-conducted.

From this date he may be reckoned the premier conductor of the Society with which he was connected all along, and for the St. James's Society as well as the College Youths he called many peals in the Standard methods, a complete list of which is not yet available.

On April 25th, 1896, his 62nd birthday, he conducted a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Clement Danes, and was afterwards at The Essex Head, presented with a testimonial and purse of gold as a small token of the regard and esteem in which he was held, and in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the Art of change-ringing. As long as health and strength permitted, he continued this good work with that personal charm and dignity so well remembered by all who had the privilege of his intimate acquaintance.

CHELMSFORD BELLS NOT TO RING.

These bells which are in a very bad state of repair, and considered unsafe, will ring out for the last time on Whit Sunday next. The clergy and churchwardens are unanimous that the time has come for something to be done. A meeting is to be held early next month to decide what improvements are to be made. All ringing is suspended until further notice. HENRY F. COOPER, *Chelmsford*.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

The heavy ring of five at this place are to be rehung in an iron frame, and a new treble is to be added. The Rector and churchwardens are inviting tenders, and the work is to be put in hand shortly.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BIRMINGHAM.—On May 19th, for evening service at Bishop Ryder's Church, for the School Anniversary, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 50 mins. S. Coley, A. T. Scrivens, G. A. Taylor, J. Porter, J. T. Perry (conductor), W. H. Carrod, J. B. Collett, W. Ellis.

OUR EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE.

SITUATIONS WANTED BY

BELL MOULDER seeks Situation. Twenty-three years leading Moulder at Gillett and Johnston's.—J. JOHNSON, 6, Burdett Road, Croydon.

GROCERS' ASSISTANT, TRAVELLER, or any position of trust. Age 28. Change-ringer on 6, 8 or 10 bells.—Apply, C.R., 53, Fitzalan Street, Kennington, S.E.

Messrs. Wm. Potts and Sons, Ltd., clock manufacturers, Guildford Street, Leeds, and Newcastle, are now erecting clocks at Skipton, West Yorks; Christ Church, Carlisle; Askham Church, East Markham, Notts; and Righope Church, near Sunderland, Co. Durham; Carlton Robin Hood, County School, West Yorks, for memorial committee; and a memorial clock for East Yorkshire, and one at Brough, Westmorland, and other important work; also restoring and cleaning several church and public clocks in different parts of the country.

The Bishop of Willesden dedicated on Sunday week a Lady Chapel at All Saints' church, Child's Hill. The greater portion of the money for the work was contributed anonymously as a thankoffering for preservation from danger.

Last week the Bishop of London dedicated the north aisle and vestries of All

Saints' Church, Highgate, and also a reredos which had been erected to the memory of the first Vicar, the Rev. Edgar Smith. The enlargement has been carried out at a cost of £3000. Additional seating accommodation is provided for 200 persons bringing the total up to 550. Mr. John Stockdale, of Hart Street, W.C., was the architect.

The corner-stone of the new chancel which is being added to the Church of the Good Shepherd in Entwistle Road, Rochdale, was laid the other day. This addition will complete the fabric, of which the nave was built in 1904-5. Messrs. Ashworth and Woolfenden are the contractors for the chancel, Messrs. Nichol and Son being the sub-contractors for stonework. Mr. Lingen Barker, of Manchester and London is the architect for this addition, as for the nave. The chancel will be 31-ft. long by 22-ft. wide, and is to be in keeping with

the general structure. It will have a three-light east window, the gift of Sir Clement Royds, the subject being the Good Shepherd. The chancel and vestries will cost about £1300, exclusive of furnishing.

Plans have been prepared and adopted for the erection of a new church at Durrington near Worthing, Sussex. It is to seat 370 persons, and will be capable of future enlargement. The site is that of a former church, said to have been reduced to ruins in Cromwellian times, and of which the foundations still remain.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

BY GEO. CROSS, Norwich.

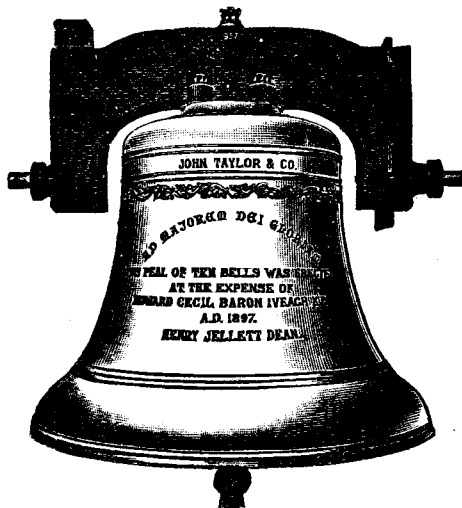
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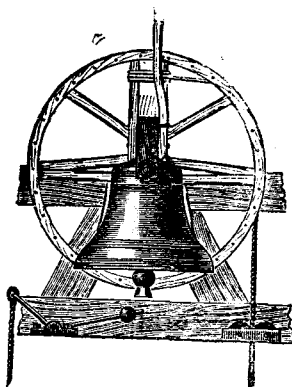
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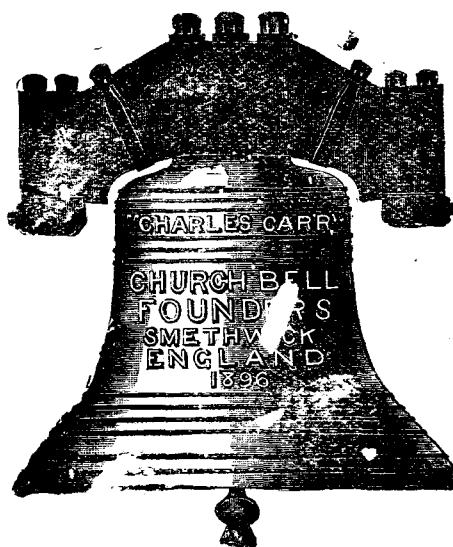
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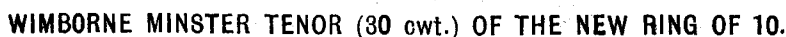
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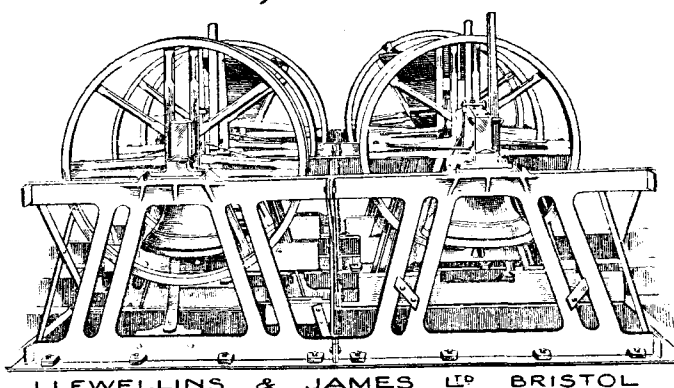
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A new church is about to be built for
St. Ann's parish. Belfield, between Roch-
dale and Milnrow, from plans by Mr. R.
Bassnett Preston, A.R.I.B.A. The church
will consist of nave and two aisles of four
bays, with clerestory above, and chancel
flanked by an organ chamber on the
north, and clergy and choir vestries on
the south. There will be a semi-circular
baptistery at the west end, and a tower at
the south-west angle rising to a height of
60 feet. The style is a simple treatment
of Late Decorated. The church will
accommodate 352 worshippers, and will
cost about £3,500.

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THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at Sedgley, Staffordshire, on Saturday, May 18th, between forty and fifty members were present, the following towers being represented: Dudley, Tipton, Netherton, Christ Church and All Saints, West Bromwich, Blakenhall, Coseley, Rowley, Oldbury, Brierley Hill and Sedgley. A bright service was held in church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. G. Swindell, who also gave a very encouraging and interesting address. At the commencement of his address he welcomed them there that day with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret. He very much regretted the cause which brought them there that day. This meeting he understood was to have been held at Coseley, but for the painfully sudden death of the beloved Vicar, the Rev. W. Spencer, M.A., and Rural Dean of Himley. By that death Coseley, Sedgley and the whole of the rural deanery had sustained a loss the greatness of which it was impossible to realize. Personally he had lost an invaluable friend, and the district an unknown benefactor. His many quiet acts of kindness, his generous care for the poor, will never all be told, but they will be missed. The rev. gentleman then went on to say how pleased he was to welcome the Guild to Sedgley, for he recognised the fact that this and other kindred societies were doing a good and useful work in the Church. They by their precept and example had lifted bellringers to the position they ought to hold, viz., that of workers with the clergy and the choir each in their several stations, making their voices to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord. The preacher then gave some very useful lessons to his hearers, copiously illustrated with fitting examples.

At the close of the service the company adjourned to the schoolroom, where a substantial tea awaited them, kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens. At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar presiding, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, as were also the minutes of the committee to draw up the first annual report. The report was printed and distributed among the members. One item in the report was the scheme for awarding the prize given by the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, President of the Guild. The committee decided that the company who made the highest percentage of attendances for Sunday services (Matins and Evensong) should receive it. The report as a whole was unanimously adopted. Several new members were added to the roll. Tipton was the place selected to hold the next quarterly meeting. It was decided to attempt about ten peals during the quarter, also those that were not attempted last quarter. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and churchwardens for kindly providing tea, to the ladies for preparing and serving it, to the Vicar for the service in church, for his able address and presiding at the meeting, and for the use of the schoolroom, tower and bells. A special vote of thanks was also passed to Mr. B. Fullwood for making all the necessary arrangements for holding the meeting at so short a notice, not forgetting

Mr. Westwood, the organist, who came at so short a notice, for making the service bright and happy. This brought another successful meeting to an end, and the bells were kept merrily going in various methods till after nine o'clock.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

The Spring Meeting of the above was held at Staplehurst on Saturday, May 18th, but no doubt owing partly to the meeting of the Ashford District being held at Eastwell on the same day, was rather sparsely attended. Unfortunately the District Secretary missed the connection of the train service at Tonbridge, and did not arrive until after the service (which had been specially arranged by the Rector, the Rev. I. S. Chamberlain), was over. Afterwards other members began to arrive, and the following towers were represented: Chiddingstone, Hadlow, Lamberhurst, Marden, Tonbridge, Benenden, Tunbridge Wells, and Kildown. The business meeting was held in the belfry, Mr. G. Edwards, of Chiddingstone, in the chair. Nine new members, including the band at Kildown, were elected, and the Benevolent Fund scheme was further discussed, and various suggestions made. It was decided to attempt the next quarterly peal at Edenbridge, method—Treble Bob. Votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and for arranging the service: to the organist and choir for their services; and to Mr. H. G. Pope for making the arrangements were passed. This concluded the business.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Castle Cary branch was held at Ditchat on Saturday last, when between forty and fifty members were present, representing the following towers: Bridgewater, Street, Glastonbury, Barton, St. David, Bruton, West Lydford, East Kenward, Ditchat, Castle Cary, Batcombe, Evercrech, Queen Camel, North Cheriton. The ringers that afternoon were honoured by the presence of a lady ringer (Miss Ruth Coles, from Bridgewater), the first lady ringer to ring at Ditchat. Although the bells were rather too heavy for this young lady, she made a plucky attempt, and rung twice in peal with other ringers. A short service was held in the church at 4.15 p.m., when the Rev. Duckett, Vicar of East Kenward, delivered a most interesting and instructive address. The clergy and ringers were then entertained to tea in the Sunday Schools, the business meeting following. It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that the Rev. C. E. Leis (Rector of Ditchat), preside at the meeting. This gentleman was supported by the Rev. H. C. Walse (Castle Cary), Rev. Duckett (East Kenward), Rev. Marrant (Batcombe), Dr. Stockwell (Bruton), Mr. T. G. Vincent, sen., etc. The minutes of the last meeting having been read, confirmed and signed, Mr. T. G. Vincent, sen., was then again unanimously

elected President for the year 1912, and Mr. T. G. Vincent, jun., Hon. Sec. to the branch for 1912.

Dr. Stockwell then rose, and on behalf of the Bruton ringers proposed that Bruton be chosen for the next place of meeting. This was seconded and carried unanimously. Sixteen members were proposed and one tower affiliated to the Association. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. C. E. Leis for the use of the bells, also the Rev. Duckett for the interesting address given at the service, and the choir and organist for their services. The Rev. H. E. Wake then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who had so kindly entertained the clergy and ringers to tea.

At the conclusion Mr. Coles, of Bridgewater, rose and said he should like to make a few remarks as to the growth of the Castle Cary Branch. He could only congratulate those gentlemen who had been the means of working up the branch to what it had become. He must also congratulate their Hon. Secretary for the manner in which he had had the notice of meeting advertised, inviting ringers to attend from other branches. This he considered was a splendid idea.

This concluded the meeting, and a move was then made to the tower where the bells were kept going until 8 p.m., but owing to sickness near the tower the Rector asked the ringers to lower.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The Whit Monday meeting of the above Association was held at West Hartlepool. The towers of Stranton, St. Aidan's and St. Oswald's, were opened all day to the ringers, who had come from various towers in the diocese. Dinner was partaken of at The Grand hotel, the Rev. E. Jealous presiding. Letters of regret for non-attendance were received from the President (Mr. C. L. Routledge), also from Mr. W. Story and Mr. J. W. Parker, who were attending the Central Council meeting. After the loyal toast had been duly honoured, the chairman spoke of the splendid facilities for ringing in West Hartlepool, the town now possessing three peals of bells. He had pleasant recollections of the last Whit Monday meeting at West Hartlepool, a matter of five years ago, which was so well attended, and which proved so successful.

Mr. W. H. Porter moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of the respective churches who had so kindly allowed the Association the use of the bells that day. Mr. T. Lungley ably seconded this motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Rev. C. B. Cade, on behalf of the other clergy in the town, who were unavoidably absent, thanked the meeting for the kind words which had been spoken. Subsequently the ringers dispersed, and ringing was continued for the greater part of the day. The summer meeting of the above Association will be held at Corbridge and Hexham on July 27th.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HILLINGDON.—On Wednesday, May 22nd, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 1280 changes, in 49 mins. B. Brewett (conductor), G. H. Gutteridge, W. P. Inwood, C. C. Mayne, W. Welling, R. Buckland, J. J. Pratt, G. F. Williams. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. Bird, wife of the Rev. H. G. Bird, M.A., President of the Association and vicar of the parish.

BOURN, CAMBS.

On Saturday afternoon, May 18th, six members of the Cambridge Youths and Ely Diocesan Association paid an inaugural visit to Bourn. Arriving soon after 5.30 p.m. the company were cordially received and entertained to tea at the vicarage by the Vicar (Rev. W. A. Baker). At 6.30 p.m. a move was made for the tower, and the bells raised. A 720 of Bob Minor was attempted, but unfortunately had to be abandoned. The local ringers had by this time assembled, and whilst they had a pull, the frame and bells were inspected. The trouble was soon discovered, the beams supporting the frame and bells having got loose, caused the whole frame to sway. Afterwards 120 of Grandsire Doubles was rung, and the bells lowered. The peal is one of the finest rings of six in the county, the tenor weighing about 16 cwt. in F. The tower has recently been restored at the cost of over £1000, but apparently the bells have been forgotten. It is hoped this visit may be the means of having this truly magnificent peal restored, and add another tower to the Association for pealable purposes.

DEATH OF ANOTHER WELL-KNOWN RINGER, MR. ARTHUR R. JACOB.

Death has been busy among the veterans of late. Only a fortnight ago members of the Ancient Society of College Youths assembled at the graveside of Mr. James Pettit at Manor Park. This week it is our painful duty to record the sudden death of Mr. Arthur R. Jacob, a member of the Royal Cumberland Society, which took place at Liverpool on Monday last. The deceased, who resided at Hornsey, was at Liverpool in the course of his ordinary avocation—that of a bell hanger—engaged in rehangng the bells at Childwall. On Monday evening he was returning from Gateacre Station to his lodgings in company with Mr. T. Groombridge, and another fellow workman, when he was taken suddenly ill in the street, and shortly afterwards expired. His ringing record extends over at least 28 years, an old friend writing to us with reference to his death having rung many peals with him during that interval. He was for many years Hon. Secretary of the Royal Cumberland Society. He leaves a widow, two sons and two daughters, to whom we, in common with ringers all over the kingdom, extend most hearty sympathy.

On Sunday evening Mr. Jacob was taking part in some ringing at Grassendale and Garston, in company with Liverpoolians, among whom he had made himself very popular, and who deeply lament his loss.

In consequence of his death the meeting of the Middlesex Association at Hornsey, arranged for to-day (Saturday), is postponed.

BAWDRIIP, SOMERSET.

Among some lovely trees at the foot of the Polden hills, and close to the branch of the Somerset and Dorset Railway, the little village of Bawdrip will be found. Its pretty little church, which consists of chancel, nave, north and south transepts, with a central tower, is beautifully situated. The tower contains a ring of four bells, which have for a long time been in an unsafe condition for ringing. In the fall of last year a movement was set on foot to get these bells restored, and eventually the tender of Messrs. T. Doble and Son, Taunton, was accepted, and the work was brought to a successful finish and the bells to

first rung on Friday last, Empire Day. There were several visiting ringers, in addition to the local band present in the evening to try the "go" of the bells, which was pronounced to be excellent. The churchwardens also paid a visit to the belfry during the evening for the purpose of hearing the report from the ringers, and were well pleased with what they heard and saw. When the bell-hangers began the work they found two of the bells bore the R.L.W. shield, which to all bell hunters is known as that of Roger Landon, of Wokingham, who died in 1448. The work of restoration consisted of strengthening the bell cage, quarter-turning and re-hanging the bells with new fittings, and has been carried out in a manner which has given universal satisfaction.

Our information re the bells at St. Stephen's Ealing (which we had no reason to doubt) gave Messrs. Warner and Sons as the makers of three of the bells. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank write to say that they made the whole peal—three in 1906, two in 1908, and the three trebles in 1911. We gladly make the correction and regret that it should have occurred.

We have received the report of a peal rung at Copt Oak, Leicestershire, on May 27th, for which no time is given. Will the sender give it so that we may include it in our next issue.

Llandefeilog-fach Church bells (six in number) are shortly to be re-hung and quarter turned by Messrs. Jas. Barwell, of Birmingham.

The verses by G. F. M., in memory of the late Mr. James Pettitt, will be published next week.

The opening paragraph of the annual report of the Hereford Diocesan Guild for 1911, pays a well-deserved tribute to the Rev. C. A. Lee, the late Hon Secretary and treasurer. Since 1893 the rev. gentleman has been the guiding spirit of the Guild, and ungrudgingly devoted the large amount of time, labour and thought necessary for the proper carrying out the work. The Guild has recognised these services by unanimously electing him a Vice-President.

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PEAL ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1911.

In presenting the Analysis for 1911 we have to state in the first place that we have endeavoured to deal with the peals reported in both ringing papers; and, in view of the additional labour entailed, we would earnestly ask conductors who send reports to both papers to be careful to make them identical. Attention was called at the last meeting of the Council to one glaring instance of two reports of the same peal which differed in no less than seven particulars, including the name of the conductor and the Association. This is an extreme case, but differences give a great deal of unnecessary trouble to the Committee, and may make the Analysis faulty. One instance has come to light after the Analysis was complete. A peal of Stedman Triples was attributed in one paper to the Essex Association, and in the other to the Hertfordshire Association, and was counted to both in the Analysis. As the name of neither Association "appears first," and both accounts were published in the same week, we had no means of deciding to which Association to allot the peal. Correspondence with the conductor has enabled us to come to a decision, but it is not satisfactory to us to be told that the mistake was a "printer's error"! If the peal were correctly sent up to both papers, it was clearly some one's duty to see that the "printer's error" was duly rectified. As it happens, the correction of this error alters the order of the Associations in the Analysis.

Several peals appeared without a conductor's name, and, though in some cases the name was supplied later, there remain three peals, whose conductors have not thought it worth while to record their names.

We would suggest that conductors should look carefully through the reports as published, and at once notify any imperfection. If they only see one paper they should not send reports to both. We would also suggest that, in sending reports of peals, great care should be exercised in writing them, and it would be well if all initials were inserted in printing letters.

Peals are still sent in for publication a second time, and, where this is on account of inaccuracies in the first report, the fact should be plainly stated.

One peal of Minor was really a peal of Treble Bob Minor, though the fact was not stated, and we have given it its value as such; but we have heard nothing of any peals in "broken lead" methods. With regard to a scale of points for Minor and Doubles, we are of opinion that a Committee of Minor ringers should be appointed to deal with the question, and a motion to that effect will be brought forward at the meeting of the Council.

The Committee would like instructions as to the Associations and Guilds which should be given a separate existence in the Analysis.

The number of those who rang their first peal as conductor in 1911 was 83, two more than in 1910, so that the supply of conductors does not appear likely to run short. Those who rang their first peal numbered 604, of whom 97 rang a covering bell.

First peals away from the tenor, were 13; and, with a bob bell, 74. The number of towers in which peals have been rung continues to mount up. The "first on the bells" numbered 65, while there were 18 peals after addition and 25 after restoration. Local bands rang their first peal in 30 cases.

Birthday peals were 158, wedding peals 45, muffled peals (one on Good Friday) 40, farewell peals 39, and peals of

welcome 24. Inductions, anniversaries, etc., gave occasion for 35 peals, while there were 6 Association Quarterly peals, and one peal rung by Association Officers.

A considerable number of peals were of course rung in honour of the Coronation, apparently 72; but it is not easy in every case to determine whether the peals were rung to celebrate the Coronation or not. Accession Day was marked by 3 peals, and 11 were rung on Royal birthdays. A very notable peal was rung at Vancouver on Dominion Day, the first peal in Canada.

The battle of Trafalgar was commemorated by 3 peals, 6 were rung on Empire Day, and 9 on New Year's Eve. Coming now to Festivals of the Church, which we as Church Bell Ringers might be expected to mark, there are of course difficulties in the way of peal ringing on the great festivals themselves, and no doubt a great deal of ringing of touches for service on these occasions takes place. But as has been pointed out lately in the ringing papers, the Eves of Festivals are the appropriate times for peal ringing, though ringers do not yet seem to have learnt the fact.

Two peals were rung on December 25, but the fact that it was Christmas Day was not mentioned, and one of these was to commemorate an ordinary birthday. Three peals were rung on Easter Day, one being a golden wedding peal, and one on Whitsun Day, while Ascension Day was quite ignored, and the peals rung on its Eve were in honour of Empire Day! On Patronal Festivals 7 peals were rung, and 2 on St. George's Day.

Young ringers are, we are glad to see, coming on. We note one 13 years of age, four 14, six 15, one of whom conducted the peal, while the average age of the ringers of one peal was 19, and of another under 20. At the other end we find three peal ringers of 70 and one of 74.

It will be noted that the arrangement of the Analysis is slightly different this year. We are of opinion that it gives a better view of the peal ringing than has been done, and groups the six-bell performances in a way which is easier for reference and for separate treatment, if it should at any time be found desirable. We may add, however, that there would be no difference in the order of the first eight at least of the Associations if the six-bell performances were excluded from the general reckoning in the present Analysis.

The Report is signed by Arthur T. King, E. W. Carpenter, and Joseph Griffin.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, May 25th, an interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of St. Mary's church by the unveiling of a peal board recording the first peal of Grandsire Triples by the local band, rang on December 23rd, 1911 (which is also the first peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells) by the Rev. Canon Vincent Jackson, Rector of Bottesford, who gave a very interesting address to the ringers and friends who assembled in the belfry. A short address was also given by the Rev. C. T. Sturton, Rector of Orston, Notts. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. S. Baker to the Rector for coming to unveil the peal board. This was seconded by Mr. Bend. On account of illness near the church only short touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by T. Rawdin, C. Lamb (conductor), A. W. Ward, J. W. Kirtton, M. Bend, R. Bend, S. Baker, H. Thorlby. Another short touch by D. Gilden, C. Lamb, Rev. C. T. Sturton, W. Turner, J. W. Kirtton, R. Bend, S. Baker (conductor), H. Thorlby. Afterwards, through the kindness of the Rector, the ringers were entertained to tea at the Rectory.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on June 6th and 20th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 11th and 25th; at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 11th; Southwark Cathedral on the 18th; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th at 8 p.m.; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays at 7.30 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgely Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Northern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Saturday, June 15th. The tower will be open from 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting immediately after. All members and friends cordially invited.

WILLIAM H. HOTTEN, Hon. Sec.

42, Thornhill Road, Barnsbury.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—Owing to the sudden death of Mr. Arthur Jacob, the meeting arranged at Hornsey for June 8th, has been postponed.

C. T. COLES, Hon. Sec.

173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. in the Harwood Road Schools.

J. WATSON, Branch Sec.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, June 1st. Please notify Mr. P. Preston, 3, Red Hill, Church Street, Stone, of how many intend to be present not later than May 28th.

REV. C. E. DONNE, } Hon. Secs.
J. JOHNSON, }

143, Flint Terrace, Tunstall.

The Midland Counties Association.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Barton-under-Needwood on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (8) ready at 3.30. Business meeting at 5.30.

HARRY WAELEY, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Thomas, Moorside, Oldham, on Saturday, June 8th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.

13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bakewell on Saturday, June 15th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Committee Meeting in the Church Institute at 4.30. Tea (1s. 3d. each) at The Queen's Arms hotel at 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. W. Hopkins, Coombs Road, Bakewell, by Thursday morning, June 13th.

W. E. WHITZ, Hon. Sec.

Notice.—Shoreditch Bells Fund.—Funds are urgently needed to put this grand old peal in proper repair. £50 wanted before the work can be commenced. Who will help a poor parish? Contributions thankfully received and gratefully acknowledged. Collecting cards also supplied by H. J. Bradley, The Parish Church, Shoreditch, E.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at Kelvedon on Whit Monday. For upwards of thirty years the annual meeting had been held at Chelmsford. The new departure to visit each district in rotation proved in every way a success. 103 were present from upwards of thirty parishes, including many old faces, among them some we had not seen at the annual gathering for a great many years. The proceedings commenced with a service in the parish church. The prayers were intoned by the Rev. E. F. Hay, Vicar, and the lesson read by the Rev. A. F. Curtis, Vicar of Feering and Rural Dean. The Rev. H. S. Sanders, Rector of Woodford, delivered a very appropriate address. The Rev. J. Valpy, curate of Kelvedon, was also present robed.

The business meeting followed in the Infants' School

Room. Mr. C. H. Howard (Master), presided, and stated in his report that both in members and finances records were established, the members now numbering 773.

Discussion arose with reference to the Reserve Fund now standing at £105. A scheme was suggested whereby older members of certain years' standing should be relieved of paying subscriptions and become honorary members, and it was resolved to refer the matter to the General Committee to report upon at the next annual meeting. All the officers were re-elected.

A letter was read from Mr. J. F. Penning, of Safron Walden, upon the question of forming a Benevolent Fund, and after discussion it was deemed not advisable to proceed with the matter till after the Insurance Act was in operation.

The Master called the attention of the members to the appeal for the restoration of the historical ring of twelve at Shoreditch parish church, and reminded them that the Association had no funds for meeting such cases, and urged the members to send their contribution to Mr. J. Bradley, the Hon. Secretary of the fund.

Here followed a very interesting ceremony—the presentation of a silver rose bowl on plinth, with suitable inscription, a pair of silver vases, and a travelling suit case to the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre in appreciation of his valuable services as Hon. Secretary for twenty-one years.

The Master, in making the presentation, spoke of the great work accomplished by Mr. Eyre, and wished him many years of health to enjoy the gifts offered him in gratitude, and expressed a wish that he would continue his services as Hon. Secretary for many years to come.

Mr. Eyre in thanking the members for their handsome present, gave a short sketch of the history and progress of the Association during its existence, and mentioned that only six of those who formed the Association at Writtle in 1879, now remain on the books, and four of those were present at the meeting that day, viz., Messrs. W. Chalk, sen. (Malden), C. Beaman (Bocking), and W. H. Dyson and F. Rudkin (Braintree).

Thanks were accorded the Rev. H. S. Sanders for his address; the Vicar of Kelvedon for the use of the bells, and the hearty welcome given; and to Mr. W. W. Thorne (the organist), and the choir.

The members afterwards dined in the Parish Room, and later on proceeded by brake to Feering, Great Tey, and Coggeshall. Excellent touches were brought round in the various towers in methods ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise, Messrs. Fenn (2), T. Fanlkner and Hardy giving an exhibition of their skill in ringing a touch of London Surprise double-handed.

Everyone seemed unanimous in their opinion that the Association had held the most successful and enjoyable gathering for many years. West Ham was selected for the next annual meeting.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On Monday, May 20th, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 1 hr. *Rev. W. E. Colchester, G. Voice, W. C. Lampard, F. Smith, J. W. Elkins, W. H. Crute, C. H. Russell, C. Russell, W. Andrews (conductor), D. Froome. Composed by G. Voice, and rung on the 70th birthday of D. Froome. *First quarter-peal in the method.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MARSHFIELD (Mon).—On Saturday, May 25th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, 1024 Kent Treble Bob Major. C. O. Hobbs, A. E. Morgan, N. Morgan, W. B. Biss, J. W. Jones, F. Chamberlain, S. Dawe (conductor), W. Boltou.

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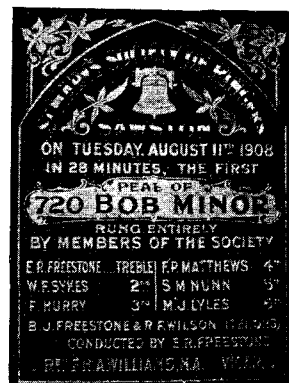
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 1912.

THE meeting of the Central Council at the Church House, Westminster, on Tuesday was a record one so far as the attendance of representatives was concerned, 64 attending out of a possible 93, as against 51 out of 96 last year. The honorary members numbered 13 compared with 9 at the previous meeting. The total number of Associations represented was 39, a decrease of 1, but 20 were fully represented this year, while last year 19 were in this class; of partially represented societies there were 12, the same number as last year; while 7 only were not represented at all, as against 9 in 1911. This shows increased interest in the work of the Council, although it is to be regretted that 21 Associations should have been only partially represented or not so at all, as, however good a report may

be obtained at second hand it cannot equal that obtained by personal attendance; neither can enthusiasm be awakened in so marked a degree by reading the reports in print as can be by personal contact with the subject. Oftentimes little points which may be of deep interest to some society but not to the general body are lost sight of in the necessary condensing for publication. If the representatives are present well and good, they take it home, but if absent then it is lost. Not only so, but when a society or its representatives are so apathetic as to neglect attendance, it sets a bad example, which others are sometimes inclined to follow. Some societies were not represented as fully as they might have been, because they did not elect the full number of representatives in consequence of disagreeing with some of the ideas of the Central Council. This is a pity. None of us agree in their entirety with all the ideas propounded by a second person, and surely a body like the Central Council is considerably weakened in its power and influence by the abstention of close on a third of its number. Whatever opinions some may hold as to the utility or otherwise of the Council, there is no gainsaying the fact that its influence has been for the advancement of the Exercise, and this being so it is worthy of the support of every Association or Guild. We look forward to the time when we shall be able to record that every Association was fully represented. Then will the officials of the Council shout with glee. May it be soon.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, May 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt. in D.

HENRY SPRINGALL Treble.	SAMUEL JOYCE 6.
EDWIN HORREX 2.	CHARLES BURDEN 7.
EDWIN GIBBS 3.	ALFRED PECK 8.
THOMAS TAFFENDER 4.	WILLIAM COCKERILL 9.
ALFRED GRIMES 5.	EMANUEL HALL Tenor.

Composed by JOHN BARRETT, and
Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled in loving memory of the late Mr. James Pettit.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Treble.	WILLIAM STORY 5.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY .. 2.	EDWIN H. LEWIS 6.
JOSEPH W. PARKER 3.	REV. A. G. LANGDON .. 7.
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON .. 4.	WILLIAM BIBBY Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

MIRFIELD (Yorks).—On May 15th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Treble Bob Royal, with bells deeply muffled, in memory of a person who died on May 16th, 1860. R. Ellan, P. Gott, T. Crawshaw, A. North, J. Hooson, J. P. Lapish, W. Milner, J. E. Dawson, C. Grayson, F. Thorpe.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CUTBERT,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

FRED WATSON* Treble.	J. E. R. KEEN 5.
WM. BROWN 2.	ALF. HILLIER 6.
JAS. ROBINSON 3.	† GEO. SIDDLE 7.
B. C. DIXON† 4.	W. STORY Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by GEO. SIDDLE.

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

OLDHAM.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Rochdale Branch).

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6368 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qrs. 18 lbs.

FRANK WILD Treble.	SAMUEL STOTT 5.
HARRY HAMPSON 2.	HERBERT BARLOW 6.
JOSEPH GODHARD 3.	CHARLES H. MARSLAND .. 7.
SAMUEL BUTTERWORTH .. 4.	ISAAC SCHOFIELD Tenor.

Composed by E. TIMRELL, and Conducted by HARRY HAMPSON.

OLDHAM.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qrs. 18 lbs.

ALBERT CLEGG Treble.	SAMUEL STOTT 5.
FRANK CHAPMAN 2.	HARRY HAMPSON 6.
JOSEPH OGDEN 3.	LUKE HAMPSON 7.
FRANK WILD 4.	CHARLES PLATT Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by HARRY HAMPSON.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 15, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WM. BROWN Treble.	J. CRAWFORD 5.
JACKSON PALLISTER 2.	T. J. BROWN 6.
G. H. TAYLOR 3.	JAS. ROBINSON 7.
F. WATSON* 4.	GEORGE SIDDLE Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE SIDDLE.

*First peal.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURETAN'S. FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT TURNER Treble	HARRY COOMES 5.
WALTER LONGSHAW 2.	HARRY MILES 6.
DANIEL COOMES 3.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 7.
GEORGE BARTLETT 4.	ALFRED MILES Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. C. W. O. JENKYN.

Rung on the eve of the Spring Meeting of the Chipping Norton branch.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lbs.

RICHARD BUCKLAND Treble.	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE.. 6.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 2.	JOHN H. B. HESSE .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. 3.	REUBEN SANDERS .. 8.
GEORGE SPENCER .. 4.	ALFRED W. GRIMES .. 9.
JOSEPH J. PRATT .. 5.	HENRY W. CHANDLER .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, May 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES.

SAMUEL PEARCE Treble.	BENJAMIN GOUGH .. 5.
ARTHUR BAKER .. 2.	SAMUEL BAKER .. 6.
WALTER GRINSELL .. 3.	RICHARD DUNN .. 7.
GEORGE HUGHES .. 4.	WILLIAM FISHER .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

First peal in the method on the bells. First in the method by all except the ringers of the 5th and tenor, and first in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Law, a much respected member of the local company.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

On Friday, May 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs.

ALBERT E. RICHARDS* .. Treble.	ROBERT SPERRING .. 5.
JOHN CLUTTON* .. 2.	*GEORGE VAUGHAN .. 6.
GEORGE JONES .. 3.	RICHARD JONES .. 7.
HENRY MOORE, JUN. .. 4.	JAMES MORGAN .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 4th and 6th, the company wishing them many happy returns.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRANK SHEPHERD Treble.	E. HARRY STONELEY.. 5.
HERBERT HORDMAN .. 2.	JOHN H. SWINFELD .. 6.
WILLIAM J. SMITH .. 3.	DAVID COTTON .. 7.
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON 4.	JOHN HOUGH .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by JOHN HOUGH.

First peal of Kent Major by the ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, and first peal as conductor on eight bells.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday morning last, after ringing at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, on handbells, at the residence of Mr. W. Willson, 4, Keythorpe Street. W. Willson, 1-2; W. Shepherd (conductor), 3-4; S. Cotton, 5-6; A. Mason (first quarter-peal on handbells), 7-8. The conductor hails from Hersham, Surrey.

CLANFIELD, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.)

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDK. WEBB Treble.	RAYMOND JUDGE .. 5.
WILLIAM JUDGE .. 2.	JOHN MONK .. 6.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 3.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. 7.
FRANK WEBB .. 4.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. CYRIL JENKYN.

Rung on the occasion of the Spring Meeting of the above branch at Langford.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

CHARLES FAULKES Treble.	WILLIAM GOODMAN .. 6.
GILBERT GURST .. 2.	JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. 7.
THOMAS HUGHES .. 3.	JOHN SMITH .. 8.
SAMUEL SPITTLE .. 4.	BENJAMIN GOUGH .. 9.
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 5.	HARRY GOODMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by the late W. MICKLEWRIGHT, and
Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

This peal was rung on the anniversary of the wedding of the Vicar, the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, and Mrs. A. Gray Maitland.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM DAVIES Treble.	JAMES HOPKIN .. 6.
JAMES JONES .. 2.	MORRIS J. MORRIS .. 7.
ALFRED JONES* .. 3.	W. G. ELLIS .. 8.
JOHN COBRIGAN .. 4.	FRANK BENNETT .. 9.
WILLIAM H. JONES .. 5.	CHARLES ALFEN .. Tenor.

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

*First peal of Caters with a bob bell. All the above with the exception of the ringers of the 4th and 7th belong to the local band.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Four Hours,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TRRBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 33 cwt. 0 qrs. 21 lbs.

ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT† .. Treble.	†GEORGE HUGHES .. 7.
JOHN BASS* .. 2.	†THOMAS J. ELTON .. 8.
GEORGE PIGOTT† .. 3.	†JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. 9.
JOHN C. ADAMS† .. 4.	†WILLIAM FISHER .. 10.
REV. E. V. CCK† .. 5.	HERBERT KNIGHT .. 11.
ROBERT PICKERING† .. 6.	*ROBERT MATTHEWS .. Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

*First peal on twelve bells. †First peal of Maximus. ‡First peal of Treble Bob Maximus. First peal of Maximus on the bells. It is also G. Hughes' 10th peal, and the first peal of Maximus by the society.

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HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS. THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

FRED WILFORD Treble.	ANDERSON Y. TYLKE 5.
JOHN J. MAWBY 2.	JAMES HOUGHTON 6.
ALFRED H. MARTIN 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE 7.
JAMES T. WARD 4.	WALTER PERKINS Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Arthur Chapman to Miss Christina Hobbs, of Wellingborough.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FODE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER S. WISE Treble.	AMOS W. CLARK 5.
THOMAS H. COLBURN 2.	MARTIN STEWART 6.
DAVID WRIGHT 3.	CYRIL F. JOHNSTON 7.
THOMAS R. HENSHER 4.	WILLIAM GROVES Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

Mr. Martin Stewart was elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

HULL, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLI'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qrs.

FRANCIS W. DALE Treble.	ALFRED NAYLOR 5.
MARK HEDGES 2.	HENRY RODMELL 6.
GEORGE DOWLING 3.	LEONARD RODMELL 7.
CHARLES JACKSON 4.	*JOHN H. CHAMBERLAIN Tenor.

Conducted by C. JACKSON.

*First peal.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

J. TULETT Treble.	S. J. SHELLOCK 5.
J. HUNT 2.	F. BELSEY 6.
F. A. HOLDEN 3.	W. HAIGH 7.
W. EASTER 4.	E. D. SILLS Tenor.

Conducted by W. HAIGH.

*First peal. First peal of Stedman by the ringers of the 2nd, 5th, and tenor.

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM J. ANKER Treble.	JAMES HOPKIN 6.
JAMES JONES 2.	JOSEPH PORTER 7.
WILLIAM H. JONES 3.	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 8.
JOHN CORRIGAN 4.	FRANK BENNETT 9.
JOHN T. PEERY 5.	WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor.

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

All hail from Aston, Birmingham. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the towerkeeper, Mr. E. Thompson, for having everything ready.

RADYR, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

DAVID THOMAS Treble.	TOM COX 5.
JOSEPH BAILEY 2.	JOHN W. JONES 6.
WILLIAM B. BISS 3.	SIDNEY DAWE 7.
CLARENCE O. HOBBS 4.	FRED CHAMBERLAIN Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

*First peal in the method.

CHESHUNT, HUNTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 23 lbs. in E

GEORGE ANDREWS Treble.	WILLIAM SABAN 5.
FRANK JELF 2.	HENRY G. ROWE 6.
GEORGE GRAY 3.	GEORGE MAXIM 7.
HENRY CORNWELL 4.	*DAVID TUCKER Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

*First peal. Rung on the first anniversary of the induction of the Rev C. B. Law as Vicar of Cheshunt; also in honour of the silver wedding of the Marquis of Salisbury, patron of the living.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(St. Peter's Society).

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 3040 CHANGES;

VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S.

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs. in E flat.

GEORGE CROSS Treble.	THOMAS HAMLIN 5.
HARRY PAGE 2.	TOM PAGE 6.
JAMES CROSS 3.	GEORGE WINES 7.
WILLIAM PAGE 4.	SAMUEL WEAVER Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY PAGE.

Rung on the 60th birthday of the ringer of the tenor, the ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE BASILEY Treble.	HERBERT HURDMAN 4.
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON 2.	JOHN HOUGH 5.
WILLIAM J. SMITH 3.	DAVID L. COTTON Tenor.

Conducted by J. HOUGH.

*First peal in seven methods.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET (Wilts).—On May 23rd, at St. Margaret's church, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. A. J. Gilbert, T. Moulden, J. Tuckwell, F. Looker, W. G. Lancaster (conductor), G. Lancaster. On Whit Sunday, for evening service, 720 St. Clement's. A. J. Gilbert, T. Moulden, E. Manton, F. Looker, W. G. Lancaster, G. Lancaster (conductor).

RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE. THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

EDWARD H. JOHNSON .. Treble.	WALTER MALINS 5.
JOSEPH B. FENTON 2.	JOHN W. CHANDLER 6.
THOMAS H. CHAPMAN 3.	FRANK E. PERVIN 7.
WILLIAM T. COX 4.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. Tenor.

Composed by J. JAGGAR, and Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

This peal is No 157 C.C.C. Peal Collection, Section iii.

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 27, 1912 in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qrs. 26 lbs in F.

THOMAS SMITH Treble.	JOHN B. HESSE 5.
HARRY WALTER 2.	ALBERT E. GRAY 6.
WILLIAM HENLEY 3.	WILLIAM WALLING 7.
ALFRED C. FUSSELL 4.	JOHN H. CROPLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. WELLING.

First peal in the method on the bells. Messrs Smith and Cropley were proposed members of the above Guild previous to starting.

WALCOT, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 11 lbs.

FREDK. C. RICH Treble.	CHARLES COLLIER 5.
GEORGE H. HILL 2.	CHARLES W. BELL 6.
THOMAS HOGSFLESH 3.	THOMAS F. KING 7.
GEORGE TEMPLE 4.	LUTHER P. SMITH .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. BELL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Fredk. C. Rich. The ringers tender their thanks to the churchwarden, E. A. Bagshawe, Esq., and the Rev. W. J. Dennis, M.A., for their kindness in granting the use of the bells.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

LIONEL H. PAGE Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5.
MISS E. K. PARKER 2.	WILBY J. HAZELL 6.
GEORGE A. CARD 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
JOHN H. BENSTEAD 4.	GEORGE PAICE Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by Miss E. K. PARKER.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

LIONEL H. PAGE Treble.	GEORGE A. CARD 5.
MISS E. K. PARKER 2.	GEORGE B. LUCAS 6.
HENRY DAINS 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
A. F. MARTIN-STEWART .. 4.	GEORGE PAICE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES: PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

JAMES GEORGE Treble.	HARRY CHAPMAN 5.
WILBY J. HAZELL 2.	*TOM KING 6.
JOHN H. BENSTEAD 3.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 7.
DANIEL F. GIBBONS 4.	JAMES PARKER Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

*Elected members of the Association before starting the peal. These three peals were rung by the Edmonton band and friends visiting London for the Central Council Meeting.

Handbell Peals.

CAMBRIDGE.—THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, May 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,

At Trinity College,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHRY 1-2.	WILLIAM D. JAMES .. 5-6.
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 3-4.	J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON .. 7-8.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

First handbell peal as conductor. Quickest peal by the Guild.

CAMBRIDGE.—THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, May 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

IN THE PRESIDENT'S ROOMS, TRINITY COLLEGE,

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

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHRY 1-2.	F. MAURICE ATKINS .. 5-6.
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 3-4.	*EDWIN H. LEWIS 7-8.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

Umpires—William Bibby and Reginald O. Street. *First peal of Double Norwich in hand.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

OLDHAM.—On Monday, May 27th, at St. Thomas's church, Moorside, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 12 mins. F. Wild, J. Ogden, F. Chapman, H. Barlow, S. Stott, L. Hampson, C. Platt, J. Garlick. Composed by C. Jackson, of Hull, and conducted by Samuel Stott.

Miscellaneous.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRECON.—On Whit Sunday, May 26th, at St. Mary's church, for 8 a.m. Choral Communion, 672 Stedman Triples. S. Watkins, S. Brooks, G. Giblin, W. Hargest, A. Matthews, W. Evans (conductor), G. Hardwick, W. Griffiths (longest touch). For 11 a.m. Divine Service a quarter peal of Stedman Triples. R. Kinsey, S. Watkins, G. Giblin, G. Hardwick, S. Brooks, A. Matthews, W. Evans conductor, E. Jones. For the evening service 1008 Stedman Triples. W. Hargest, S. Brooks, R. Kinsey, G. Giblin, S. Watkins, W. Evans, A. Matthews conductor, E. Jones. On Thursday, May 23rd, to oblige Miss Hilda Finch, of Briton Ferry, a lady member of the West Wales Association, 240 Grandsire Doubles. Miss Finch, G. Giblin, S. Brooks, S. Watkins, W. Evans, A. Matthews. Miss Finch handled her bell very creditably, and will in time, with practice, make an accomplished ringer. She is also the first lady ringer to visit Brecon, and it was also her longest touch on tower bells.

SCHEDULE OF ATTENDANCES AT THE MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL, AT THE CHURCH HOUSE, WESTMINSTER, ON WHITSUN TUESDAY, MAY 28, 1912.

ASSOCIATION.	PRESENT.	ABSENT.	ASSOCIATION.	PRESENT.	ABSENT.
Ancient Society of College Youths	W. T. Cockerill T. Faulkner A. Hughes T. H. Taffender		Midland Counties Association ...	Sir A. Heywood, Bart. E. C. Gobey J. Griffin J. W. Taylor	
Royal Cumberland Youths ...	F. Bennett H. Dains J. D. Matthews J. Parker		Northants (Central) Association ...	D. G. Nicholls F. Wilford H. Haigh	
Bath and Wells Diocesan Assn. ...	A. E. Coles	E. E. Burgess J. Maddock Rev. C. C. Parker	North Notts. Association ...		Rev. T. Lewis Jones
Bedfordshire Association ...	Rev. W. W. C. Baker		North Wales Association ...		C. E. Borrett
Birmingham (St. Martin's) Dioc. Guild ...	W. H. Godden		Norwich Diocesan Association ...	G. P. Burton	W. L. Catchpole J. Motts W. Pole Routh
Cambridge University Guild ...	E. H. Lewis		Oxford Diocesan Guild ...	Rev. G. F. Coleridge J. Evans Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn ...	
Chester Diocesan Guild ...	Rev. A. T. Beeston W. Bibby		Salisbury Diocesan Guild...	Rev. F. Llewelyn Edwards A. F. Martin Stewart ...	Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett J. S. Rumming J. Bradney
Devon Guild of Ringers ...	Rev. M. Kelly	A. W. Searle	Salop Archidiaconal Guild ...	R. Cartwright S. Reeves	
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association ...	W. Story	C. L. Routledge C. Todd Rev. J. M. Clarkson C. H. Howard W. H. Judd W. J. Nevard N. J. Pitstow	Staffs. Archidiaconal Association...	A. B. Carpenter, M.D. Cyril F. Johnston K. Hart	F. B. Tompkus
Ely Diocesan Association ...			Surrey County Association ...	G. H. Howse G. Watson	
Essex County Association...			Sussex County Association ...		J. C. Daubuz
Gloucester and Bristol Dio. Assn.	J. Austin		Truro Diocesan Guild ...	H. Argyle	H. White
Hereford Diocesan Guild ...	J. Clark	R. Marston	Warwickshire Guild ...	Rev. C. E. Matthews ...	C. Willshire
Hertford County Association ...	B. Prewett		Winchester Diocesan Guild ...	J. W. Whiting	J. R. Newman
Irish Association ...		Lord Justice Cherry	Worcester and Districts Assn. ...	G. J. Salter... ..	C. H. Hattersley
Kent County Association ...	E. Barnett T. Groombridge Rev. F. J. O. Helmore W. J. Jeffries		Yorkshire Association ...	G. Bolland	
Lancashire Association ...	J. H. Banks H. Chapman Rev. H. J. Elsee T. Redman		Honorary Members...	C. Glenn Rev. C. C. Marshall Rev. H. F. Boughey ...	C. E. D. Boutflower
Leeds and District Society	P. J. Johnson			Rev. E. W. Carpenter ...	J. Carter
Lincoln Diocesan Guild ...	G. Chester	J. W. Seamer		Rev. H. A. Cockey ...	W. H. Thompson
	Rev. H. L. James R. Richardson			R. A. Daniell Rev. C. D. P. Davies Rev. Canon Papillon J. W. Parker J. S. Pritchett Rev. H. S. T. Richardson W. Snowdon J. A. Trollope H. W. Wilde G. Williams	
Liverpool Diocesan Guild...		W. Bentham			
Llandaff Diocesan Association ...	J. W. Jones				
London County Association ...	H. S. Ellis E. A. Young				
Middlesex County Association ...	J. H. B. Hesse A. T. King W. Pye J. R. Sharman				

ANALYSIS.

	Present.	Absent.	Total.					
Representative Members ...	64	29	93	Associations fully represented ...	...	...	...	20
Honorary Members ...	13	3	16	" partially represented ...	...	...	...	12
				" not represented ..	...	...	...	7
	77	32	109					
				Total ...				39

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

RINGING COMPETITION AT GLASBURY,

The Hereford Diocesan Guild celebrated Empire Day by holding a Ringing Competition, open to all towers in the Guild, at the church of St. Peter, Glasbury-on-Wye. There was an entry of twelve bands,, but one—Much Marcle—was ruled out, owing to one of the band not having his name in the annual report for 1912.

The success of the competition is due entirely to the generosity of Captain Glen Kidston, of Gwentyfed, Three Cocks, Brecon, who, beside presenting the prizes, defrayed the travelling expenses of the bands competing, and also provided luncheons and teas. He is also presenting each competitor with a photo of the band to which he belongs, and a photo group of the whole to each tower represented. Each band was required to ring a 360 of Grandsire Doubles at the first attempt, but a 6-score for practice was allowed before commencing the competition. Mr. Harry Withers, of Birmingham, was the judge, and a committee appointed to consider any dispute which might arise, consisted of Captain A. Glen Kidston, the Rev. H. Gibbon, Messrs. E. Butler, Edgar Jones, James Hyett, and Leonard Lewis. As will be seen by a reference to the result, there was a very close run between Glasbury and Talgarth, only one point separating them. From this it will be recognised that the judges task was not altogether an easy one.

The towers competing, their order in the competition, and number of faults are as follows: 1, Glasbury, 135 faults; 2, Talgarth, 136; 3, Leintwardine, 187; 4, Cradley, 222; 5, Brecon, 266; 6, Hereford Cathedral, 323; 7, Bosbury, 370; 8, Whitbourne, 399; 9, Llangattock, 444; 10, Bredenbury, 584; 11, Builth Wells, rung out; 12, Much Marcle, disqualified.

At midday Captain Kidston entertained the competitors at luncheon, he himself presiding.

Following the toast of "The King," Captain Kidston in giving "Success to the Hereford Diocesan Guild," said that was the first time the Guild had made its appearance in that part, and it would not be right to leave the room without wishing them success. Those who rang bells well were a credit to the Guild. He hoped that competition would instil enthusiasm, and that they would not be satisfied until they had reached the goal of perfection. He had great pleasure in proposing success to the Hereford Guild of bellringers, and long life and prosperity to the Rev. H. H. Gibbon and the church.

Mr. Buchanan (Hereford), ably replied. He remarked that he had had great doubt as to whether many teams would enter, and he was greatly astonished to hear last week that there were twelve entries. It was very creditable to see such fruitful results at the first performance. He was sure it was most kind of the captain to entertain them in the way he had, providing lunch, paying expenses, and giving the prizes. If there was any fault with the ringing that day, it was the want of striking evenly. They should remember that they were taking part as servants of the Church, and should conduct themselves respectfully and reverently. He asked them to drink to the health of Captain Glen Kidston.

The toast was drunk with three rounds of cheers for the Captain.

The Rev. H. H. Gibbon responded on behalf of the Church. He thanked Mr. Buchanan for what he had said. They should remember that they were engaged in a serious work when ringing bells, and he hoped they

would go back to their respective parishes and ring the bells to the best advantage.

Captain Glen Kidston who was received with loud cheers, said they would probably pay a visit to the little village of Bredenbury next year. They must not expect big prizes, the honour and glory were the things to aim at; but although the prizes were small, they would be a lasting memory. It was difficult to know what to arrange the first time. He suggested having a challenge shield, which would take the names of six teams. The team that won the most times to become the owners.

Mr. Harry Withers (Birmingham), the adjudicator, gave a selection of Scotch airs and a peal of changes as rung on twelve bells, on his dulcimer harp, and delighted the company with his remarkable skill. It may be noted that Mr. Withers made the instrument himself. His skill in manipulating it and his success in change-ringing are simply marvellous.

At 6 o'clock Captain Glen Kidston appeared outside the hall to announce Mr. Withers' adjudication, and when the name of Glasbury was mentioned as being first, hats went up, and the crowd cheered enthusiastically. The first prizes, in leather purses, engraved with the ringers' names in silver, were presented to Glasbury, together with a shield for the belfry. The Talgarth and, for second prizes, received silver medals.

Captain Kidston received three hearty cheers after announcing the result, which he suitably acknowledged.

Mr. Withers, Mr. Short, and Messrs. Lewis and W. D. Griffiths gave a selection of changes on 16 handbells in the evening, which was much appreciated.

The bells at Glasbury are a ring of six by various founders, and go badly, tenor 15 cwt. in F, the competition being rung on the back six. Two of the competing towers—Brecon and Llangattock—have eight bells, and Hereford Cathedral ten.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By J. BARKER, Bedford.

6144.

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35426			-	-
64523		-	-	-
56423			-	-
45623			-	-
45236	-		-	-
62534		-	-	-
56234			-	-
25634			-	-
25346	-		-	-

Twice Repeated.

Contains the thirty course-ends. I am sorry to inform Mr. Cross that the 5856 produced by him is one produced in reverse form and circulated by me in 1905.

The annual meetings of the Kent Archaeological Society will be held at Hythe in July, Saltwood Castle, Lympne Castle, and other places of interest in the district will be visited.

New choir stalls in oak are about to be placed in the chancel of the parish church of Totternhoe. Mr. Stonebridge is the architect, and the work will be carried out by Mr. Sherratt, of Eaton Bray.

The dedication of a new organ at St. Margaret's parish church, Leiston, East Suffolk, took place on Friday week. The present instrument is built on the spot occupied by the old one, and will cost about £600. Situated in the south transept, it is provided with an oak carved case, and the front pipes are decorated. The builder is Mr. J. J. Binns, of Leeds.

Messrs. Wm. Potts, Ltd., Clock Manufacturers, of Leeds, have received instructions to make and fix a new eight-day hour-striking clock and bell for the College, Scarborough, which is now in hand. The dial will be of copper, with copper hands; figures and minutes painted and gilt, facing the sea.

Messrs. J. B. Joyce and Co., Ltd., Whitechurch, Salop, have received instructions to make a large clock with two dials for Sandiway church, Cheshire; and also another with two illuminated dials for Highcliffe Coronation Committee, Christchurch, Hants. They have just shipped a large quarter clock and bells to New Zealand, and are fixing clocks at Holmes Chapel Church, Cheshire, and Bacup, Lancashire. They have also a large one in hand for Ventersdorp, South Africa.

The Council of the British Archaeological Association has decided to hold the annual congress in Gloucester from June 24 to 29. On the first afternoon a visit will be paid to Gloucester Cathedral, where an address will be delivered by the Dean, and in the evening there will be a reception by the Mayor of Gloucester at the Guildhall, and the delivery of the presidential address by Mr. Charles E.

Keyser. The following days will be spent in the inspection of places of historic interest in Gloucester City, and in visits to such places as Berkeley Church and Castle, the Saxon Church and the Chapel of Odda at Deerhurst, Thornbury Church, and Castle, and Winchcombe Abbey.

EDINBURGH.—A memorial tablet erected in St. Giles Cathedral, to the Right Rev. Theodore Marshall, D.D., was unveiled on Friday last by Lord Dunedin. The memorial, which takes the form of a mural tablet, is placed under the window erected to Lord Curriehill, brother of Dr. Marshall, near the Albany Aisle. It is formed of white marble in a frame of Algerian onyx. It is surmounted by the arms of the Marshall family, and in the four corners are enamelled representations of the four Evangelists. The memorial is the work of Mr. W. S. Black.

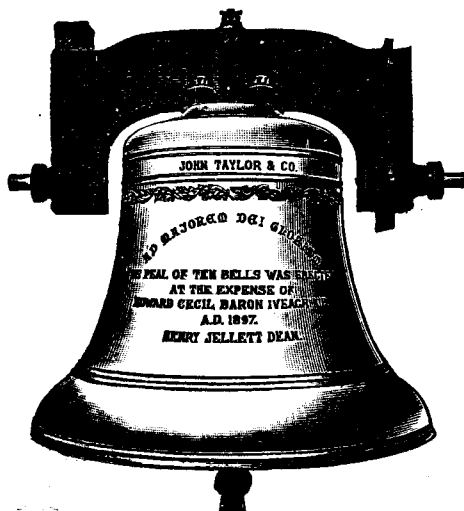
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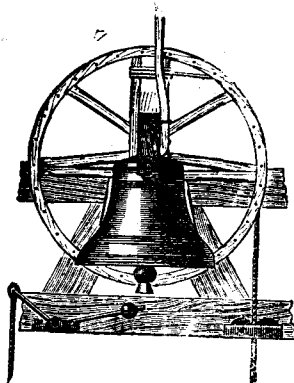
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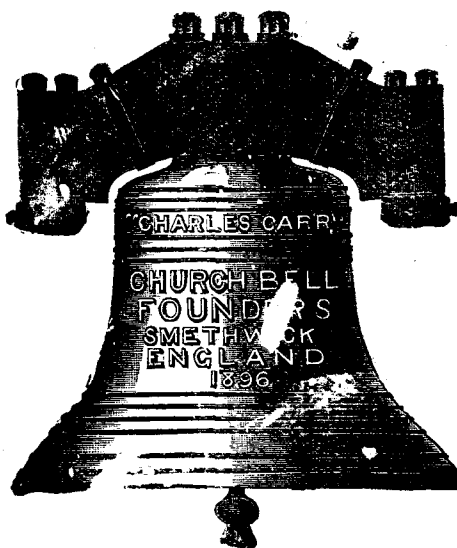
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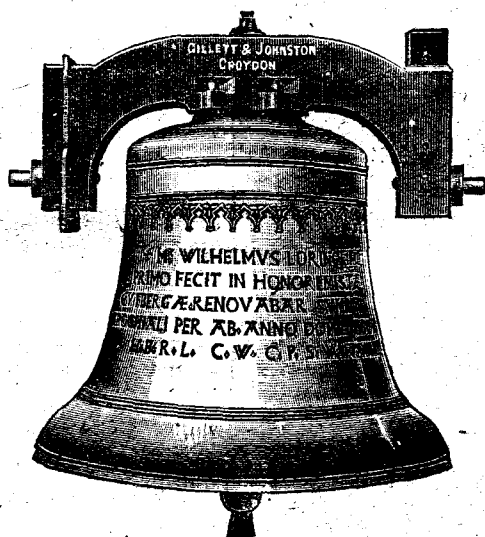
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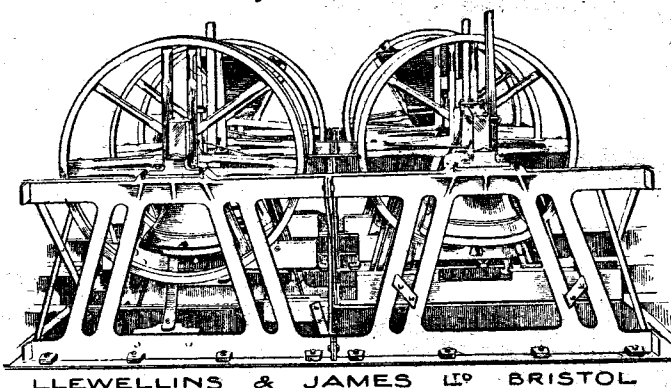
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land, erected at a cost of £11,200, and
built to accommodate a congregation of
850, has been consecrated by the Bishop
of Durham. It is Late Perpendicular in
style, and consists of six bays, with shallow
quasi-transepts, all under one roof. At
the junction of nave and south transept
is an octagonal bell-turret.

The memorial to Archbishop Cranmer
in Jesus College will be unveiled by the
Visitor, the Bishop of Ely, on June 13, at
3.15 p.m.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A SPLENDID MEETING.

Delightful weather favoured the members who gathered for the thirty-third annual meeting of the above Association, at Westerham, a picturesque little village on the borders of Kent and Surrey (celebrated as the birthplace of General Wolfe), on Whit Monday. Unable to assemble at Tonbridge, where the meeting has generally been held when it has come to the turn of the Tonbridge District, nor at Sevenoaks, from which for many years the Association has been excluded by local prejudice, Westerham, with its beautiful church, its fine ring of eight (tenor 23½ cwt.), and its able band of ringers, seemed to the committee to be a suitable place for the annual meeting, and the 130 members who assembled from various parts of the county and from London, heartily approved the selection. Ringing began about 10 a.m., and short touches were brought round before the service at 12 o'clock, and during the afternoon. Other towers open beside Westerham were Brasted Sundridge, and the two churches at Limpsfield, in Surrey, all six-bell towers. A meeting of the Central Committee was held at 11 o'clock. At the service, in the parish church, the form prepared by the Rev. P. A. L. Clarke (rector of St. Alphege, Canterbury) and the Hon. Secretary, and sanctioned by the Archbishop and the Bishops of Rochester and Southwark, was used for the first time. Several adult members of the Westerham Choir attended, and Mr. C. H. Drake (organist of Ospringe) himself a ringer, and member of the Central Committee, presided at the organ. The prayers were intoned by the Hon. Secretary, the lesson was read by Col. H. Bonham-Carter, the Vicar (Rev. S. Le Mesurier) announcing the hymns—A. and M. 164, "Father of heaven," 209, "Come, gracious Spirit," and 379, "Now thank we all, our God." The offertory, for benevolent purposes, amounted to £1 5s. 8d. The address was given by the Bishop of Rochester, from Num. x, 1, 2: "And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, make thee two trumpets of silver . . . that thou mayst use them for the calling of the assembly and for the journeyings of the camps." The Bishop was listened to with evident interest while he compared the uses of the silver trumpets in the Israelitish wanderings with those of the church bells of to-day—the call to awake, the call to assemble, the marking of the passing of time, the sound of alarm. Service ended tracks were made for the Public Hall, for luncheon, but the "demon photographer" lay in wait for the officers and such members as he could inveigle into the Vicarage garden for the fell purposes of his craft, thus delaying the luncheon a good half-hour. The luncheon table was at length reached and the party seated themselves. The Bishop presided, supported by the Revs. S. Le Mesurier, C. G. Acworth, V. S. Turnbull (Limpsfield Chart), F. J. O. Helmore (Hon. Sec.), Col. Bonham-Carter, Major Pilkington, Messrs. Tribe and Latter (District Secs.), E. Bennett (Crayford), W. J. Jeffries (Deptford), T. Manwaring (Maidstone), G. B. Selby (Westerham), C. H. Drake (Ospringe), and C. F. Johnston (Croydon). Mr. T. Groombridge and other members of the Committee

were seated among the general company. The Bishop, after briefly proposing the loyal toast—"The King, Queen, and Royal Family," left for Kingle Park, where he attended an inspection of Church Lads' Brigades, and Boy Scouts, and for a while the Vicar of Westerham presided. Mr. W. Latter proposed the health of "The Archbishop, Bishops and Clergy," to which the Chairman responded. The Hon. Sec. then read the annual report, which showed that the Association was in a very flourishing condition, and still on the up grade. There were now 106 towers in union, with a total membership of 1,206. After recording losses by death, reference was made to the sad accident to the Rev. C. S. M. Playfair, at Folkestone, after the last annual meeting, to emphasise the importance of providing a Danger Board to warn anyone who might go into the belfry that the bells were up, and therefore the ropes must not be touched. Grants to the amount of £11 11s. had been paid from the Belfry Repairs Fund and sundry other payments promised, the balance to the credit of the fund being now £112 os. 4d. The balance on the ordinary account was £98 8s. 3d. 98 peals were rung in 1911, including the first peals by the Association of Duffield Royal, Cambridge Royal, and Erin Triples (the latter by eight members of the Crayford band). The first peal of Norfolk Surprise had been rung this year, and also of Waterloo Major; but, unfortunately, the latter turned out to be false. Mr. F. Bennett was to be congratulated on his successful conducting of these peals; the Association were also delighted to congratulate his daughter, Miss E. L. Bennett, on having rung first peals on handbells of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Grandsire Caters, and Bob Royal. Mr. Pitman (Lyminge) proposed the adoption of the report and balance sheet, which was seconded by Mr. Haigh (Rochester), and carried unanimously. The Hon. Secretary then proposed the formation of a Benevolent Fund. The subject had been discussed in all the districts, and there was a general consensus of opinion in its favour. He proposed that a start should be made by deducting 15 per cent from the subscriptions of last year, which, with the offertory that day, would make about £17 or £18, leaving details to be settled by the Central Committee, or by a sub-committee to be appointed by them. It might be objected that this was a very meagre sum, but the Belfry Repairs Fund was started 16 years ago with less, and although they had paid over £40 in grants, their balance was £112. The proposition was seconded by Mr. T. Saunders (East Peckham), and carried. The re-election of officers was proposed by Mr. G. B. Selby (Westerham) and seconded by Mr. F. Bennett (New Cross), the Revs. K. P. Brewer (Sturry), and F. L. Schreiber (Shipbourne) being added to the committee. Mr. W. J. Jeffries proposed the health of "The Visitors," mentioning by name Col. H. Bonham-Carter and Major A. J. Pilkington. These gentlemen suitably responded. For representatives to the Central Council the following were returned: Rev. E. J. O. Helmore, T. Groombridge, E. Barnett, and W. J. Jeffries. After the conclusion of the business a few touches were rung on handbells, in the Public Hall, Miss Bennett being one of the ringers.

CHAWLEIGH, NORTH DEVON.

RE-OPENING OF BELLS.

The re-opening of the new bells and the annual ringing festival for the parishes comprised in the Chulmleigh Deanery, attracted a much larger gathering of people on Wednesday than can be remembered for many years. The bells are a ring of six, with a 15 cwt. tenor, in the key of F, and these have been hung in a modern steel framework and fitted with all the latest fittings, including cast iron headstocks, etc. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, London, in their usual splendid manner, and they must indeed be congratulated upon the perfect "go" and the fine tone of the new bells.

Ringling commenced early in the forenoon, and except for a short interval, continued till dark. The eleven sets of ringers that took part, were from Bodelleigh, Burrington, Chulmleigh, Coleridge, Lapford, Winkleigh, East and West Worlington, and Zeal. A public luncheon was provided in the club-room at The Royal Oak hotel, by Mr. and Mrs. Edworthy, the Misses Edworthy, and staff, and was patronised by 130, including several ladies. During a short, but interesting toast list, the rector, churchwardens, and parishioners generally were congratulated by the visitors on the restoration of their fine peal of bells, and on having obtained the funds so readily. The Rev. H. A. Hill, Secretary of the Deanery Ringers' Association, gave a good account of the year's proceedings, whilst Mr. W. Hosegood (treasurer), announced a balance in hand of £2 19s. 5d. Divine Service was held at 3 p.m. when the church was quite filled. The prayers were read by the Rector, the Rev. F. Hudson, the first lesson by the Rev. A. R. Stogdon, the second by the Rev. W. M. Parker, and an eloquent sermon was preached by Preb. P. Williams, rector of St. James', Exeter. The other clergy present were the Revs. Bremridge, J. D. W. Worden, H. A. Hill, and A. F. McCarthy (Zeal). Special hymns and psalms were rendered by the choir, with Miss C. Baker at the organ. During a brief pause the bells were dedicated by the Rector, and the chimes by the donor (Mr. Isaac Phillips). A fine brass tablet relative to the chimes has been fixed in the belfry, bearing the following inscription: "Presented by Isaac Phillips, a former churchwarden, in his 59th year. We to the Church, the living call, and to the grave do summon all." Among the numerous visitors during the afternoon were the Countess of Portsmouth, Lady Margaret Watney, and the Hon. John Wallop. Thanks to the Ladies Committee (the Mesdames F. Hudson, T. Baker, W. Tucker, E. Webber, C. Tucker, and J. Baple), an excellent tea, with abundance of cream, etc., was provided in the adjoining schoolroom, and was appreciated by over 200, chiefly adults. Tea for the ringers was provided at The Portsmouth hotel. Numerous sports and games were indulged in by the youngsters in a field kindly lent by Mr. Thos. Baker, of Barton.

RE-DEDICATION OF TOWER AND BELLS AT TOPSHAM, DEVON.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

At a special service at Topsham Parish Church, a considerable portion of the new work (under the restoration scheme in hand) was dedicated. Mainly, the work embraces the renovation of the tower, including the rebuilding of the parapet above the top string and the turret, with the rehanging of the bells. The new black

and white marble pavement at the entrance to the chancel was also dedicated. The work has been carried out at a cost of about £300, under the guidance of Mr. E. H. Harbottle, the diocesan architect, the contract for the rebuilding work on the tower being in the hands of Mr. J. Tremlett, of Topsham, and the re-hanging of the bells was the work of Messrs. Harry Stokes and Sons, of Woodbury, who rehung the bells in a new oak frame, with all new fittings. The bells have also been tuned and quarter-turned, and a new Ellacombe chiming apparatus fixed. The alteration in the interior of the base of the tower includes opening up of the stairs to the roodloft of the ancient church, of which the tower is the only remaining portion, together with the hagnioscope beside the stair opening, and removing the screen over the doorway which hid the piscina in the south side of the recess, which in ancient times held a side altar. The oldest bell is dated 1640, and was installed during the vicariate of the Rev. William Levermore.

A large congregation assembled in the church for the dedication service, at which the Lord Bishop of the Diocese officiated. The service was preceded by a procession, headed by the beautiful processional cross used for the first time on Whit Sunday, and given to the church by Mr. A. K. Hamilton, The Retreat, Topsham. The procession entered the church from the north-west doorway, and proceeded up the central aisle to the chancel, the clergy including the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, the Rural Dean (Rev. Dr. C. Gordon Browne, rector of Lympstone), the Vicar (Rev. Guy Halliday), the Rev. H. Bishop (Topsham), the Rev. Hebor Browne (Rector of Clyst St. George), Rev. O. Longridge (Clyst St. George), Rev. L. E. Bartlett (Vicar of Countess Weir), and the Rev. E. Chalk (who bore the Bishop's crozier). A shortened form of evensong followed, the Vicar intoning the service. The special Psalms were the 67th and 147th. The lesson (Hebrews iii., 1-6) was read by the Rural Dean. The procession was re-formed, and proceeded to the tower singing a hymn, the words of which were written by the late Rev. J. Bartlett, formerly vicar of the parish, in anticipation of the occasion. The first verse of the hymn was—

"Lord, give these bells of Topsham Church.
Thy blessing and Thy voice;
To spread the news that all must learn
Who make Thy law their choice."

The Bishop having said the prayers of dedication, the bells were rung seven times in a clash, and afterwards in rounds by the ringers of Clyst St. George Church. The procession returned to the chancel, and when the bells ceased the Bishop gave a brief address.

His Lordship said they had assembled to dedicate to God work that had been contemplated for nearly forty years, and which was now completed—the restoration of the ancient tower of their church, and not only the sounding but the ringing of the church bells. Of that work it was not necessary to say very much in detail, except that like all works which were done to preserve and renew their ancient parish churches, could only be done with a great deal of hard work and self-denial on the part of a great many people to whom the churches were dear. Such work they encountered every day in the Church. Although for the most part they had received the ancient buildings as an heritage from the remote past, the Church of to-day had earned and made thoroughly good her right to the inheritances, not only by the treasure spent upon it, but the work done. Take away from this church what had been done during the past forty years,

what was there left? Remove from the Cathedrals and churches all traces of the work done in living memory, and they would have the land scattered all over with ruins. This was a matter not only of thankfulness to Almighty God, but of gratitude for the interest taken. It had been put into the hearts of His people to spend of their substance, and to offer prayers for the rebuilding, to His honour and His name, those buildings, that they might go down to the generations to come at least as complete and stable and beautiful as this generation received them from those who had gone before.

The service closed with the Blessing pronounced by the Bishop, and the hymn "The Church's one foundation" sung as a processional. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung on the bells at the close of the service by the Clyst St. George band.

NOTES.

We tender our congratulations (rather belated, but none the less sincere), to the ringers who brought off the long peal, 15,264 Bristol Surprise at Hornchurch on Whit Monday. Also those who captured the record for the longest peal on handbells by ringing 14,031 changes of Stedman Caters at Guildford on Saturday last.

We were unable to record the former last week, as it

did not reach us, though it was sent early enough. Our readers must blame the P.M.G.

Re-Dedications and Restorations seem to be very much to the fore just now. Our columns this week record several, one at Topsham, Exeter, at Chawleigh, North Devon; at Biggleswade, Beds. Others are contemplated.

This must be a good time for bell founders, who, like everyone else, have times of depression and slackness. At the present time they appear to be busy all round.

Whilst thanking our numerous correspondents for their willing services in supplying us with reports of occurrences, we should be obliged if others would send us an intimation when anything of interest occurs of which they cannot supply particulars, so that we may make arrangements to secure them.

Danger Boards on frozen ponds are a necessity. It would also be advisable to place a warning in our belfries to prevent visitors and others handling the ropes when the bells are raised, thus running the risk of a serious accident.

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HONOURING A BENEFACTOR.

MEMORIALS UNVEILED AND FIRST PEAL RUNG.

Seldom does it happen that on one day three memorials to one man are unveiled. This was the case, however, on Saturday, June 1st, when the late Mr. F. W. Webb, C.E. (a munificent benefactor to the town of Crewe) was so honoured. Beside being a generous supporter of the Cottage Hospital, Mr. Webb bequeathed a sum of money sufficient to build and endow an orphanage for the benefit of the orphans of employees at the Crewe Works of the London and North-Western Railway Co. He also (when the bells were first hung, 34 years ago) presented the tenor. To mark this munificence Sir Henry B. Robertson, of Pale Corwen, has placed a bronze bust of Mr. Webb at the Cottage Hospital, while the workmen at the Railway Works and Steam Sheds have subscribed for a similar bust and a portrait in oils at the Orphanage. It is the unveiling of these memorials we have the pleasure and satisfaction of recording.

The ceremony at the Hospital was performed by Sir H. B. Robertson. The bust at the Orphanage was unveiled by Mr. Ralph Brocklebank, a director of the L. & N.-W. Ry. Co., whilst Mr. C. J. Bowen Cooke, Chief Mechanical Engineer to the Company, officiated at the unveiling of the portrait.

The local ringers considered the occasion a fitting one to attempt the first peal on the new bells at Christ Church, and a band of railway men brought off a peal of Grandsire Caters, 5003 changes. The record of the peal, with the names of the ringers will be found among other peals in this issue.

IN MEMORY OF JAMES PETTIT.

(By request of my friend, R. K. Knight.)

Ye College Youths, didst thou behold that bier
Moving to Pettit's tomb without a pensive tear?
No pomp or wealth displayed to vulgar eye,
No heir to claim his special legacy.

One wreath adorns his cortege to the grave,
Where we return to Nature as she gave;
Around his corse all ringers now unite
No foes had he to fear or expedite.

See how his comrades in sympathy attend
That last dread scene as his remains descend;
He is not there—the Pettit of our trust—
His soul has left its casement in the dust.

In mute affection does Ted Horrex stand,
Like a lone hero of a vanished band,
Whose deeds and records must all time endure
Upon the scroll of fame, in memory pure.

What joys were theirs, what hopes of earlier years,
How many victories won in their careers!
Where are the men like Haley, Dwight, and Hayes,
That gained such unfeigned universal praise?

* * * *

Bring forth the bells in this dark hour of grief,
Fit requiem for your departed chief!
He sleeps among the poor, yet was a peer
In talent, patience, and withal sincere.

Above his pillow, in that narrow cell,
Ring soft those changes Pettit loved so well;
His gentle spirit breathes in their responsive sound,
To bid us calm our sorrow for the peace he's found.

G. F. M.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of Notices under this heading is Sixpence for 10 words, for the first insertion; repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on June 20th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 11th and 25th; at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 11th; Southwark Cathedral on the 18th; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th at 8 p.m.; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays at 7.30 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Northern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Saturday, June 15th. The tower will be open from 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting immediately after. All members and friends cordially invited.

WILLIAM H. HOTTEN, Hon. Sec.

42, Thornhill Road, Baronsbury.

The Midland Counties Association.—Barton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Barton-under-Needwood on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (8) ready at 3.30. Business meeting at 5.30.

HARRY WAKLEY, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Thomas, Moorside, Oldham, on Saturday, June 8th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.

13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Biggleswade Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Swilbin's, Sandy, on Saturday, June 8th. Bells available from 5 to 9.30.

F. BLOOD, Branch Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Leatherhead and Dorking District.—A meeting will be held at Ashted in connection with the above on Saturday, June 15th. Tea 6d. to members, 1s. to non-members. Bells available after 3 p.m.

Eastdene, Dorking.

R. H. FREEMAN, Hon. Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday June 15th, at Wolverley. The bells and also those at Cookley (6) will be available at 5 p.m. Service in the church at 4.45. Tea and business meeting at 5.30. Tea will be provided free for all who let me know on or before Wednesday, June 13th.

E. J. DOWLES, Branch Sec.

9, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bakewell on Saturday, June 15th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Committee Meeting in the Church Institute at 4.30. Tea (1s. 3d. each) at The Queen's Arms hotel at 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. W. Hopkins, Coombs Road, Bakewell, by Thursday morning, June 13th.

W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Keele on Saturday, June 15th. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. A. B. Goodwin, The Lodge, Keele, on or before June 12th.

REV. C. E. DONNE, } Hon. Secs.
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143, Flint Terrace, Tunstall.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stretford on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7.

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Branch Sec.

Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Breewood on Saturday, June 22nd. Ringing at 3. Service at 5.30, with an address by the Rev. Preb. C. Dunkley. Tea (5d.) at 6. A brake will leave Wolverhampton (top of Railway Drive, Lichfield Street), at 2.15. Fare 1s. 3d. Send word not later than 18th. Reports are ready.

H. KNIGHT, Hon. Sec.

15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Festival will be held at Winchester on Saturday, June 29th. Meeting at the Guildhall at 2 p.m. Service in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. The Cathedral bells will be available.

W. E. COLCHESTER, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held on Saturday, June 29th, at All Saints, Eastchurch, Isle of Sheppey. Tower open from 3.30 p.m.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN, Hon. Sec.

77, Bl Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

Notice.—Shoreditch Bells Fund.—Funds are urgently needed to put this grand old peal in proper repair. £50 wanted before the work can be commenced. Who will help a poor parish? Contributions thankfully received and gratefully acknowledged. Collecting cards also supplied by H. J. Bradley, The Parish Church, Shoreditch, E.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO A RINGER.

FUNERAL AT SONNING.

It is seldom that Sonning witnesses so many manifestations of grief as were in evidence on Thursday, May 30th, at the funeral of Mr. W. Hands, who died from the effects of an accident whilst cycling on Whit Monday. In company with a friend named Metcalfe, he was cycling from Sonning to Yattendon. When descending a hill near Ashampstead Common, the cycle he was riding appears to have skidded, and he was thrown over the handle bars. His companion who was ahead of him, on reaching the foot of the hill, looked back and saw Hands lying in the middle of the road. Going back he found him to be unconscious. Assistance was procured, and Hands was taken to the Royal Berks. Hospital, where he died about 3½ hours afterwards. The deceased who was 53 years of age, and had lived in the village between 20 and 30 years, was universally respected. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Guild, and the Rev. G. P. Crawford, Vicar of Sonning. The large congregation present included all the mill hands, the church bellringers, and Messrs. I. and G. Witherington, the proprietors of the mill at which Mr. Hands had long occupied a position of trust. After the service a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells over the grave by Reading ringers, deceased having been a ringer at the parish church. Those taking part were: Messrs. A. E. Reeves, 1-2; A. W. Pike, 3-4; J. W. Hern, 5-6; W. Newell, 7-8. The handbells were used on account of the church bells being down for repairs. There were many beautiful floral tributes.

WARSOP CHURCH BELLS.

Not too soon, expert advice has been obtained as to the condition of the Warsop Parish Church Bells. The tower contains a peal of four, dating back for several hundred years, and the result is extremely unfavourable. The condition of the frame is pronounced dangerous, and beyond chiming for Sunday services, further ringing is strictly prohibited until they are rehung.

The report considers the possibility of recasting the 3rd and 4th, and adding a new treble and tenor to make a handy peal of six, tenor about 9½ cwt., and also rehanging in a steel cage. A favourable opinion and estimate of cost is submitted.

The churchwardens will find a convenient use for the celebrated churchwarden pipe.

RETURN OF THANKS.

The relatives of the late Mr. A. R. Jacob, of Hornsey, Middlesex, desire to thank the ringers for the respect and sympathy shown in their bereavement, by the attendance of so large a number at the funeral.

DOWNHAM (Norfolk).—On Saturday, May 18th, at the parish church, six courses of Bob Major. J. Doughty, G. Neal, W. Goodrum, S. Staines, H. Robinson, P. Pickett, O. Staines, E. Barker (conductor), J. Mardell.

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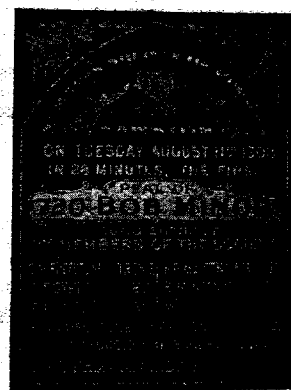
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 1912.

THE annual meeting of the Kent County Association seems to have been a most successful and satisfactory one from every point of view. Graced by the company of the Bishop of Rochester and other distinguished visitors, and favoured by glorious weather, the 130 members who met at Westerham had a right down good time. The service in the church was unique in that a form of prayer prepared by the Rev. P. A. L. CLARKE, of St. Alphege, Canterbury, and the Rev. F. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec. of the Association, was used for the first time. The one unsatisfactory note in our report is not easily explained, though we take it that those concerned consider they have good reason. We refer to the local prejudice which has kept the Association away from Sevenoaks for several years. Why should there be this prejudice? Are the

people of Sevenoaks so unmusical that they cannot appreciate the sound of a good peal of bells, even when well struck? Whatever the reason we are sorry for them, and wish them a speedy return to better thoughts. But to return to the business in hand. After the service there was a scamper for luncheon, as the Bishop of Rochester, who was to preside, had promised to attend an inspection of Church Lads and Boy Scouts at Knole Park, some miles away; so there was no time to lose. But what seems to have become a part of the programme at these meetings intervened. A local photographer barred the way with his camera, and would not be put off till he had succeeded in enticing sundry officers and members into the Vicarage garden, that with the aid of Old Sol he might transfer their images to paper, and so reap a harvest of shekels thereby. Oh the vanity of man! He loves to see himself portrayed, especially if his lady love be with him, or he be in company with a respectable body of men, such as ringers are. Sometimes he suffers for his vanity. He did on this occasion, for the luncheon was delayed half-an-hour while the operation was being performed, and he lost the Bishop's speech in consequence. The report presented by the hon. Secretary was of a most satisfactory character. With 106 towers, and 1,206 members, the Association should have a good record to show for its current year's work. In the matter of finance Kent stands well having a balance in hand on the General Account of just over £98, while the Belfry Repairs Fund has £112 to its credit. The Benevolent Fund was discussed, and its inception was approved, a sum of from £17 to £18 being credited to it by taking 15 per cent of last year's subscriptions and the offertory at the service as a nucleus. This was good business. Then there was the election of officers, which seems to have been got over easily by electing the same body as had done duty during the previous year, thus endorsing the opinion of the 1911 session, and showing appreciation of the work that had been done during the year. Altogether the Association spent a pleasant and profitable time, and start the year with a prospect of good work being done.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Four Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 36 cwt.

JOHN N. OXBORROW Treble.	JAMES WILLSHIRE 7.
WILLIS F. WINNEY 2.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD 8.
THOMAS FAULKNER 3.	FREDK. DENCH 9.
HARRY R. PASMORE 4.	JAMES R. MACKMAN 10.
HARBERT LANGDON 5.	JOHN W. GOLDING 11.
ALFRED B. PECK 6.	HENRY R. NEWTON Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON,

Ring with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. James Pettit.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At Christ Church, Currit Town, E.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HALLEY'S VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY ARGYLE Treble.	HAROLD W. CLARK 5.
ARTHUR J. NEALE 2.	TOPHAM CUTFORTH 6.
WILLIAM J. KEMP 3.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 7.
CHARLES T. COLES 4.	DALEY HODGSON Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

*First peal of Stedman. This peal was arranged for the ringers of the treble and 6th.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Four Hours and Five Minutes,

At St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES. Tenor 30 cwt. 0 qrs. 20 lbs.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret, Barking,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 22½ cwt.

ALBERT C. HARDY Treble.	ESNEREE ANDREWS 5.
ERNEST G. FENN 2.	GEORGE W. FAULKNER 6.
WILLIAM TRUSS 3.	ROWLAND FENN 7.
YORK GREEN 4.	THOMAS FAULKNER Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by THOS. FAULKNER.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Deptford, S.E.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; REV. H. EARLE BULWEE'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

WM. WEATHERSTONE Treble.	GEORGE DURLING 5.
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON 2.	GEORGE H. DAVNES 6.
FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON 3.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 7.
ALBERT E. GODDARD 4.	JOSEPH LAW Tenor.

Conducted by WM. J. JEFFRIES.

*First peal in the method. †First in the method as conductor. Ring in honour of the King's birthday.

The Provinces.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

BERTIE TURNER Treble.	FREDK. ROOPE 5.
EDWIN WHITING 2.	WILLIAM ROOPE 6.
ALFRED SMITH 3.	CHARLES ROOPE 7.
CHARLES BAKER 4.	FREDK. BARNETT Tenor.

Composed by H. W. WILDS, and Conducted by F. BARNETT.

*First peal on eight bells.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.)

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5051 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

JESSE GILLET Treble	ROBERT SCHIVEN 6.
FRANCIS E. HART 2.	ERNEST E. DAVIS 7.
HARRY LEWIS 3.	ALFRED T. BRUNSDON 8.
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 4.	GEORGE CONDICE 9.
CHARLES H. AUSTIN 5.	THOMAS J. WHITING Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.)

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES H. AUSTIN .. Treble	ALFRED T. BRUNSDON .. 5.
HARRY LEWIS 2.	GEORGE CONDICE 6.
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 3.	ERNEST E. DAVIS 7.
JESSE GILLET 4.	THOMAS J. WHITING Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED T. BRUNSDON.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HAROLD INGLE Treble	CHARLES DRAPE 5.
ARTHUR BRAINES 2.	JOHN FLOWER 6.
GEORGE WARD 3.	EDMUND WILLIS 7.
CHAS. E. HART 4.	JAMES PAGETT Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

This peal is now rung by the Association for the first time, and is the first peal by all the band in the method, and the first rung in Derby, and was rung at the first attempt. J. Flower hails from Duffield.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

REGINALD LAST Treble	GEORGE KEMP 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	ALPHABUS J. BERRY 5.
CHARLES NUNN 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLE Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLE.

READING.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT H. YOUNG .. Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 5.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 1.	AMBROSE W. OSBORNE .. 6.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 2.	ARTHUR HARDING 7.
HARRY BUNGAY 3.	RICHARD BUCKLAND Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

*First peal in the method.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Nine Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,

15,264 CHANGES. Tenor 19½ cwt.

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

Composed by GARRIBL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The above is the longest length ever rung in any Surprise method, and is the longest peal by the Association. The band wish to thank the Rev. Herbert Dale for the use of the bells, and also J. Dale (steeplekeeper), for having everything in readiness.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Oxford Single Bob, two of Canterbury Pleasure, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

ALFRED J. CHUTE* .. Treble	HURRIT J. CHAFFEY .. 4.
CHARLES EDWARDS 2.	FREDR. W. BLUNTT .. 5.
ALFRED CROUCHER* 3.	JOHN HALL Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal and first attempt by the ringers of the treble and 3rd. First peal on the bells, and first peal ever rung in the garrison town of Aldershot.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM STENNING .. Treble	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 5.
GEORGE TOMSETT 2.	HERBERT TOMSETT .. 6.
ERNEST E. BISH 3.	THOMAS STRINGER .. 7.
HENRY J. GRAVETT 4.	WILLIAM ASHDOWN Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE TOMSETT.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Bob iv, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 8 lbs. in B flat.

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

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.)

On Wednesday, May 29, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

ARTHUR G. JAMES .. Treble	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 5.
FREDERICK G. BIGGS .. 2.	CECIL C. MAYNE 6.
RICHARD BUCKLAND 3.	JAMES W. WILKINS .. 7.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 4.	ROBERT H. YOUNG Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

*First peal in the method.

READING.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5035 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble.	*HARRY BOEGAY 6.
RICHARD BUCKLAND 2.	ROBERT H. YOUNG 7.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 3.	ARTHUR HARDING 8.
RICHARD N. RDNHAM* 4.	AMBROSE W. OSBORNE 9.
ERNEST C. LAMBERT* 5.	REDKEN SAWYER Tenor.

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

*First peal of Stedman Caters. The above and the peal of Treble Bob were rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. Buckland. The visitors take this opportunity of thanking Mr. A. W. Osborne for his kindness in making all the necessary arrangements.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, May 28, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THUESTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

BENJAMIN GODGE Treble.	*CHARLES BEECH 5.
CHRISTOPHER WALLACE 2.	BERT HORTON 6.
EDGAR MARLOW 3.	*WILLIAM FISHER 7.
GEORGE PRATE 4.	HOWARD W. CATTELL Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

*First peal in the method. Rang in honour of the coming of age of Mr. T. Hughes, of Wednesbury.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIX-PART No. 13 C.C.C.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM HENLEY Treble.	JAMES ELDERFIELD 5.
ROBERT FLAXMAN 2.	JAMES BLACKMORE 6.
JOSEPH J. PARKER 3.	WILLIAM WELLING 7.
HAROLD T. BATTEN 4.	*WILLIAM CLARKE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

*First peal. Rang on the thirty-fifth anniversary of the re-opening of the tower and six bells, which were augmented to eight in the year 1898 to commemorate the late Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.

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

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

PERCY O. LAYMAN Treble.	*ALBERT WALKER 5.
CHARLES DICKENS 2.	SAMUEL GROVE 6.
EDMUND J. HYLAND 3.	ALF PADDON SMITH 7.
MORRIS J. MORRIS* 4.	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by PERCY O. LAYMAN.

(First peal as conductor in the method. *First peal of Cambridge Major. The band wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. F. S. Swindell, for the use of the bells on this and other occasions.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On Tuesday, May 14th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Avis, F. Hayes, J. Burles, G. Morrad, G. Ambrose, F. Mitchell (conductor). This was the conductor's 100th 720. Also 720 College Single, with J. Allen in place of F. Hayes. On Sunday, May 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Avis, G. Ambrose, F. Hayes, J. Allen, J. Burles, F. Mitchell (conductor). In the evening, by the same band, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by J. Burles; first 720 in the method as conductor.

MALDON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(The Maldon and District Guild.)

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

EBENEZER W. FINCH Treble.	FRED CHALK 4.
HAROLD FINCH 2.	THOMAS C. GOZZETT 5.
ALFRED GOZZETT 3.	HORACE J. MANSFIELD Tenor.

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Rang in honour of the wedding of Mr. A. South, one of the local ringers, to Miss E. L. Mansfield, sister of the conductor, who were married at All Saints' church, on June 1st, 1912.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM T. HOLDING* Treble.	*ALBERT CRAWLEY 6.
RICHARD LANGFORD, SEN. 2.	*GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 7.
JAMES HENRY RIDING 3.	*C. J. BOWEN COOK 8.
HARRY F. HOLDING* 4.	†RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN. 9.
RICHARD T. HOLDING, JCN.* 5.	*JOHN DENTITH Tenor.

Composed by H. COOPER, and
Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN.

See C.C. Collection, No. 9, page 42. *First peal of Grandsire Caters. †First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor. All the performers are local, and employed by the London and North-Western Railway Company. First peal on the bells since re-casting and augmenting to ten. Further reference will be found on page 180.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 of Bob Minor.

Tenor 13 cwt.

TOM STOCKDALE Treble.	HENRY RODMELL 4.
CHARLES JACSON 2.	ARTHUR E. WEST 5.
HERRERT RODMELL 3.	*LEONARD RODMELL Tenor.

Conducted by L. RODMELL.

*First peal as conductor. Rang to celebrate the wedding of Mr. A. W. Wilson to Miss Mary Calvert, eldest daughter of Mr. J. S. Caldwell, one of the local ringers, whom the band wish to thank for his kind hospitality after the peal.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES.

Tenor 40 cwt.

EDWIN H. LEWIS Treble	REV. C. A. CLEMENTS 7.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 2.	JOSEPH RIDYARD 8.
HENRY W. WILDE 3.	FREDERICK PAGE 9.
REV. A. T. BERTON 4.	WILLIAM DAVIES 10.
GEORGE R. NEWTON 5.	HARRY CHAPMAN 11.
REV. H. J. ELSE 6.	RICHARD NEWTON Tenor.

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

First peal of Stedman Cinques by all except the leaders of 2, 5, 7, 10, 11 and tenor. Rang on the 98th anniversary of the opening of the bells. This is H. Chapman's 300th peal.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

EDWARD EVANS Treble.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2.	JAMES MOTTS 6.
CHARLES BAKER 3.	ERNEST F. POPPY .. 7.
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. 4.	FREDK. R. BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs. 5 lb. in F.

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

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5027 CHANGES.

HENRY SPRINGALL Treble.	JOHN H. B. HESSE .. 6.
ALFRED B. PECK 2.	FREDK. J. HARDY .. 7.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 3.	FREDK. DENCH 8.
CHARLES S. BURDEN .. 4.	HERBERT LANGDON .. 9.
WILLIAM A. GARRARD .. 5.	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

FRENTHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS Treble.	ALFRED CROUCHER .. 4.
ALFRED J. CHUTEY 2.	HUBERT CHAFFEY .. 5.
JOHN HALL 3.	WILLIAM HORNE .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

*First peal with a bob bell.

EYNSFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

REGINALD BROUGH Treble.	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 5.
EDWIN F. PIKE 2.	ROBERT BRETT SMITH .. 6.
THOMAS BOOKER 3.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 7.
REUBEN BALDWIN 4.	FRANK GATES Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

This peal was rung in honour of the coming of age of T. Groombridge, jun. on May 30th, the band wishing him many happy returns. Meeting one short through a misunderstanding for Stedman, Mr. T. Booker obliged at the last minute for the above.

A DIAGRAM OF UNION TRIPLES (1893), may be had gratis, on application by letter to W. H. THOMPSON, 5, Sillwood Street, Brighton, to whom the unsold remainder has been returned by the publishers.

LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael, Garston,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT KELLY Treble.	JOHN ALLEN 5.
THOMAS J. MORRIS 2.	GEORGE WOODHALL .. 6.
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3.	EDWARD CAUNCE .. 7.
THOMAS JENNION 4.	SAMUEL MILLERSHIP .. Tenor.

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

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. F. W. Barr, the Vicar of Garston's father-in-law, and Mr. Arthur R. Jacob, of London, this being the last tower in which he rung. This is the conductor's 100th peal.

Handbell Peals.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Seven Hours and Three Minutes,

In the Bellry of Holy Trinity Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 14,031 CHANGES.

ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD .. 1-2.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 5-6.
ALFRED H. POLLING .. 3-4.	JAMES HUNT 7-8.
FRANK BLONDELL 9-10.	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Umpires—T. W. Radford, S. Radford, J. S. Goldsmith, M. Smither, C. J. Hamblin, and H. Hutton. This is the longest length ever rung on handbells, and is the longest peal by the Guild. Mr. J. Hunt's 300th peal.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. H. F. Cross,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

FREDK. J. CROSS 1-2.	BEATRIS J. HOWARTH .. 5-6.
WILLIAM A. HEMPEL .. 3-4.	GEORGE H. CROSS .. 7-8.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Southern Branch.)

On Sunday, June 2, 1912, in Two Hours,

At the Residence of Mr. J. Osborn.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s in eight methods: i. Double and Single Court; ii. College Single; iii. Double Bob; iv. Oxford Bob; v. Plain Bob Minor; vi. Kent Treble Bob; vii. Oxford Treble Bob.

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

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

Witness—Mrs. Osborn. This is the first time that seven true and complete 720s have ever been rung in eight methods retained in hand. †Fiftieth peal.

LEICESTER.—On Whit Monday, May 27th, eight members of the St. Saviour's company assisted by members of St. Martin's Society, rang a touch of 700 Grandsire Triples, in 38 mins., on the occasion of the marriage of a ringer, Mr. Albert E. Vernon, A. Sharpe, A. Briggs, J. Buttery, J. E. Abbott, W. S. Shelton, J. S. Needham (conductor), A. Martin. Mr. Fred Ward officiated on the tenor in the place of Jeremiah Vernon, father of the bridegroom. This touch is taken from the old "Campanalogia," dated 1702, a copy of which is in the possession of St. Saviour's steeple-keeper. Tenor 26 cwt. in E.

RINGERS' OUTING.

ST. PETER'S, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

The members of the St. Peter's Ringing Association had a most enjoyable outing on Monday, May 27th, when they journeyed to Bakewell, and spent the day in the towers of the district. Leaving Burton at 8.8 a.m. they travelled via Derby, reaching their destination at 11.15. By way of commencement a visit was paid to All Saints' church, where the fine peal of eight was tested, touches of Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob being rung. Later a move was made to Youlgreave, where, at the parish church Grandsire and Stedman Triples were tried, and brought round. Finally Rowsley was visited, from whence the return train for Derby was caught, and so on to home, which was reached at 8.30 p.m., thus terminating a thoroughly good outing.

Miscellaneous.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

ANSTON (Yorks).—At St. James's church the following 720s have been rung, assisted by Miss E. Steel, of Bedford, who rang her first 720 in each method in a very creditable manner: On Sunday evening, May 5th, 720 Woodbine. F. Stenton, W. Platts, Miss Steel, R. Smith, S. Smith, C. Fowler (conductor). On May 7th, 720 College Exercise. H. Turner, 2; H. Stenton (conductor), 6; the rest as before. On Sunday evening, May 12th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. W. Platts, 2; C. Fowler (conductor), 6; the rest as before. On Sunday morning, May 19th, 720 Cambridge Surprise (18 bobs), conducted by C. Fowler. On May 21st, 720 London Surprise. W. Platts, H. Turner, Miss Steel, R. Smith, S. Smith, C. Fowler (conductor). On Sunday, May 26th, 720 Cambridge Surprise and 720 College Pleasure, as before.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOLNEY (Sussex).—For practice on Thursday, May 30th, 560 Bob Major. A. Absalom, G. Weller, G. Walder, W. H. Packham, T. Gaston, G. Lewry, W. Vincent, W. Walder conductor. This is the longest length in the method by the local branch and by all the band.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BULL.—Recently, at All Saints' church, 433 Grandsire Triples. H. S. Webb, H. Jenkins, M. Hedges, T. Harrison, C. Jackson, A. B. Cook, T. Whitfield, J. H. Chamberlain.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

PLYMOUTH.—On Tuesday, June 4th, at Charles' church, a quarter-peal of Eria Caters in 50 mins. W. H. Marsh, W. Hornbrook, Rev. E. S. Powell, R. Hornbrook, W. Rundle, R. Dobson, G. R. Stroud, W. G. Hiscott, E. W. Marsh, F. Hockaday. Conducted by E. W. Marsh.

ASTON (Birmingham).—On Sunday, June 2nd, for evening service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. A. Egerton, J. Jones, W. H. Jones, J. Hopkin, F. Bennett, W. G. Ellis (conductor), W. Davies, C. Allen. First quarter-peal by the ringer of the treble.

HILGAY (Norfolk).—On Saturday, May 4th, at the parish church, nine courses of Bob Major. S. Staines, A. Bacon, W. Woodrum, J. Doughty, P. Peckett, H. Robinson, O. Staines, E. Barker, J. Mardell.

WANTED.—A copy of "CHURCH BELLS OF SHROPSHIRE," in good condition.—Address E. RODENHURST, The Heath House, Stanton-on-Hine-Heath, Salop.

ABOUT BELLS.

Much has been written about Bells; but we do not propose to record what is generally known, but to set out a few not generally known facts.

One of our earliest bells is the bell of St. Keyna, daughter of Brychan, Prince of the Province called from him Brecknock, and on the site of her oratory, was founded the church of St. Ceneu, or Keyna, at Llangency. The bell consists of a single sheet of iron, gathered up into its present form, and riveted through the middle, with a loop for a handle, and was intended to be rung by swinging it in the hand. It appears to have been coated with bell metal. It is one of the reliques of ancient British Christianity, and its discovery and story is told in Jones' "History of Brecknockshire," 1809.

In the diary of Sir William Dugdale, under date July 26th, 1652, he says that "on this day, ye faire bell called Jesus bell at Lichfield, knockt in peices by a Presbyterian, who was ye chiefe Officer for demolishing of ye Cathedral, and about this bell was thys inscription—

I am ye bell of Jesus, and Edward is our Kyng,
Sir Thomas Heywood first caused me to rynge: "

and here we must tell you, that in the time of our King John, in the year A.D. 968, they used to hold a special service, and the Bishops did consecrate the bells, and did sprinkle them with salt and water, and did pray that the snares of the devil, and that hail, lightning, winds and storms may be rendered vain, and then he gave them a name; and in a recent number of the "Torquay Directory," we read that "in conformity with an old usage, the bells in Dawlish Parish Church were rung during a thunderstorm in the belief that the Spirit of the Bells would overcome the Spirit of the Lightning," and it was customary in the seventeenth century to engrave on church bells the Monkish couplet:

Lightning and Thunder
I brake asunder.

Wynkyn de Worde in his "Legenda Aurea," writes:

"The Evil spirytes that be in the region of the ayre doute moch when they hear the bells rongen, when it thondreth, and when great tempestes be."

In olden times they used to ring the church bells at five o'clock in the morning, to call the people to work, and in the year 1602 the people of Ickham made complaint to the Bishop of Canterbury that they had no such bells because the parishioners had not the £45 which they agreed to pay for such a bell. The Waking Bell, for calling people, is still rung at Sandwich at five o'clock in the morning.

This custom formerly prevailed at Hammersmith Church but in 1724 Dr. Martin and Lady Isabella Howard, his wife complained that this early ringing was a great inconvenience to them, and took proceedings in the High Court that the bells should not be rung at that hour during their lives or the life of the survivor, in consideration of which they agreed to erect a new cupola, clock, and bell to the church: this they did, and the bell ceased to ring for two years; then the agreement was enforced against the Parish Authorities by means of an Injunction against ringing the bell, and the case is reported in Martin v. Nutkin, 2 Peere Williams.

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GROCERS' ASSISTANT, TRAVELLER, or any position of trust. Age 28. Change-ringer on 6, 8 of 10 bells.—Apply, C.B., 53, Fitzalan Street, Kennington, S.E.

DEDICATION OF BELLS AT BIGGLESWADE.

A new ring of eight bells has been put up in the tower 14 of St. Andrew's Biggleswade. The bells, tenor about cwt. (a very pretty set, with a decidedly good tone) were cast and hung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. They are hung in a very heavy H iron frame, and the "go" and "correct speaking" leaves nothing to be desired.

The dedication service took place on Whit Sunday at 3 p.m. The church was prettily decorated, and as one glanced round at the congregation, a delightful feeling of thankfulness was aroused that we were permitted to attend at this service of song and thanksgiving, and to throw aside for a time the strenuous duties and cares of life. The lesson was read by the Rev. H. G. Strange, and the Rev. R. S. Bagshawe, Vicar, read the service. The anthem "The Lord is King" was rendered boldly and vigorously.

After the presentation and dedication and a few rounds being rung, the Vicar addressed the donors, then the congregation, and offered special prayers for the worshippers. He then gave a short address, in the course of which he said he little thought when he spoke on St. Andrew's Day that they would have at Whitsuntide such a fine peal of eight bells, hung with all the latest scientific improvements. The old five bells had been recast, the old inscriptions being retained, and three new bells had been added. The gifts had lifted a load of anxiety from his mind, and he felt especially thankful to the donors and subscribers. Little troubles very often occurred in the business life of a church, but he hoped when the bells were rung that each one would remember that much could be done by the exercise of a little charity and self-sacrifice, and by all working together, with one mind, for the common good.

The service concluded with the hymn "Lifted high within the steeple," and the recessional "Now thank we all our God."

A party of ringers from St. Paul's, Bedford, and a number of ringers from the surrounding villages were also present, and rang some excellent touches in various methods, including Stedman, Double Norwich and Superlative. On Whit Monday, at the invitation of Mr. Blood, the ringers again attended, and the bells were kept going, giving everyone an opportunity to have a pull. Before leaving Mr. J. W. Barker, on behalf of the ringers, thanked the Vicar and churchwardens for entertaining, and Mr. Blood for his kindly welcome and for making arrangements for the ringers.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The sixth meeting of the year of the above Guild was held at the church of St. Mary, Stone-in-Oxney, Kent, on Saturday last, representatives attending from Appledore, Iden, Rye, Tenterden and the local tower. Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were the methods practised, and excellent striking was the prevailing feature. The Master (Mr. G. Billenness) presided at the business meeting held in the belfry. It was unanimously resolved, on the proposition of Mr. C. Tribe, seconded by Mr. C. Wenham, to hold the next meeting at Appledore on the last Saturday in the month and at that meeting the officials hope as many as possible will attend, for the question of holding an outing in July is to be discussed, and it is the desire of the officers to fix a

convenient date, which could be settled upon easier, and to the satisfaction of all the members by a large assembly. The proposal by Mr. C. W. Player, seconded by Mr. G. Johnson, to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, at New Romney, on the third Saturday in the month was unanimously passed. This concluded the business, and after several more touches had been rung, the bells were lowered in peal, terminating a very satisfactory meeting.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

QUARTERLY MEETING.

A most successful meeting of the above Association was held at Whittlesea on Whit Monday, the towers represented including Peterborough Cathedral, St. John's, St. Mary's, Wisbech, Ramsey, Maxey, Yaxley, Bourne, Castor, and the local company. Short touches of Major, Minor, Doubles and Grandsire Triples were rung during the day at St. Mary's and St. Andrew's, and at the latter church a service was conducted by the Rev. R. Y. Holmes, assistant curate. The business meeting followed, Mr. J. Jackson presiding. The business included the election of twelve new members, among them the Rev. B. H. Durrant Field, assistant curate of Tanson. It was decided to hold a district meeting at Alwalton and Castor on June 29th. The meeting was concluded by ringing short touches at both local churches.

ST. STEPHEN'S, WEST EALING.

In the presence of a large congregation the new Vicar, the Rev. Wm. H. Thompson, LL.D., was collated and inducted by the Bishop of Kensington on Thursday evening, May 30th. The procession, headed by the choir and Messrs. L. S. Guy and A. J. F. Gunning (churchwardens) entered the church by the north door and filed up the centre aisle towards the Bishop's chair, the University hoods of the numerous clergy making pleasing dashes of brilliant colour. Every detail of the ceremony was watched with interest by the congregation, and after the reading of the mandate the newly-inducted Vicar, with the Rural Dean, went to the church door and took possession of the key, afterwards tolling one of the bells in conformity with custom. The offerings at the service were devoted to the fund for hanging the bells, which are castings of a high standard from the foundry of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Prior to the service (by request of the church authorities) the following well known members of the Middlesex Association rang a 504 of Stedman Triples. The ringers were: J. J. Pratt (Hillingdon), conductor, G. Ransom (Iselworth), W. Lawrence (Hanwell), W. Lidbetter (Brentford), T. Beadle (Isleworth), W. H. Fussell (Slough), J. H. B. Hesse (Teddington), and A. Harding (Ealing). At the conclusion of the ringing the new Vicar, with the churchwarden, Mr. A. J. F. Gunning, visited the belfry, and complimented the band on the excellence of their ringing performance, and said how glad he was to find so good a peal of bells there. W. L.

THE HATFIELD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

HATFIELD (Herts).—On Sunday, May 19th, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1280 changes, in 50 mins. F. Cull, J. J. Powers, J. W. Rumney, H. Shepherd, J. Hollingsworth, J. T. Kentish (conductor). This is the first quarter-peal in the method by the local band.

A large clock and chimes are to be fixed in the parish church of Maunden, Bedfordshire, which is to be of the finest construction and to keep accurate time. Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, are carrying out the work. The same firm recently fixed a clock in the neighbouring church of Silsoe, and they are also making a large clock for Pennington, Hants.

At a meeting of the Great Chapter of Chichester, it was announced that sufficient funds were in hand to restore the Cathedral, and that a scheme would be proceeded with shortly.

At St. Paul's church, Chippenham, on Sunday week, the Rector dedicated a new reredos. The cost has been defrayed out of part of the legacy recently left to the church by the late Miss King. The reredos is of stone, and is in the style of the latter end of the 14th century. It is

divided into five compartments of tracery, the middle of which is developed with carved bosses into a cross.

The ceremony of consecrating St. Thomas's church, Skirbeck Quarter, Boston, Lincs., has been performed by the Lord Bishop of Lincoln (Dr. Hicks). The church has been erected by Messrs. Brown and Co., of Wellingborough, and Mr. Temple Moore, of London, was the architect. The cost was £3,645.

The new parish hall erected in High Street, Rhymney, at a cost of £1,600, has been formally opened. Mr. J. Llewellyn Smith, of Aberdare and Merthyr, was the architect, and Messrs. Williams and Sons, of New Tredegar, were the contractors.

The work of restoring the church tower of Wellington, Salop, was begun last week, under the direction of Mr. Dean, foreman for Messrs. Bevan and Hodges, Here-

ford, who are the contractors for the stone work. Mr. Bettington, Hereford, is the architect.

At Whitcombe church, Dorset, fragments of a fine Saxon or Celtic churchyard cross have been found built into the chancel wall. Mr. St. John Hope, F.S.A., has pronounced the cross unique in Dorset.

The reopening of Westhorpe Parish Church (St. Margaret's) by the Bishop of Thetford, after restoration at a cost of £800, took place last week. The church belongs to the Decorated period, with Perpendicular additions. At the east end of the south aisle is elaborately-carved screen-work, enclosing seats which formed the pew occupied by the Duke of Suffolk and his Royal spouse Mary Tudor. The duke and his wife spent much of their married life at Westhorpe, and here Mary occupied herself in the education of her children and the laying out of the gardens of the hall. The work of restoration was undertaken from plans by Mr. Weir.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—During the past week donations have been received for the Winchester Cathedral Preservation Fund, which have entirely wiped out the deficit. In all £113,000 has been raised and spent on the edifice, which is to be re-opened in the presence of the King on Monday, July 15th, but Canon Braithwaite points out that many other parts of the fabric, including some portions of the roof, are crying out for attention. The whole of the ten new buttresses on the south side of the nave have been finished, and the past week has seen the removal of the great shoring timbers which supported the south wall of the south transept. The difficult work was accomplished without a single mishap, despite the fact that the wall is considerably out of plumb. Extensive supports to this wall have been provided by massive buttresses beneath the library.

A vigorous effort is being made to secure funds for the completion of Sir Gilbert Scott's Cathedral Church of St. Mary in Edinburgh by the addition of the twin western spires, as a memorial to the Misses Walker, munificent donors to the building fund. At a meeting of the general committee of the Cathedral, presided over by the Earl of Mar and Kellie, it was reported by the secretary and treasurer, Mr. Hope Gill, C.A., that the total amount received or promised to date for the building of the spires was £3,757 from 228 subscribers. It was resolved to issue a general appeal for further aid.

The foundation stone has been laid of a mission church of St. Helen, at Silfield, near Wymondham. The builder is Mr. H. P. Bowden, of Wymondham, and the architects are Messrs. Lacey and Upcher, of Norwich.

At North Meols, Southport, a new parochial hall has been opened by the Bishop of Liverpool. The new building, which stands on the site of the old parochial hall, has been erected at a cost of £1,250.

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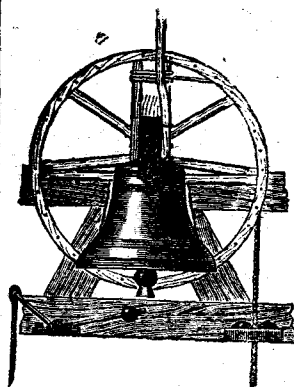
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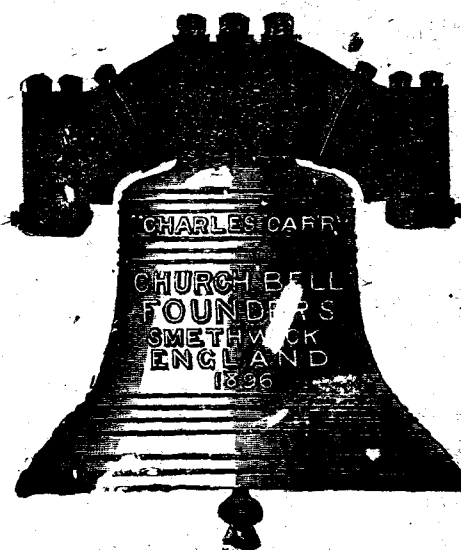
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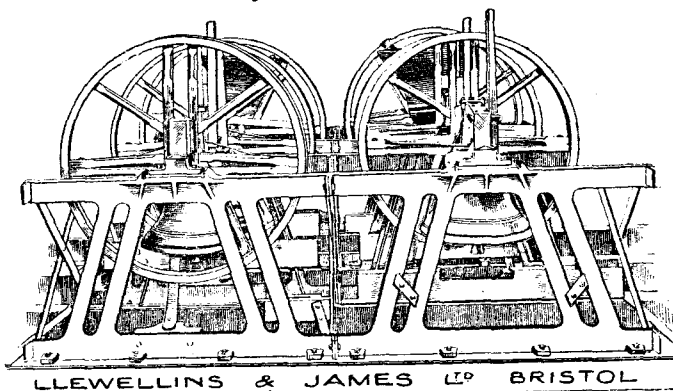
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Plans of a new church for St. Mary's
congregation were presented on Mon-
day at Motherwell Dean of Guild
Court by the kirk-session of Dalziel
parish church. The site of the church
is in the west end of the burgh, sur-
rounded by a villa population. Accom-
modation is being provided for 600
worshippers, and the cost of the church
and small hall is estimated at £4,000.
The Court approved of the plans.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL REPORT.—FIRST INSTALMENT.

As will be seen by the list of attendances already published there was the largest number of representatives ever yet assembled at the first session of the eighth Council, which was held in the Small Hall of the Church House, Westminster, on Whitsun Tuesday. Heavy traffic at intervals passed through Great Smith Street, which the hall overlooks, consequently it was often difficult to hear speeches.

The proceedings commenced by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies asking the Council to proceed to the election of a President, for which there had been only one nomination, viz., Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart.

Mr. A. T. King proposed and the Rev. E. W. Carpenter seconded the election of Sir Arthur Heywood as president, which was carried with acclamation.

The President, upon taking the chair, said he desired to thank the Council for their continued confidence in him. He was beginning to think that the time had arrived when it might be for the good of the Council if someone else was elected to the post. (No, no.) He was not an advocate for anyone holding the same office for too long a period. He would, however, endeavour to serve the Council to the best of his ability. (Hear, hear.) He would now ask the Council to elect an Hon. Sec., for which post he need not say there was but one nomination, that of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies.

On the proposition of the Rev. C. E. Matthews, seconded by Mr. W. T. Cockerill, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies was elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

The President said he could assure the Council that they had the best hon. secretary possible, for Mr. Davies relieved him of much of the hard work.

The Hon. Sec. desired to thank Sir Arthur Heywood for his kind words respecting himself. The Council could rest assured that he should at all times do his best for their welfare.

FINANCE.

The Hon. Sec. read the accounts, of which the following is a summary:—Balance from 1910, £63 15s. 8d.; affiliation fees, £11 12s. 6d.; sales of publications, 14s. 9d.; total, £76 2s. 11d. The expenses of last year's meeting were £2 12s.; printing, £1 3s. 11d.; postages, 14s. 6d.; leaving a balance of £71 12s. 6d. This, with the value of publications on hand, if sold at nett price, would make the assets of the Council £196 16s. 3d. The publications sold during the year were: Preservation of Bells, 17; Report on Catalogue of Peals and Calls (1894), 3; Glossary of Terms, 7; Model Rules for an Association, 1; Model Rules for a Company, 25; Rules and Decisions of the Council, 4; Collection of Legitimate Methods, 22; Peal Collections, Section 1, 12; Do., Section 2, 6; Do. Section 3, 5; Bells and Belfries, 4.

On the proposition of Mr. R. Cartwright, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, the accounts, which had been audited by the Standing Committee, were passed.

HON. MEMBERS.

The President announced that the retiring hon. members were the Hon. Secretary, Messrs. C. E. D. Boutflower, G. Williams, J. Carter, J. S. Pritchett, and J. Trollope. He regretted to say as Mr. Boutflower's health did not permit him to attend the Council meetings it was not thought desirable, by the Standing Committee, to re-elect him. These were four former members of the Council who no longer represented their Association viz., Canon Papillon, Rev. H. A. Cockey, and Messrs. R. A. Daniell and W. Snowdon. In view of the work that each of these gentlemen had done for the Council the Standing Committee recommended that all four be added to the list of hon. members.

If this suggestion was adopted, and also the names he had given of those retiring, except Mr. Boutflower, the whole of the vacancies would be filled.

On the proposition of the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, seconded by the Rev. Maitland Kelly, the list submitted by the President was adopted.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members were introduced to the President:—College Youths—Messrs. T. Faulkner and A. Hughes; Royal Cumberlands—Mr. J. D. Matthews; Chester Diocesan Guild—Mr. W. Bibby; Kent County Association—Mr. W. J. Jeffries; Lancashire Association—Mr. T. Redman; Leeds and District Society—Mr. P. J. Johnson; London County Association—Messrs H. S. Ellis and E. A. Young; Middlesex County Association—Messrs. J. H. B. Hesse and W. Pye; Midland Counties Association—Mr. E. C. Gobey; Central Northants Association—Mr. D. J. Nichols; Oxford Diocesan Guild—Mr. J. Evans; Salisbury Diocesan Guild—Rev. F. Llewelyn Edwards; Surrey Association—Mr. C. F. Johnson; Sussex County Association—Mr. K. Hart; Warwickshire Guild—Mr. H. Argyle; Yorkshire Association—Rev. C. C. Marshall: Hon. Member—Mr. W. H. Wilde.

Upon the introduction of Mr. W. Pye, the President called attention to the record peal of Bristol Surprise, 15,264 changes, in 9 hrs. 49 mins., of which Mr. Pye was the conductor.

Hearty applause was accorded to Mr. Pye.

APOLOGIES.

The Hon. Secretary announced that apologies had been received from the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, Mr. John Carter, Rev. J. M. Clarkson, Mr. C. H. Hattersley, Mr. F. B. Tompkins and Mr. H. White.

MR. WM. BANISTER—CONGRATULATIONS.

This veteran in the annals of Change-Ringing, who was on a visit to London, was invited by the President to a seat on the platform.

The President said he should like to offer Mr. Banister the congratulations of the Council. Mr. Banister, who was 89 years of age, had made his mark in the history of the Exercise, and his presence there that day was an honour to the Council.

Mr. Banister promptly rose, and in a clear voice said he had now been shut out of the ringing world for some years, and there were many new faces, which were unknown to him. Looking back over a period of 50 years, among the few old friends he had left were Matthew Wood, whom he hoped to meet, and also William Cooter, who he regretted to learn was too ill to recognise anyone. He desired to thank the Council for their kind reception and said it would still be a pleasure for him, in what little time he had left, to do, as he had done in the past, anything he could for the good of ringers. For the past nine years he had been living in North Wales. He had been associated with ringers for over 70 years, and was glad to find that ringing had advanced so much, which he believed was due to the existence of so many county associations and to the interest which so many of the clergy took in ringing. Ringing appeared to stand much better than it did formerly. He could remember the time when if one wanted to go for a peal one had to walk it might be some eight or ten miles—there and back—to a tower. Now they had facilities for travelling in all directions. He hoped that the Council would continue to prosper. (Cheers.)

The veteran, a little later, retired amidst hearty applause.

THE LATE MR. PETTIT.

The President said he should like, without moving a resolution, to express what a great loss, especially in London, the death of the late James Pettit was. The ringing world had seldom seen men of his stamp. Mr. Pettit was a man of few words, but he

was sound in all that he did or said, and was one of the safest ringers and most notable conductors the ringing world had possessed. He, the President, recalled that he rang his first peals of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques with Mr. Pettit as conductor. Mr. Pettit was thorough in all his business, and it would be difficult to replace him. (Hear, hear.)

THE WELSH CHURCH BILL.

The President said that as this was a meeting of Churchmen, for if there were any who were not Churchmen they ought to be—(hear, hear)—he thought it would not be out of place at the present moment if there was an expression of opinion upon a certain Bill now before Parliament, which might concern them more bye-and-bye, but which just now deeply concerned their Welsh brethren. He referred to the Bill for the Disestablishment and Disendowment of the Church in Wales. He would move a resolution upon the matter, but did not propose to discuss it; only to move it so that there might be an expression of opinion from them as a body of Churchmen. This Bill affected them primarily as Churchmen, for it was a step toward the disestablishment and disendowment of the Church of England. He was not going to argue whether or no the Church of England would be better disestablished. This unfair and unjust bill went further. It included disendowment, and concerned them as ringers. The Church, if disendowed, would have less income. Ringers did not, it was true, get much pay for the work they did for the Church. But in past times whenever the Church was in financial difficulty the first things to go were the bells. He would like to ask who was going to get any benefit if the Church was disendowed. Members of the House of Commons had recently voted themselves £400 a year, which no doubt they liked; but their next move was to propose to deprive the poor Welsh parson of his less than £200 a year. He would give the Government credit for their attempt, by the National Insurance Act, to deal with one of the greatest problems of the day, and so help the very poor. But the Bill for the disestablishment and disendowment of the Welsh Church was a proposal to do harm, not good. It was contended that the Church would be better able to carry on its work if disendowed, but did not the Nonconformists say their work was crippled for want of funds? At first it was proposed to leave the Church 1s. 6d. in the £, now it had got to 6s. 8d. If it could carry on its work best without funds why not have kept to the 1s. 6d. in the £? If it is a bad thing for the Church to have an income why is it that the work of the Nonconformists is hampered for the want of funds? What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. At present no reason or justification for the bill, which would take away from the Church its rights, had been given. The resolution which he wished to move was—

"That the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers representing 39 Associations, with an approximate aggregate of 10,000 members, protests against the bill now before Parliament to disestablish and disendow the Church in Wales as a measure entirely devoid of justification."

Mr. A. T. King, in seconding the resolution, said it was concise in its terms, and must appeal to all present. The President had given sufficient reasons to commend the resolution to their hearty support.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews asked if it was intended to forward a copy of the resolution to anyone; if so to whom?

The President thought it would be best to publish it in the Church Papers.

A member of the Council suggested that copies should be sent to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. McKenna, as neither gentleman might read the Church Papers.

It was resolved to leave the matter in the hands of the President and Hon. Secretary.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

On the proposition of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughiey, seconded by Canon Papillon, this Committee was elected as follows: Revs. H. A. Cockey, H. Law James, G. F. Coleridge, Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, H. Dains, R. A. Daniell, J. Griffin, W. Snowdon and C. H. Hattersley, with the President and Secretary.

PEAL COLLECTION.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson said the work of the Peal Col-

lection Committee was going on steadily. No further instalment had been issued, for there was a tremendous amount of work to do in order that no false peals should be included. It was the desire of the Committee to make the work as accurate as possible. Thus each peal had to be checked twice. It was hoped that the work would be such that any conductor could call a peal taken from it with the assurance that it would not turn out to be false.

On the proposition of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, seconded by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, the Committee were re-elected as follows: the Hon. Sec., Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Dr. Carpenter, Messrs. H. Dains, J. A. Trollope, and H. W. Wilde.

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Mr. R. A. Daniell said he was sorry that he had not yet been able to complete a draft report to send to his colleagues. He believed that the list of books was completed, and had hoped that he should have been able to print it. But he had recently heard of a book at Oxford which he had not yet been able to see. He hoped before long to complete the whole of the work, and after the other members of the Committee had approved of it to place it in the hands of the Hon. Sec.

Canon Papillon said he thought it desirable that there should be a change in the name of the Committee. It was originally formed with a view of calling the attention of the clergy and others, through the church papers, to ringing matters, which so far as possible had been done in the columns of *The Guardian* and other church papers. He would propose that the title should be changed to the Literature Committee.

The Rev. F. G. Coleridge seconded, and the resolution was adopted.

On the proposition of the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, seconded by the Rev. A. H. Boughiey, the Committee were re-elected as follows: Canon Papillon, Rev. H. A. Cockey, with Messrs. H. Dains and R. A. Daniell, Rev. M. Kelly having intimated his desire to resign.

The President said it would be a delight to him to see this work completed, for it was twenty-two years since it was originally started.

LEGITIMATE METHODS.

The Rev. H. Law James said this Committee had been quietly going on with the work. When he mentioned there were some 1500 Treble Bob and from 300 to 400 Surprise methods in Major to deal with, it would be seen that there was a large amount of work. It was intended that when complete it should be something of value to the Exercise.

On the proposition of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, seconded by Mr. J. H. B. Hesse, the Committee were re-elected as follows: Rev. H. Law James, Messrs. H. Dains and J. A. Trollope, Mr. E. H. Lewis being elected in place of Mr. John Carter, who had sent in his resignation.

PEAL VALUES.

The Hon. Secretary said the report of this Committee upon the questions referred to them at the last meeting of the Council had already been published. With the exception of Mr. Dains the members had expressed an opinion that it was not necessary for the Committee to be continued, and that the work done could best be done by the Analysis Committee. There was not a word to be said as to the joint working of the two Committees, but simply that the Committee had done its work so far that now it could safely be left with the Analysis Committee.

The President said last year there was an opinion expressed that the whole of the work could best be done by one Committee. The Standing Committee had considered the matter and suggested that the question be deferred till the 11th item on the agenda was reached. It was agreed that the matter should be resumed after the discussion upon the Analysis had taken place.

PEAL ANALYSIS.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter having read the report published in our columns (see issue of 1st inst. p. 164), continuing, said there were two questions of considerable importance upon which the Committee desired to have some instructions if it was to continue its work. They desired to know what Associations

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ABOUT BELLS.

Continuing our article of last week, the next bell of interest is the Harvest Bell, and at Driffield, in Yorkshire, during the harvest months one of the bells of the parish church is rung at five o'clock in the morning to call the people to work, and at seven in the evening to call them from work, and this bell has so rung for many ages and still rings, for the parish Clerk it is stated has rung the harvest bell upwards of fifty years, and in many of the eighteenth century *Inclusion Acts* for the East Riding of Yorkshire, there is a clause which secures to the sexton certain rights for ringing the harvest bell.

In early days the Master of Manchester Middle School provided cock birds, which were buried up to their necks in the grounds to be shied at by the boys on Shrove Tuesday and on St. Nicholas Day, and in 1661 a Mr. Graham by his will bequeathed a silver bell to Mayfield School, and when the fight was over between the two Cocks, the bell was suspended to the hat of the victor to be transmitted down from one Captain of the School to another.

After harvest it is usual for the farmers to allow the villagers to glean in the fields, and in the year 1855, the curate of Gillingham, in Norfolk, gave notice in the church that the gleaners were not to go into the fields before 8 o'clock in the morning. At Tadmerton, and at Swalcliffe, near Banbury, the gleaners' bell rings twice daily during harvest. At Midsomer Norton, near Bath, a piece of land was left as a bequest, the proceeds to go to

the Clerk on condition that he rings the bell; and a Aldely, in Norfolk, the Gleaners bell is still rung.

The Curfew bell, introduced by the Conqueror, to tell the people to put out their lights and go to bed, is still rung in many places in England. Longfellow wrote:

"No voice in the chamber, no sound in the hall,
Sleep and oblivion, reign over all."

The Fire Bell comes next. There is in the Abbey Church of Sherborne, Dorset, a fire bell, confined exclusively to giving the alarm in case of fire breaking out in the town. The motto round the rim is JW. IC. 1652.

"Lord quench this furious flame,
Arise, run, help, put out the same."

On the famous Alarm bell, called *Rowland*, in the belfry tower of the once powerful city of Ghent, is the following inscription:

"My name is Roland, when I toll there is fire,
And when I ring there is victory in the land."

John Barton was one of the plaintiffs in the action against Sir John Zouche, who threatened to ruin him if he insisted upon his right of Common of Benefield; so Barton replied that he would leave a cow which, pulled by the tail, would low three times a day and be heard all over the Common. So he caused a bell to be made, and called it the Cow Bell, and you can see it in Brigstock church. It has on it these words:

"John Barton gave me,
Worship to God in Trinitie."

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were to have a place in the Analysis. What rule did the Council desire to lay down? He had been under the impression that it was only those Associations affiliated to the Council. On the other hand he had been told this was not so. The other point was that the Council had laid down that "peals with 7000 to 10,000 count as two peals, and those with 12000 changes count as three, and so forth." What was to be the number of changes to count as four peals, was it to be 13000? If not, how many changes must the peal consist of? Under what conditions did the long peal of Bristol Surprise, rung the previous day come?

Mr. A. T. King said it was not so much the question of peals of 7000 to 10,000 and 10,000 to 12,000, but the words "and so forth" that the Committee wanted something definite upon. It should be remembered that when the Committee took up the work they did so on the same lines as their predecessors, and the Committee had at times to put their own explanation upon some things. Take as an illustration the classification of Double Norwich, which the Schedule specially mentioned. Where did the other double methods come in? The Schedule did not lay down anything to guide them, for no mention was made of certain methods. The Rev. H. Law James had told him that a peal of Little Bob Major was worth more than Bob Major. The whole thing was a legacy handed over by those who had previously done the work. Dealing with the question of which Associations were to have a place in the Analysis, he did not think that those Associations not affiliated to the Council should have a separate line.

Mr. J. Griffin said the object of giving the Associations a separate line was with a view of inducing them to become affiliated to the Council. He thought the time had come when the Council should decide who should come in and who not. The Committee trusted the decision would be that only those Associations affiliated to the Council should have a separate line.

The Rev. H. Law James proposed that no Association have a separate line in the Analysis unless it is represented to its maximum number of members upon the Council. This was seconded by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn.

Mr. G. P. Burton said he had been asked to mention that a peal rung by his Association had not been published. If it had, his Association would have come into second place in the Analysis. Why was this omitted from the Analysis?

The President said if the peal in question was not published how could the Committee be responsible?

Mr. J. Griffin asked if the peal in question appeared in the Annual Report of the Association.

Mr. G. P. Burton said he was afraid it did not.

Mr. A. T. King said it was difficult for the Committee to know where they were when the ringing papers were asked to publish peals months after they were rung. If there was any one to blame it must be those who did not send the peals in. He was sorry the Council had not before it the elaborate sheet which was the work of Mr. Griffin, but unfortunately it had been sent on to the printer.

The Hon. Secretary said he could bear testimony to the excellent manner in which the Analysis was prepared. It was an enormous labour, and the whole was compiled with exactness and thoroughness, and the entire work most efficiently carried out. With respect to the Peal Values Committee it had been in existence some years, and he was sure that what there was left for the Committee to do could be equally well done by the Analysis Committee, if they would kindly consent to do it. The Analysis Committee would be able to deal with all the methods that are rung, whereas the Peal Values Committee had only to do with those referred to them by the Council. He would suggest that some expert member might be added to the Committee, who could do the special work of the Peal Values Committee.

The Rev. T. Beeston seconded the vote of thanks.

The President said in case the Analysis Committee undertook the work of the Peal Values Committee, if at any time any method did not in the estimation of the Council get its proper value attention could be called to the matter.

The vote of thanks having been unanimously adopted,

Mr. J. Griffin said the Committee would welcome some expert to do the work as mentioned by the Hon. Secretary.

The names of Messrs. Trollope, Prewett, Dains and Williams having been mentioned, the last mentioned consented to act.

On the proposition of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, seconded by the Rev. H. Law James, the Committee were elected as follows: Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Messrs. A. T. King, J. Griffin and G. Williams.

Mr. W. Snowdon proposed, and the Rev. W. W. C. Baker seconded, that only those Associations affiliated to the Council should have a separate line.

The Rev. H. Law James said the object of his resolution was that some Associations gave the Analysis Committee extra work to do by the ringing of so many peals, and he considered such Associations should be represented to their full number so as to pay its full share.

Mr. Snowdon's proposition was adopted.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter asked for some definite instruction upon the words "and so forth."

The President said the Committee could decide for themselves and submit their views to the Council. It would be then open to any member of the Council to move an alteration.

NEXT YEAR'S MEETING.

The President said if the Council adopted what had hitherto been the practice the next two meetings would be one north one south. It had been suggested that Durham should be selected as the next place of meeting, and that the following year the Council should meet either at Winchester, Salisbury or it might be Portsmouth.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge proposed, and Mr. Bolland seconded, Durham as the place for the next meeting.

A member having asked if the Manchester meeting was not considered to have been a meeting in the North,

The President said both the Leicester and Manchester Meetings were regarded as Midland meetings.

Mr. W. Story proposed that the next meeting be at Newcastle, where far better accommodation was to be found.

This having been seconded by Mr. G. P. Burton, Newcastle was adopted by a large majority.

CELEBRATING A RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

On Whit Sunday a few of the old members of that once flourishing fraternity, the Birmingham Amalgamated Society of Bellringers, now, alas, extinct, met to honour their old ringing companion, Mr. William Brooks, on the 50th anniversary of his wedding day. After ringing a $\frac{1}{4}$ -peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, which is the greatest length Mr. Brooks' health will permit, unfortunately, the party repaired to the house of Mr. Collins, and there, over a social cup, a very enjoyable evening was spent in recalling old times, peals and ringers. At its close every one congratulated Mr. Brooks, and hoped that he would be spared many years to celebrate the anniversary. The band who rang the $\frac{1}{4}$ -peal were: J. Porter, E. Mullins, W. Brooks, J. Corrigan, C. Mackenzie, G. Taylor, J. Collett, and J. Perry (conductor).

RINGERS WEDDINGS AT LEICESTER.

Two of St. John's ringers have recently joined the disciples of St. Benedict—Mr. P. Dunkley, Secretary, and Mr. W. Willson, jun., on June 1st and 10th respectively. Both have been connected with St. John's long before they took to the music of the steeple; the former being a choir-boy, whilst the latter was born under the shadow of the church. In both instances the ringers' company met and gave the happy couples a send-off to the tune of wedding bells. Previous to those events, the bridegrooms were the recipients of silver dinner-cruets, as tokens of esteem by their brother-ringers.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on June 20th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 25th; Southwark Cathedral on the 18th; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th at 8 p.m.; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays at 7.30 p.m.
WILLIAM T. COCKRILL, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Northern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Saturday, June 15th. The tower will be open from 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting immediately after. All members and friends cordially invited.
WILLIAM H. HOTTEN, Hon. Sec.

42, Thornhill Road, Barnsbury.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Leatherhead and Dorking District.—A meeting will be held at Ashted in connection with the above on Saturday, June 15th. Tea 6d. to members, 1s. to non-members. Bells available after 3 p.m.

Eastdene, Dorking. R. H. FREEMAN, Hon. Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday June 15th, at Wolverley. The bells and also those at Cookley (6) will be available at 3 p.m. Service in the church at 4.45. Tea and business meeting at 5.30.
E. J. DOWLEE, Branch Sec.

9, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bakewell on Saturday, June 15th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Committee Meeting in the Church Institute at 4.30. Tea (1s. 3d. each) at The Queen's Arms hotel at 5 p.m.

W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Keele on Saturday, June 15th. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. A. B. Goodwin, The Lodge, Keele, on or before June 12th.

REV. C. E. DONNE, } Hon. Secs.
J. JOHNSON, }

143, Flint Terrace, Tunstall.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stretford on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7.

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Branch Sec.

Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Breewood on Saturday, June 22nd. Ringing at 3. Service at 5.30, with an address by the Rev. Freb. C. Dnnkley. Tea (gd.) at 6. A brake will leave Wolverhampton (top of Railway Drive, Lichfield Street), at 2.15. Fare 1s. 3d. Send word not later than 18th. Reports are ready.
H. KNIGHT, Hon. Sec.

15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

The Warwickshire Guild.—A monthly meeting will be held at Polesworth on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. The annual meeting will be held at Warwick on July 27th. Notice of any resolution to be moved at this meeting should be forwarded to me by July 6th.
Rev. C. C. COX, Hon. Sec.

Shottery.

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern Division.—A bye-meeting will be held at Shenfield on Saturday, June 22nd. Fryerning bells at 2. Ingatestone at 3. Shenfield at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided to those sending word by the 19th inst.

County Offices, Chelmsford. HENRY F. COOPER, Dis. Sec.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, June 22nd, for the election of officers. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.
A. KING, Hon. Sec.

6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton, Beds.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Walton-on-the-Hill on Saturday, June 22nd. Full particulars by circular.
Rev. W. T. BULFIT, } Hon. Secs.
W. BENTHAM, }

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Yeovil on Saturday, June 29th. Particulars later.
E. E. BURGESS, Hon. Sec.

The Saffron Walden Society.—Established 1623.—The 289th anniversary will be held on Thursday, the 27th inst. All ringers welcome.
R. STRONG, Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Festival will be held at Winchester on Saturday, June 29th. Meeting at the Guildhall at 2 p.m. Service in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. The Cathedral bells will be available.

W. E. COLCHESTER, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held on Saturday, June 29th, at All Saints, Eastchurch. Isle of Sheppey Tower open from 3.30 p.m.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN, Hon. Sec.

77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

Notice.—Shoreditch Bells Fund.—Funds are urgently needed to put this grand old peal in proper repair. £50 wanted before the work can be commenced. Who will help a poor parish? Contributions thankfully received and gratefully acknowledged. Collecting cards also supplied by H. J. Bradley, The Parish Church, Shoreditch, E.

MR. G. R. NEWTON'S 100 PEALS.

We are able this week to publish a record of Mr. G. R. Newton's 100 peals. He reached his century on June 3rd, when he rang and conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples at the church of St. Michael, Garston.

3 Minor methods 1, conducted 1; 4 ditto 1, conducted 1; 5 ditto 4, conducted 1; 7 ditto 12, conducted 9; 10 ditto 1 (7200); Grandsire Triples 17, conducted 10; Union Triples 1; Oxford Bob Triples 1, conducted 1; Stedman Triples 16, conducted 1; Plain Bob Major 8, conducted 4; Little Bob Major 1; Double Oxford Major 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 15, conducted 5; Oxford Treble Bob Major 3, conducted 2; Double Norwich Major 9, conducted 3; Superlative Surprise Major 2; Bristol Surprise Major 1 (treble bell); Grandsire Caters 3, conducted 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal 1; Stedman Cinques 1; Treble Bob Maximus 1. Total, 100; conducted 39. Rung in seven counties, with nine societies in forty towers.

Correspondence.

To the Editor.

NOISY BELLS.—A REMEDY WANTED.

DEAR SIR,—Our church, which contains a peal of eight bells, is situated in the centre of the town, and the Church authorities have from time to time received complaints from residents in the vicinity of the noise of the bells. This, of course, means restricted opportunities for attempting peals, and we are afraid that even practice and Sunday ringing may be curtailed if something is not done to reduce the noise to a minimum. This is, of course, very discouraging to a band making good progress in change-ringing. It has been suggested by several ringers who have heard the bells that the clappers of the tenors might with advantage be reduced in weight, and thus do away with unnecessary noise. The weight of the tenor is 24 cwt. 3 qrs. 8 lb., the clapper weighing 38 lb., and the seventh bell weighs 17 cwt. 11 lb., and the clapper 30 lb. The tenor is in D. We are rather reluctant to do anything in the matter without expert advice, and should be very much indebted if any of your readers could say whether a reduction in the weight of the clapper would have any material effect on the tone of the bell, also to what weight the clappers might with advantage be reduced. Perhaps the experiment has been tried at other places, if so, we should be glad to know with what results.

Hoping your readers will favour us with their views on the matter.—Yours truly,
TENOR.

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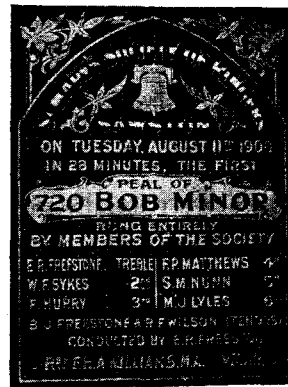
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1912.

IN this issue we publish the first instalment of the official report of the recent meeting of the Central Council. The occasion leads us to make one or two observations on the Council and its work, with special reference to a feeling which seems to be entertained in some quarters that the Council has not done all that it might have done for the benefit of the Exercise. If such feeling really exists our columns are open, and we earnestly hope that they may be used, for giving expression to it. We sincerely wish to further the welfare and utility of the Council, and will heartily welcome any fair criticism of it and its work tending in any way to their improvement. In offering any criticism it should of course be borne in mind that the Council can only consider matters that are brought before it by its own members, and we have good reason for believing that no notice of motion that could on any conceivable ground be entertained has ever yet been rejected. It is matter of public knowledge that some of the motions brought forward at the meetings have been rejected by decisive majorities, on the score that they were concerned with questions with which it was not wise for the Council to deal, or which it did not feel competent to undertake. The Council has always declined to embark in any pecuniary schemes, or to engage in any money affairs other than those that are strictly its own—we allude to such concerns as Benevolent Funds, Labour Bureaux, and the collection, custody, or disbursement of any funds for philanthropic purposes—and we can only applaud the wisdom of this course of action. Indeed, we should greatly deplore any departure from it, as we feel absolutely certain that any change of policy on these points would embroil the Council in a sea of troubles, would loosen its hold upon the Exercise, and would, in all probability, be a turning of the first sods for its own interment. That the Council in no way discourages any such scheme, if founded on a good basis, is conclusively proved by the resolution on the subject of benevolent funds passed at its recent meeting, and there is not the slightest reason to doubt its readiness in the future to give its best support to any really good undertaking, though it may not see its way to do the work itself.

The Metropolis.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, UPPER CLAPTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT A. HUGHES.. .. Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS 5.
REUBEN SANDERS 2.	CHARLES T. COLES 6.
BERTAM PREWETT 3.	ALFRED W. GRIMES.. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. KEMP 4.	HENRY J. CANTOR Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, and to the ringer of the tenor.

WANTED.—A copy of "CHURCH BELLS OF SHROPSHIRE," in good condition.—Address E. RODENHURST, The Heath House, Stanton-on-Hine-Heath, Salop.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr.

GEORGE B. LUCAS, SEN. .. Treble.	ERNEST D. LILLYWHITE.. 5.
JAMES C. ADAMS 2.	ALBERT A. HUGHES.. .. 6.
WILLIAM J. COOPER 3.	HENRY RUMENS.. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. KEMP 4.	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. RUMENS.

*First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. B. Manning. Mr. Robert Maynard, sen. who was re-elected a member of the above Association before starting, has now rung all the bells in this tower to a peal.

LONDON.

THE WHITECHAPEL FOUNDRY BAND.

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, SOUTH HACKNEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

SYDNEY LAWRENCE Treble.	ARTHUR HUGHES 5.
ALBERT A. HUGHES 2.	FREDK. H. CONN 6.
WILEY J. HAZELL 3.	JOHN THOMAS 7.
DANIEL F. GIBBONS 4.	TOM LAWRENCE Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

This is the first peal by the Foundry band; also the first peal on tower bells by the ringers of the 6th and tenor. The tenor man rang his first peal on handbells.

The Provinces.

PETTISTREE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being 720 each of College Exercise, Violet, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Duke of York, Kent and Oxford.

ALFRED CLEMENTS Treble.	GEORGE ARLITT 4.
DAVID LEGGETT.. .. 2.	CHARLES E. FISHER.. .. 5.
HENRY PUTTOCK 3.	WILLIAM SAWYER Tenor.

Conducted by W. SAWYER.

CHILDWALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being 720 each of College Single, Woodbine, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS JENNION Treble.	EDWARD CAUNCE 4.
HENRY FYLES 2.	JOHN ALLEN 5.
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3.	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

First peal on six bells by the ringers of the second and tenor. This is the first peal ever rung on the bells, which have only just been recast and rehung in a steel frame by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of London, the "go" being all that could be desired. This is the first peal ever rung in the tower, which has contained a peal of six since the year 1751.

KRA (Cornwall).—On Monday, June 2nd, at All Hallows church, a 720 of Bob Minor. W. Teague, W. Greet, H. Chagwidden, Miss E. Fisher, J. Thomas (conductor), Rev. R. H. Sowell.

BRADFIELD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Bradfield Deanery Branch.)

On Sunday, June 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Canterbury Pleasure and Oxford Bob, and three 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently.

MISS M. CHILLINGWORTH Treble.	JOHN BOWER 4.
SIDNEY CHAPMAN 2.	*JAMES ABBEY 5.
GEORGE PARSON 3.	GEORGE ABBEY Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES ABBEY.

*First peal as conductor. First peal.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN J. MAWBY Treble.	JAMES HOUGHTON 5.
ANDERSON Y. TYLER 2.	WALTER J. GERMAN 6.
JAMES WARD 3.	JAMES GARRATT 7.
J. HUBERT HORN 4.	WALTER PERKINS Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

This is the first peal in the method rung in the county, and by the Association. Rung for the King's birthday.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 3, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE CROWN Treble.	DENNIS TYE 4.
ROBERT FREEZER 2.	ERNEST W. FREEZER 5.
BENJAMIN HAMMOND 3.	ARTHUR BRERWICK Tenor.

Conducted by E. W. FREEZER.

First peal rung on the bells.

WIMBORNE, DORSETSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERTA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 29 cwt.

MISS C. E. SPARSHOTT .. Treble.	ALAN R. MACDONALD .. 6.
GEORGE PRESTON 2.	G. W. FOWLER 7.
J. S. RUMMING 3.	A. F. MARTIN STEWART .. 8.
CYRIL F. JOHNSTON 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 9.
F. W. TOWNSEND 5.	C. W. GOODENOUGH .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Grandsire Caters rung on tower bells in this diocese. First peal of Caters by the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th, and 7th. It is also the first time a lady has taken part in a peal of Caters for this Guild.

ASHTED, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

JOHN HOYLE Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
THOMAS H. COLBURN 2.	CYRIL F. JOHNSTON 6.
WALTER S. WISE 3.	DAVID WRIGHT 7.
SIDNEY R. ROSE 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by W. ROYLE, and Conducted by D. WRIGHT.

TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
LATES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

JAMES PAGET Treble.	FREDK. J. COPE 5.
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2.	JAMES PRATT 6.
JOSEPH W. TIMMS 3.	ALBERT E. YOUNG 7.
E. HARRY STONELEY 4.	DAVID COTTON Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PRATT.

*First peal of Stedman. Joseph W. Timms and Albert E. Young were elected members of the above Association previous to starting for the peal.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Western Branch.)

On Thursday, June 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ERNEST BARBER* Treble.	ABRAHAM WINTERTON .. 5.
GEORGE HINTON, JUN.* .. 2.	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON .. 6.
WILLIAM ROUSE* 3.	WILLIAM PAGE 7.
THOMAS BULLOCK* 4.	†JAMES PARDOE Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and Conducted by W. PAGE.

*First peal of Stedman. †First peal of Stedman Triples. This is the first peal of Stedman in the Worcester District south of Kidderminster, rung without outside help.

OAKS, CHARNWOOD FOREST, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s at Grandsire, three 720s of Oxford Bob, and two 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently.

EDWARD GEARY Treble.	GEORGE H. GEARY 4.
FRED BALL 2.	VICTOR GEARY 5.
JOHN W. SPENCER 3.	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on the bells.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 26 lb.

CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH Treble.	*ALAN R. MACDONALD .. 5.
LIONEL H. PAGE 2.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 6.
JOHN S. RUMMING 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
HENRY W. WILLES 4.	WILLIAM T. TOGGER .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Double Norwich.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER Treble.	J. R. NEWMAN 5.
GORDON CHECKETTS 2.	SAMUEL GROVE 6.
WILLIAM SHILVOCK 3.	WILLIAM PAGE 7.
ALBERT HILL 4.	OLIVER JAMES Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Court, Double Court, Double Bob, Oxford Bob, Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY A. TRAYNAR* .. Treble.	JOHN W. LAKE 4.
ARTHUR I. HOLMES 2.	JAMES OSBORN 5.
JOHN J. JUTSON 3.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

*First peal in seven methods. The ringer of the treble was proposed a member previous to starting for the peal.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND (R.C.)

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS WARD Treble.	GEORGE ROBERTS 5.
JACOB SEABOURNE* 2.	THOMAS BLOORE 6.
CHARLES WATTHMAN 3.	BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. 7.
GEORGE PARSONS 4.	BERTHAM G. LEEDHAM .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

*First peal of Stedman off the tenor.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOSEPH B. FENTON Treble.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 5.
ALFRED J. HESSIAN 2.	HARRY ARGYLE 6.
E. HARRY STONBLEY 3.	WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON .. 7.
THOMAS H. VALLANCE .. 4.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by JOSEPH B. FENTON.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Southern Branch.)

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

J. FRANK PROCTOR Treble.	WILLIAM G. THORPE 6.
HARRY THORPE 2.	*FRED TURNER 7.
ERNEST NIDD 3.	ARTHUR MAREWELL 8.
DAVID B. OVERTON 4.	SIDNEY PROCTOR 9.
ALBERT C. DARNELL .. 5.	THOMAS H. HALL Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON, and
Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

*First peal of Caters. Arranged for Mr. A. Markwell, the new Secretary of the Southern Branch; also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Ida Proctor, sister of the conductor.

LEICESTER.—On Saturday, 1st, at St. John the Divine, the last 700 of Holt's Original Grandsire Triples. Miss Hilda Willson, W. Willson, sen., Miss Lilian Willson, W. Willson, jun. (conductor), J. Harris, E. Vallance, J. A. Tomlinson, R. Hubbard. The above was rung as a wedding tribute to Mr. P. Dunkley (Secretary), and Miss J. S. Monk, the company wishing them every happiness. On Monday, June 3rd, for practice at St. John's church, 336 Double Norwich. J. Smith, Miss L. A. Willson, W. Willson, jun., H. Hardy, W. Willson, E. Vallance, J. Tomlinson, J. Harris (conductor). Also 560 Bob Major. Miss Hilda Willson, Miss L. A. Willson, W. Willson, jun., E. Vallance, H. Hardy, J. A. Tomlinson, J. Harris, W. Willson (conductor.)

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5025 CHANGES.

Tenor 30½ cwt.

ERNEST LESLIE* Treble.	ERNEST COULSON 6.
JOHN SMITH 2.	JOHN OLDHAM 7.
HORACE F. STUBBS 3.	HORACE ABBOTT 8.
WILLIAM SMITH 4.	EDWARD READER 9.
ERNEST ABBOTT 5.	WILLIAM THORLEY Tenor.

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT, and
Conducted by EDWARD READER.

This peal was rung by the special wish of the Rector, Canon Pitts, to commemorate the silver wedding of the Canon and Mrs. Pitts, who kindly entertained the ringers after the peal, and congratulated them on the excellent striking throughout. First peal in any method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINOS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE POVEY† Treble.	†EDWIN F. PIKE 5.
WILLIAM FLETCHER† .. 2.	ISAAC EMERY 6.
REGINALD BROUGH† .. 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7.
RICHARD CONSTANT* .. 4.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and
Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

*First peal of Major. †First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a compliment to the conductor on attaining his 50th year.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

EDWARD C. GORRY Treble.	JOSEPH HALL 5.
ALLEN R. HICKTON 2.	ALBERT COPPOCK 6.
RICHARD HICKTON 3.	RICHARD DRAGE 7.
J. CHARLES DICEEN .. 4.	NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by RICHARD DRAGE.

First peal as conductor.

KELSEA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5080 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

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

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

*First peal in the method with a bob bell.

ASTON (Birmingham).—On Sunday, June 9th, at the parish church, for morning service, 546 Grandsire Triples. A. Edgerton, J. Hopkin, A. Jones, H. Jones, F. Bennett, O. W. G. Ellis conductor, W. Davis, C. Allen. For evening service, 1277 Grandsire Caters, in 48 mins. W. Davies, J. Jones, A. Jones, J. Carter, H. Jones, J. Hopkin, W. Saunders, W. G. Ellis (conductor), F. Bennett, H. Aston. The ringers of the 7th and 10th hail from Coalbrookdale, Salop.

WEST TOFTS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAEV,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST W. FISHER Treble.	HARRY CROOK 5.
FREDERICK SALTER 2.	WILLIAM ADCOCK 6.
ALFRED MACRO 3.	THOS. FITZJOHN 7.
PERCY FORREHAM 4.	CHAS. CARTER Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by T. FITZJOHN.

*First peal on eight bells.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

On Sunday, June 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

SYDNEY T. RACKHAM .. Treble.	EDWARD PRITCHARD 4.
JOHN H. JAMES* 2.	ALAC RACKHAM 5.
GEORGE H. JONES 3.	†BERT THOMAS Tenor.

Conducted by A. RACKHAM.

*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal. Rung with the bells half muffled in memory of the late Mr. Rees Jones, who was Rector's warden for many years.

BRISTOL.—THE ST. NICHOLAS' GUILD.

On Monday, June 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

FRED G. MAY Treble.	*NORRIS WAY 6.
WILLIAM LANSDOWN 2.	*GILBERT WILTSHIRE 7.
ALBERT STOWELL 3.	ALFRED E. REEVES 8.
FREDK. W. WADE* 4.	ISAAC LONG 9.
CHARLES PERRY* 5.	HENRY HOWELL Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

*First peal of Bob Royal. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

Handbell Peals.

CAMBRIDGE.—THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At 22, Malcolm Street,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 1-2.	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 5-6.
WILLIAM D. JAMES .. 3-4.	*J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON .. 7-8.

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal in the method. Umpire: Francis R. White.

This peal contains the full extent of the 5th and 6th in 5-6, and is the first 5000 to be rung containing this property.

CAMBRIDGE.—THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, June 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,

At St. John's College,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

REGINALD O. STREET .. 1-2.	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 5-6.
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 3-4.	WILLIAM D. JAMES .. 7-8.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

A DIAGRAM OF UNION TRIPLES (1893), may be had gratis, on application by letter to W. H. THOMPSON, 5, Sillwood Street, Brighton, to whom the unsold remainder has been returned by the publishers.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. G. Howchin,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES.

FREDERICK J. CROSS .. 1-2.	WILLIAM A. HEMPEL .. 5-6.
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN .. 3-4.	GEORGE H. CROSS .. 7-8.

Composed and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

Umpire: Bertie Fry. This peal was rung outside on the lawn.

P.S.—The umpire to the peal at Norwich reported last week was Bertie Fry.

CAMBRIDGE.—THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

In the President's Rooms, Trinity College,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5184 CHANGES.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 1-2.	WILLIAM D. JAMES .. 5-6.
E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 3-4.	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 7-8.
REGINALD O. STREET 9-10.	

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

This peal, the first to be rung in the method, contains the full extent of 4, 5, 6 in 6th place.

Miscellaneous.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LLANGATTOCK (Breconshire).—On Thursday, June 6th, as a compliment to His Grace the Duke of Beaufort, on arrival at his residence, Llangattock Park, where he will spend a few months, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. R. W. Allbutt, C. Powell, G. Mortemore, N. Allbutt, J. Powell, J. Hammond (conductor).

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD, S.E.—For evening service at St. John's church on Sunday, June 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 43 mins. G. R. Simmonds, T. G. Deal, J. Law, F. W. Richardson (conductor). A. G. Bennington, J. Crowder, W. J. Jeffries, W. Daynes.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINSLADE (Bucks).—At St. Barnabas' church on June 4th, for practice, 240 Plain Bob and 120 Grandsire Doubles. Miss C. Williams, F. Vickers, A. Vickers, W. Baccuss, C. Rollings, R. Seddon. And 720 Grandsire Doubles. Miss C. Williams, F. Vickers, C. Rollings, W. Baccuss, C. White, Rev. W. S. Mahony. First 720 by Miss C. Williams, who belongs to the Cheddington band.

ST. JOHN THE DIVINE GUILD, KENNINGTON.

KENNINGTON.—On Sunday, June 9th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 46 mins. E. S. Garnett, H. Walton, H. J. Walton, V. West, A. Miller, Arch. Miller, G. W. Wild (conductor). K. C. Whittman.

HOAR CROSS (Staffordshire).—On Monday, June 10th, 720 Bob Minor. J. H. Swinfield, W. J. Smith, H. Hurdman, W. W. Worthington, J. Hough, R. F. Lane (conductor). Tenor 30 cwt. in D. This is believed to be the first 720 on these fine bells.

LONDON.—At St. John the Evangelist, Wilton Road, S.W., on June 9th, the late Mr. Harvey Reeves's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. H. Phillips, G. F. Harder, G. R. Channer, J. Thimblethorpe, G. J. Buckingham, E. Jones (conductor), F. T. Gover, W. Wiessner.

NUTFIELD (Surrey).—On June 4th, for practice, 720 York Surprise Minor. T. S. Leeson, F. Hawkins, F. Bashford, O. Gilbey, W. Cheesman, A. Harman (conductor). First in the method on the bells, by all the band, and rung at the first attempt.

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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SWINDON BRANCH.)

The monthly meeting of the above branch was held at Grittleton on June 8th. This was the first occasion on which a meeting of this description had been held in the village, and it had been eagerly anticipated by the members who assembled in strong force. In the afternoon the number present was about 30, and these were joined by yet more ringers in the evening, the places from which they came being Bremhill, Corsham, Chippenham, Swindon, Stratton St. Margaret, and Marshfield. There was also a full muster of the local ringers. Upon their arrival at about 3 o'clock, the party proceeded to the tower of St. Mary's church, where the bells were raised, and the following methods rung: A 6-score of Stedman Doubles, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, and a 6 score of Grandsire Doubles. The next item on the programme was a service at which all the ringers were present, besides a number of the parishioners. The Rev. C. N. Wyld (rector), officiated, and his son, Mr. P. Wyld, was at the organ. The special form of service for ringers was used, and in his address the Rector welcomed the members of the Association to Grittleton, and expressed his pleasure at the re-construction of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Guild. He had been a clergyman for nearly fifty years, and had seen a great improvement take place in the tone of bell-ringers, for which he thanked God. Afterwards a further period of ringing was followed by the tea, which was laid out most attractively in the Reading Room. The great kindness of the Rector, who provided this meal, was much appreciated.

A short meeting followed, at which Mr. E. Bishop (Swindon), in proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. C. N. Wyld, said he was pleased to visit Grittleton, where the members were very enthusiastic in attending the meetings. They were told they would receive a hearty welcome when they came, and they had that day found it to be the case. Their thanks were due to the Rector for holding the service, and so kindly providing the tea. The objects of their Association, he stated, were well known, to be the promotion of change-ringing, and the ringing of church bells to the best advantage and to the honour and glory of God.

The motion was carried with acclamation, and Mr. J. I. Storrar (Sir Audley Neeld's estate agent), responding on behalf of the Rector, said they were pleased to welcome the Association to Grittleton.

The visitors then spent a most enjoyable time in inspecting the gardens and grounds of Sir Audley Neeld's beautiful home. The party were under the guidance of the Rector and Mr. J. I. Storrar, and the display of rhododendrons, the exquisite flowers and plants in the large greenhouse, and the brightly plumaged birds in the aviary, were all sources of delight to the members. On their tour round the grounds they met Sir Audley, who stopped and chatted to some of the members. As the party strolled across the grounds the chimes of the bells could be heard in the distance, the local ringers having taken this opportunity to use them, and this only added to the pleasure of the listeners. At the conclusion of the visit a return was made to the tower, where it was found the number had been augmented by fresh arrivals, and soon—all too soon—came the time for departure, after one of the most pleasant outings held for a long time. The next monthly meeting will be held at Colerne on Saturday, July 6th.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

The annual meeting of this Guild was held on Whitsun Monday, at Holsworthy, on the extreme western boundary of the county, close to the north Cornish coast and the picturesque neighbourhood of Bude. At 12 o'clock service was held in the parish church, an eloquent address being given by the Rev. T. S. Kendall, Vicar, from the text "Let your loins be girt and your lamps burning." The dinner followed, about 90 sitting down, the catering being of the best. After thanks had been accorded by the President to the Vicar for his cordial welcome to the members, and to the local ringers for making the necessary preparations, an adjournment was made to the Schoolroom for the meeting. There were present the Revs. M. Kelly (President), G. S. F. Molyneux (Hon. Sec.), Dr. Lemon (who was elected a member when the Guild was founded in 1871, and who was a pupil of Mr. W. Banister), E. S. Powell, C. E. Burkitt, E. A. Donaldson and the Vicar; representatives from 13 bands were also present.

The Hon. Sec. read the report, which showed that the Guild was going strong: four new bands had become affiliated, and a distinct advance had been shown in the attainment of proficiency in new methods. The vexed question of peals on five and six bells was settled by the decision of the majority in favour of recognising them as peals without making any distinction as regards peals rung on eight or more bells. It was also decided that the travelling expenses of a representative from the Archdeaconries of Totnes and Barnstaple, attending a general Committee Meeting in Exeter, should be paid out of the Guild funds, and that he should have voting power according to the number of bands in the Archdeaconry. The Guild was credited with 24 peals during the year, *i.e.*, Stedman Caters 1; Grandsire Caters 4; Bob Major 1; Stedman Triples 2; Grandsire Triples 9; Minor 2; Grandsire Doubles 5. The Rev. M. Kelly was re-elected President: the Rev. G. S. F. Molyneux, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. The statement of accounts showed a very healthy financial position, a balance of just under £50 being carried forward. The annual meeting in 1913 is to be held at Torrington.

After the meeting the Church bells in the district, which is wholly devoted to round-ringing, were in great request, many of the members going on to Bude and ringing on the fine new peal of eight at Stratton, and some nice peals of six at Poughill, Marham Church, and Launcells. The visit of the Devonshire Guild to this outlying district is likely to be productive of good results.

The Bishop of London is appealing for funds for seaside camps for the Diocesan C.L.B. and Boy Scout Corps.

Mr. E. S. Underwood F.R.I.B.A., of Queen Street, Cheapside, E.C., who was consulted on the condition of the tower of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, reports that in spite of slight decay the stability of the fabric is not impaired. Necessary repairs are to be carried out at a cost of £360.

Mr. J. E. Gibson, the donor, has recently handed over the new clock and chimes at Ryehope parish church Co. Durham, to the Lord Bishop of Jarrow, who set the clock in motion. This clock and chimes were made by Messrs. Wm. Potts & Son, clock manufacturers, of Leeds and Newcastle, makers of the Newcastle, Carlisle and Ripon Cathedral clocks, and the fine one at Hexham Abbey, Northumberland, and other notable churches, town halls and public buildings.

KENSINGTON RINGERS' OUTING.

The St. Mary Abbots Guild selected Lincoln, with a call at Grantham *en route*, for their annual outing on Whit Monday. Seventeen members availed themselves of the excursion, leaving Kings Cross at 7.15 a.m., reaching Grantham at 9.20. Mr. Proctor, of the local band, met the visitors, and escorted them to the stately pile of St. Wulfram, with its magnificent tower and spire, reaching to a height of 276 feet. The bells, a fine ring of ten, were set going to Stedman, members of the local band joining in the ringing.

Lincoln was reached at 12.15 p.m., the party being met at the railway station by Messrs. Watson and Clifton. After a capital lunch at the Lindum Restaurant, the grand old Cathedral was visited, but ringing there was out of the question, as the bells were at Loughborough. It is to be sincerely hoped that Lincoln will soon possess a peal of ten, there being only two peals of that number in the whole county. Other places of interest were visited; Newport Arch, an erection of some 1870 years; the "Adam and Eve" with its many curios, and the museum in which, amongst other objects of local interest, is deposited the old leathern jack or jug which was presented to the St. Peter-at-Arches, or City, ringers by the Corporation in 1752. When considering the capacity of this old jug, one cannot help thinking what a terrible thirst these old ringers must have had, there being very few teetotallers in those days. They would stand a poor chance with the advanced methods, and not get much further than the peal of "Garthorne Triples," recorded in St. Peter's belfry in that period.

At St. Peter-at-Arches which contains a fine ring of eight by Rudhall, the visitors were met by the Rector, the Rev. R. Bond, who rang touches with the party, in which members of the local band, and Mr. D. Brearley also joined. Tea at 5 p.m., and a pleasant chat afterwards with the Lincoln men, concluded the visit. A call was made at Grantham on the return journey, and touches of Stedman Caters and Kent Royal were brought round.

Kings Cross was reached at 10.40 p.m., the journey being enlivened by touches on a peal of Messrs. Warner's pocket handbells, which are invaluable for use in railway trains.

The Kensington ringers desire to take this opportunity of thanking Messrs. Proctor, of Grantham, and Watson and Clifton, of Lincoln, and other members of the local company, for their assistance in making the day so enjoyable, and the Vicar of Grantham and Rector of St. Peter-at-Arches for the use of their bells.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.

ITS COMPOSITION AND PROOF.

By Henry Dains.

Past Master of The Royal Cumberland Youths.

Mr. Dains writes:—Kindly permit me to ask the indulgence of your readers to correct two or three errors which have crept into my article upon this subject. In your issue for May 18th, page 132, under the heading "Alternative Ways and Means," the sixteenth line should read "accomplished. If when *finding* rows likely to produce." Again, on the same page, commencing at the ninth line from the top of the second column, the paragraph should

read: ends, "the last being 42635. From this a bob M must be used, which gives 62534, from which we cannot go, Adding a bob W will produce a false course—end, and so we fall back upon adding a bob H to this M, and thereby link up sections No. 2 and No. 4.

SECTION No. 3.

54326 M W H

23645 - -

42635 - *

56234 - -

In yours for May 25th, on page 148, under heading "Fragmentary Course-ends," a ——— should have been given to each of these two course-ends, under the false course-end rows 24365 and 46253 respectively in lieu of leaving spaces blank.

RESTORATION OF TOWER AND RE-OPENING OF BELLS.

LANGPORT, (Somerset).—Sunday, June 9th, was a day of thanksgiving for the completion of the restoration work of the tower, the south side of the church, and the re-hanging of the six bells, tenor 17 cwt., in a massive oak frame, constructed to carry eight, by Mr. Sully, of Stogumber. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese was the preacher at the afternoon and evening services. In addition to the local ringers visitors were present from Kingsdon, Curry Rivel and Somerton. The unsettled state of the weather no doubt kept many away. The bells were set going before and after the services by the local ringers and visitors, touches of Grandsire Doubles and Minor being brought round. The ringers one and all testified to the easy going and softer tones of the bells now they are once more in an oak frame, and expressed entire satisfaction with Mr. Sully's work.

FAREWELL AND PRESENTATION TO A RINGER.

WHITWICK (Leicestershire).—The sixth member of the local Society to leave the parish in about two years sailed for Australia on Saturday last, June 8th, in the person of Mr. Joseph Sharp, youngest son of a well-known local farmer (Mr. R. Sharp). A farewell $\frac{1}{4}$ -peal was rung for evening service on Sunday 2nd, by Messrs. Harold Pegg, Thos. Belcher, Storer W. West, Benjamin West, Henry Partridge, John Rawson, Walter Fern (conductor), Joseph sharp (tenor). On Monday the ringers, with the Vicar (Rev. J. W. A. Mackenzie), and churchwardens (Messrs. J. P. Roulston and S. W. West), met in the belfry to take farewell of Mr. Sharp and make him a present as a mark of esteem. In making the presentation the Vicar remarked that during the last two years two ringers had left for America, two for Australia, and two for different localities in England. He also thought that the gift was a most appropriate one—a white silk handkerchief with bells worked in blue over the centre, also an inscription worked in blue at either end as follows: "With best wishes to Mr. Joseph Sharp from the Whitwick Church Bell-ringers, 1912."

Mr. Sharp thanked his comrades, and hoped that plenty of good ringing would be done on the Whitwick bells.

Several touches of Grandsire Triples and two well struck 120s of Stedman Doubles were rung during the evening, conducted by Messrs. J. A. Moulton and W. Fern.

NOTES.

Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, says:—"At Mr. Martin Stewart's request I write to correct his footnote saying that the peal of Grandsire Caters at Wimborne Minster on Wednesday, June 5th last, was my first peal in the method, as this was not the case."

The Ringers' Outing reported in our last issue as from Burton-on-Trent was from St. Peter's, Stoke-on-Trent.

Mr. Geo. F. Williams, writing from "Kenmore," Totteridge Avenue, High Wycombe, says: "I regret to say that I find the peal of Forward Major composed by me and rung at Hughenden on October 5th, 1910, is false, and I

apologise to the remainder of the band who took part."

A correspondent at Burstwick writes: "On Wednesday, June 5th, a very pleasant evening was spent in the belfry of All Saints', Burstwick, near Hull. Thirteen ringers were present including six who cycled over from Ottringham, two from Hull, and five of the local branch. The peal of six bells were kept going during the evening. It is this sort of outing that makes you glad you are a ringer." We agree.

We learn with pleasure that after a great many year's agitation the whole ring of eight bells at St. Paul's, Burton-

on-Trent, are to be recast and made into a musical peal. The order has been placed with Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LECHLADE (Gloucestershire).—On May 25th, 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Webb, sen., W. Judge, R. H. Judge, F. Webb, jun., G. Holifield, jun., G. Holifield, sen. (conductor). This is believed to be the first 720 on the bells, and was rung after the quarterly meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the above Guild held at Langford.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET (Wilts).—On Sunday, June 2nd, at St. Margaret's church, 720 Plain Bob. A. J. Gilbert, T. Moulden, G. Lancaster, F. Looker, J. Tuckwell, W. G. Lancaster (conductor). On June 10th, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise. G. Lancaster, T. Moulden, F. Looker, W. G. Lancaster, R. W. Hyner (conductor), C. J. Gardiner. Also 240 Oxford Treble Bob, A. J. Gilbert ringing the treble.

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25634	1	-	2	2
32546	2		2	2
23645	2			2
26435			1	2
24365	1	-	2	2
62453	2		2	2
36524		-	2	2
34625	2			1
25463	1		2	2
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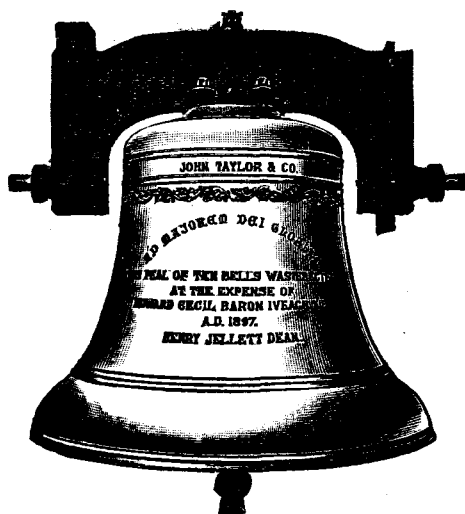
The Bishop of London recently consecrated the church of St. Benet Fink, Tottenham, which has been built out of funds set apart for the purpose by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. The architect is Mr. J. S. Alder, of Arundel Street, Strand. The church is of red brick, with stone facings.

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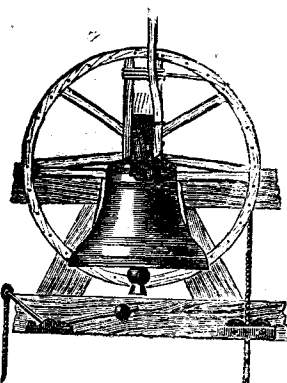
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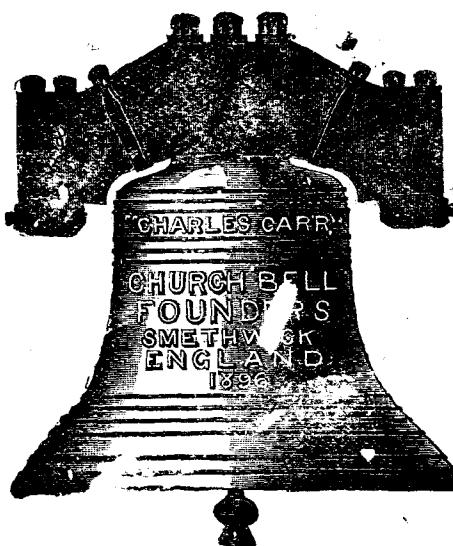
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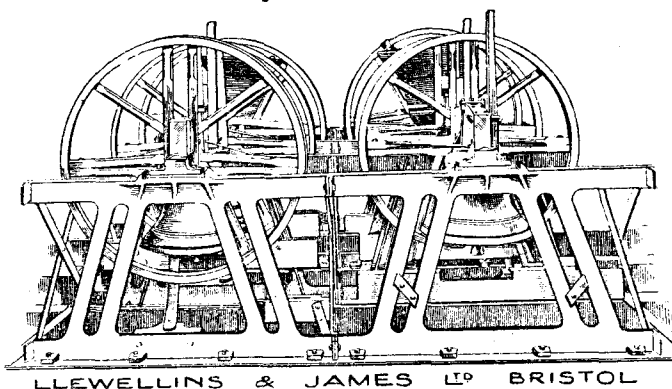
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Brindleheath district of St. Thomas's
parish, Pendleton. The church, which
will have seating accommodation for
500, will take the place of the existing
St. Anne's church, now much too
small for the requirements of the
neighbourhood.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL REPORT.—(Continued from page 196.)

MINOR.

The Rev. H. Law James moved the following: "That a Peal of Minor must consist of at least seven true 720s, and the bells must strike Rounds only once at the end of each, and immediately go into the next. The peal may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 720s fulfilling the same conditions, with or without one touch of less than 720 changes to make up some definite number."

The rev. gentleman said that last year the resolution dealing with Minor was amended, and finally it was agreed that it should come up again this year so as to give six-bell ringers an opportunity of knowing all about it, otherwise the decision last year was unanimous. It was generally admitted that a five bell peal was 120 changes—which of course was a matter of simple arithmetic—a six-bell peal was 720 changes, a seven-bell peal was 5040 changes, and an eight-bell peal 40,320. It had been so ever since ringing was practised. When they came to compare these numbers, to get over a practical difficulty a seven-bell peal, viz. a peal of Triples, was made the standard; and so 5000 changes on eight bells was made a peal of Major. Hence the custom arose of ringing seven 720s of Minor to make a peal of 5040; as, when it came down to Minor or Doubles, an equivalent number to make a 5040 had to be rung. He saw no difficulty in adopting the resolution, for a 5040 could be rung in fourteen methods if not more. These performances were worthy of consideration, for his own experience was that a 5040 of Minor in fourteen methods was a greater tax on the mind than a 5040 of London Surprise Major.

The resolution having been seconded by Mr. R. Richardson, Mr. H. Dains said he did not like to see these restrictions put upon Minor peals. After ringing a 720 of Minor what else was there to do? Each 720 was a repetition. What more could there be in it? Of course the more methods that could be put into the 5040 the better, but each 720 should be complete. He would like to see an equivalent number of 18-scores to make up a 5040 added.

Mr. W. Snowdon said he had nothing to say against the resolution, but he considered it would be far better to word it that the Council advises this should be done, and not say it must be done, otherwise he feared there would be some opposition. He hoped the Council would deal with the matter in some such friendly manner, the word "must" was a little too strong. These performances were a credit to six-bell bands, and it would be cruel to them to insist.

After much discussion the Hon. Secretary supported Mr. Snowdon's suggestion. The Council had declined to define what was a peal of Minor; it was therefore undesirable to use the word "must." He would move to insert "should" in place of "must."

The Rev. H. Law James said the resolution was practically agreed to last year, with the exception that it was decided it should come up again.

Mr. G. Bolland said the resolution, if adopted as it stood, would be a great blow to six-bell ringers. As it stood, if adopted, it would cause some six-bell bands, who wanted to get as many methods in a 5040 as they could, not to take any further interest in it. It was not only possible to ring a 5040 of Minor in fourteen different methods, but it was also possible to ring a 5040 in twenty-one methods of 240 changes each. He would ask if the Analysis Committee recognised a 5040 in fourteen methods as a peal.

Mr. A. T. King replied in the affirmative.

The President said the Committee would consider it incumbent upon them to accept a decision of the Council.

Mr. A. T. King said it was a difficult matter, as fourteen 360s could be recognised if the resolution as worded was adopted. As matters stood now anything that makes a 5040 can be accepted. He hoped that the Council would not leave the matter in any uncertainty, but come to a definite decision.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly said he thought a complete 720 should first be rung, and then go on if necessary by splicing. As the resolution stood there must be seven 720s.

The President said the Council once defined a peal of Minor, but afterwards found it necessary to rescind the resolution; and it was decided that the Council would not define a true peal of Minor, as there was no such thing. He thought it desirable that the amendment moved by the Hon. Secretary should be adopted.

Mr. W. Snowdon seconded the amendment, and said the Council had a fight for some years over the matter, and finally came to the conclusion that these were "performances." He considered it far better to "recommend" than to attempt to force a definition down the throats of six-bell ringers.

Mr. H. W. Wilde said as one who had attempted splicing he did not think Mr. Law James' plan was at all hard on six-bell ringers. All that was necessary was to go into another method instead of coming into rounds. He did not see any difficulty in this. He had heard of a band that at the end of each 720 rang a whole pull in rounds; that he did not think should be allowed.

The President appealed to the Council to adopt the word "should" in place of "must."

The Rev. H. Law James said if the Analysis was to be continued, a 5040, consisting of fourteen methods, should be regarded as a peal of Minor, and not a variety of touches made up of bundles of rubbish.

The President pointed out that if the word "should" was adopted a performance of 5040 in fourteen methods, as referred to by Mr. Law James, would count.

Upon the President putting the motion to amend the original resolution by substituting "should" for "must," the former was declared carried by a large majority.

In reply to the President, Messrs. Dains and Bolland said they agreed with the word "should" in preference to "must." Mr. Bolland intimated he would withdraw the proposal to insert after a 720 "an equivalent number of 18-scores" which he and Mr. Dains had brought forward.

The resolution as amended was submitted and adopted.

The following were the next items upon the agenda:—

That a Committee of five six-bell ringers be appointed to draw up a scale of Points for performances on five and six bells.

That this Committee, together with the Peals Values Committee, try and find a common denominator by means of which the value of such performances compared with that of peals on higher numbers can be fixed.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter said if these resolutions were adopted they would help both the Analysis and the Peal Values Committees in dealing with five and six-bell performances. Those hitherto forming these Committees had no qualifications to deal with these matters, as they had not the requisite knowledge of the requirements of five and six-bell ringers. It would be much better if those who had a practical knowledge of the subject and knew something of the difficulties of such ringing had the opportunity of drawing up a scale of points for these performances. By the resolution it was intended that the Committee, having arrived at the number of points which should be allotted, should approach the Peal Values Committee and discuss with that Committee the value of such performances in comparison with a peal upon seven or a higher number of bells. If this was done and a unanimous decision arrived at, it would be useful to the Analysis Committee. In this way the two Com-

mittees might be able to arrange so that the points given would be in accordance with those now given for peals upon the higher numbers of bells.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly seconded.

The Rev. H. Law James suggested that both items should stand over till the question of the Peal Values Committee and the Analysis had been submitted.

This was agreed to. When the matter again came up for discussion later on both parts (a) and (b) were withdrawn.

RULES AND DECISIONS.

The Hon. Secretary in moving "That it is desirable to reconsider some of the conditions laid down for the legitimacy of Methods, as stated on page 18 of 'Rules and Decisions,' 1904," said some time ago the President and himself visited Mr. John Carter and saw his wonderful machine, which rang off any method. He brought with him a new method, which the machine duly rang. Subsequently he sent a report to "THE BELL NEWS," upon which he received a letter from a member of the Council, who would have something to say after him. This member wrote—"Your method will not do, it is not in accordance with the Rules laid down by the Council." Previous to this he had not studied the subject in "Rules and Decisions" with particular attention. This, however, caused him to look them up carefully, and he came to the conclusion that as laid down they were arbitrary, and he trusted that the Council would alter them. The particular rules to which he referred were those on pages 18 and 22. Taking for granted, just for the present, the "Principles" on which it had been laid down that methods were founded, let us consider, he said, the case of Triples and Major with a plain hunting treble. Now in the Triples what do we find? That places are made alternately in front and behind. In Major the places are made simultaneously in front and behind. The effect of this is that in Triples we have continuous Triple changes, with rows alternately negative and positive ("out" and "in"), while in Major we have alternate Cater and Triple changes producing pairs of rows alternately "in and out," and "out and in." If the two immutable laws of all change-ringing, that a bell never moves more than one place at a time, and never lies more than two consecutive blows in any one place are to be observed, we find that, to preserve this succession of rows, odd places only can be made in Triples, and even places (always at backstroke) in Major. Any law less exacting than this is insufficient, and any stricter one is arbitrary. Any method conforming to these laws is a legitimate method, always provided that in Triples the plain course runs to five, and in Major to seven leads, any method failing in this standing self-condemned. What he contended was that the rule that had been made tying the lead-ends of Major methods for ever down to the lead-ends of Bob Major, was one of the most fatuous and arbitrary rules that he had ever known, and he earnestly advocated the recasting of certain definitions in "Rules and Decisions" to purge them of these illogical and tyrannical restrictions.

Dr. A. B. Carpenter, who seconded, said it had occurred to him that it was not right for the Council to say that certain methods should not be rung; take Union Triples for example, the method was most delightful to ring. In Major to attempt to part the tenors was something different, as they should be kept together as much as possible.

The Rev. H. Law James said this was simply a natural fact. A great many of the Exercise had not as yet comprehended this question, but he wanted them to do so. He understood Mr. Pye rang a 15,000 on the previous day. Well, to adopt this proposal, would be to say that he had not (laughter). For not only Kent Treble Bob but London Surprise and Cambridge Surprise would be ruled out of order (laughter). In fact Superlative would be the only Surprise method left. He would ask the Hon. Secretary to again read the definitions laid down. It was not an arbitrary rule, but there were such things as positive laws and natural laws. This was a natural law. A positive law was not an arbitrary rule when laid down for a positive purpose. There are laws called natural laws, because they work out in a certain way. The laws are laid down as natural laws, but they could call them what they liked. Take A B and C on page 18. There you had three definitions laid down which actually exist. These natural laws, which no man ever

made, cannot be altered. The Council had laid down certain rules, but had not said that such and such methods should not be rung. Take the case of Doubles; the Council did not say these should not be rung. Or take Triples; the Council had not said you shall not ring them. The question was: are they legitimate? To adopt the resolution would be to go back into the depth of darkness. The Council must keep to the musical side of the question. In Doubles there was not much wrong so long as you did not get four blows at the back. Again, he had rung Union Triples, but the Council had laid down a rule—not an arbitrary rule—that you should not have more than the ordinary calls. Just so with Stedman, either Triples, Caters or Cinques, which he had loved to ring. Taking into consideration the large number of legitimate methods, there was no reason whatever for the Council to go back and bring in un-musical methods. Get a good legitimate Major method and you had good music. After all it was the musical question that was concerned. He hoped the Council would not pass the resolution.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said he was not going into the question on the same lines as the Hon. Secretary. It was about fourteen years since the Committee was appointed. From that time till now he had been engaged in correspondence with Mr. Law James upon the matter, and he had no hesitation in saying that the whole of the correspondence would make a fair size volume (laughter). He did not think that any one could actually explain the whole of the rules laid down. It was a law you could not escape from. To take half the rule away would be to take the root of the question away. The ordinary ringer approached the question in a far different way to what they as experts did. They as experts looked at it from the point of method construction: others only looked at the surface. It was necessary to go to the bottom of the whole question and work upwards. He hoped the Council would not pass the resolution. For 300 years, ever since ringing was practised, this had been the natural order of things, and methods which had lived were legitimate, and there was not now a method universally practised that was not legitimate. He believed that many of the old ringers knew of many old methods, but would not ring them because they were not legitimate.

Mr. J. W. Parker said as one who had started ringing late in life, and at an age when it might be said his intelligence was ripe, he went into the question with an open mind, and having studied the matter he had come to the conclusion that he must agree with Mr. Law James and Mr. Trollope. He believed there was a natural law dealing with a method. He should be sorry to support the resolution, for the Council had defined what constituted a legitimate method. No doubt the definition had involved great labour, and he did not think this labour should be thrown away.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker said he was somewhat puzzled. He thought that under the rules laid down, methods which were legitimate were to be rung, and those not legitimate were not to be practised. It appeared to him that the discussion was a waste of time. If a method was not legitimate, why should it be practised?

The Rev. H. Law James said the Council might declare that a method was not legitimate, but it did not say it should not be rung. Was "Stoney" legitimate? The Council did not say it should not be rung, but who would support ringing "Stoney"? The only thing that he knew that could stop the ringing of "Stoney" was either an Act of Parliament—(laughter)—or the Vicar of a parish. Surely it was better not to ring methods that were not legitimate.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson said it was not a question of the pronouncement of the value of a method, but a question if it was in accordance with certain laws laid down for legitimacy. It would avoid confusion in the future if the definitions were adhered to as laid down, while to adopt the resolution would be going backwards.

Mr. W. Snowdon said he agreed with the last view expressed by Mr. Law James, and having looked into the matter, he had come to the conclusion that it would be going back to adopt the resolution.

The Hon. Secretary said one of the chief arguments brought forward by Mr. Law James was that certain methods not legitimate would come in, but the proposal was only a recommen-

dition. Mr. Law James also contended that certain methods would be ruled out. This he, the Hon. Secretary, had never said. It might be necessary to lay down a minimum rule, but not a maximum. Certainly nothing would be done to rule out London Surprise.

Mr. J. A. Trollope: You must rule out all Surprise methods except Superlative.

The Hon. Secretary said he was willing that the resolution should be re-modelled, and that if it touched London Surprise, it be left in. He had no intention to rule out London Surprise or any other Surprise method. Mr. Law James and Mr. Trollope had referred to natural laws. He was afraid there were many artificial laws about, and not natural laws. There was the question of music, but this question had not been brought forward by him, for he had not said a word about it. It had been said that the rule of 1904 respecting a 5th place bob should be allowed in peals of Triples, but there were exceptions to the rule. It had been said that it would be a backward step to adopt the resolution, but he thought it would be a forward step to revise or otherwise this schedule. If this was done there would be no justification for ringing a bad method. One thing they had not been told was how many of these methods that had not been rung might prove to be good methods.

The President said no one could say that the matter had not been put before the Council in an intelligent manner, although it was impossible to more than partially explain it. There were Standard Methods, such as London Surprise, which did not come within the Canons of change-ringing, but which had been practised for many years, and you could not say that these methods should not be rung. Many of these old methods had been rung for years before there was a knowledge

of method-building, and Mr. Law James and those who supported him had done their best for years to put the whole question upon a proper footing. The contention of the mover of the resolution was that the principles laid down were not practically sound, and he, the President, could not see why what had been settled could not be revised, and it might be well if those who had looked into the matter should consider if any alterations were necessary, and if so, what. The suggestion was that, further knowledge having been obtained, revision might take place.

The Rev. H. Law James said there was no doubt that at some future time it would be necessary to revise. He did not think that the rules as at present laid down would stand long, but he believed that the day for revision had not come yet.

The resolution was lost, only seventeen voting in its favour.

Mr. J. W. Taylor said many musical people were strongly opposed to unmusical change-ringing. Did this not point to the necessity for doing away with unmusical methods and the avoidance of such discords as were produced in Major by the tenor dodging with the 2nd behind?

MEDICAL MEN AS CHANGE-RINGERS.

"Ringer," writing from Olinda, Poole Road, Wallis Down, Bournemouth, says:—"Can any ringer tell me of a doctor who is a Change-ringer? We have ringing members of many different occupations, but I have only been able to find ONE who is a medical man." We expect there are many ringers who will be able to reply in the affirmative.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

AXBRIDGE DEANERY BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the above was held at East Brent on Saturday, June 8th, over thirty members being present. The following towers were represented: East Brent, Brent Knoll, Bridgwater, Burnham Berrow, Churchill, Congresbury, Cheddar, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare, and Easton-in-Gordano. Service was held in the Parish Church at 4.30, and a capital address given by the Rev. A. P. Wickham. Tea was partaken of at the vicarage, and the business meeting followed, the chair being taken by the Rev. A. P. Wickham. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed as read. One honorary and three performing members were duly elected. Weston-super-Mare was chosen for the next quarterly meeting in September. Axbridge was chosen for the intermediate meeting. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. A. P. Wickham for the use of the bells, arranging service and tea, and presiding at the meeting. The rev. gentleman suitably responded. The ringers were honoured by the presence of a lady ringer, Miss Ruth Coles, of Bridgwater, who rang in a few touches. The bells were kept going till late in the evening with Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor.

During the evening several members visited Brent Knoll tower, and rang rouches of Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. P. Brancken for kindly granting the use of the bells.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A pleasant afternoon was spent by those members and friends of this Association who assembled at Bakewell on Saturday last, on the occasion of the first quarterly meeting of the year. There is a very good eight-bell peal by Mears in the parish church, and during the afternoon and evening some very fair ringing was heard, the principal methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Duffield, Superlative and Cambridge Major.

Tea was served at 5 o'clock at The Queen's Arms hotel, when representatives from the following places were noticed: Burton, Cotgrave, Darley, Duffield, Loughborough, Orston, North Wingfield, and Wirksworth, in addition to the local men. Mrs. J. W. Taylor and several other ladies were also present.

At the subsequent general meeting, the Vice-president (Mr. J. W. Taylor), occupied the chair, and was supported by the Rev. C. J. Sturton, of Orston, Notts., Mr. E. D. Taylor, Mr. W. C. Wakley (Treasurer), and Mr. W. E. White (Secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed, after which the chairman reviewed the peals rung during the past quarter, 38 in number, including two on handbells at Burton, the first peal by the Association at Enfield, Copt Oak, Newton Linford, Leominster, Oaks, and Worksop. A 6240 of Double Norwich at Stoney Stanton, and a 6160 of Oxford Treble Bob at Chesterfield were also worthy of notice.

Mr. Taylor gave a short interesting report of the doings at the recent Central Council meeting. With regard to points for peals, Mr. Taylor was of the opinion that good and accurate striking was more important than quality of methods, and therefore more worthy of points, the members present agreeing with him.

Mr. J. Griffin, a member of the Central Council Analysis Committee, also spoke of the business of the Central Council, and incidentally stated that the new powers given

to his Committee were greater than had ever been bestowed on them. They were at liberty to assign the value to any new method at once, and include it in the Analysis, when it was for the Council to confirm or alter it if thought fit.

The Rev. R. B. Disney, of Leicester, was elected an Honorary member, one life member, and eleven ringing members, including Miss W. Sanders, of Burton, were also unanimously admitted.

It was announced that peal No. 1931 in the report for 1911 had been proved to be false, and also that a peal rung at Eastwood had been omitted from the report, the number thus balanced. The Eastwood peal will be printed in the next report under No. 1931, and the false peal withdrawn.

Mr. White said he had been asked to apologise for the absence of the local clergy and churchwardens, and he would move that a hearty vote of thanks be passed to them for the use of the bells, and to the local band for making the arrangements for the meeting. Mr. White also welcomed the Rev. C. J. Sturton as a valuable addition to the ringing clergy in the Association.

The Rev. C. Sturton seconded the vote of thanks, and thanked the members for their welcome, and hoped he would be able to attend many of their meetings in the future.

A vote of thanks to Mr. J. W. Taylor for presiding, proposed by Mr. Fox, closed the meeting.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Stapleford on Saturday, June 15th, which was well attended. A short service was held in the parish church at 5 o'clock, a very able address being given by the Vicar, the Rev. F. W. Haws. A tea was provided in the Sunday School at 5.30, twenty-five members being present. The Vicar presided over the business meeting which followed. There were also present the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, and W. D. James, Esq. (of the Cambridge University Guild), Mr. T. R. Dennis (General Secretary), P. Webb (District Secretary); also members from Cambridge, Fulbourn, Ickleton, Melbourn, Newmarket, Sawston, Shelford, Fenditton, and the local men. New members were elected, and the Vicar was elected an honorary member. The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson was elected on the Committee.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Cottenham in October. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for presiding, and for the use of the bells.

The Vicar in reply said he was very pleased to welcome the Association to Stapleford, and he felt sure that if the meetings were carried on the same lines as they had been that day, the Association had a prosperous future before it.

Some members then adjourned to the tower, others did some double-handed ringing on the handbells, and a good selection of tunes was given by Mr. F. Handscombe, of Melbourn. During the afternoon and evening the tower bells were kept going in various methods, Oxford and Kent, Double Court and Plain Bob being brought round, one of the local men ringing an inside bell in the latter method through a 720.

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Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at John's, Hackney, on the 25th; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th at 8 p.m.; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays at 7.30 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgely Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—A quarterly general meeting of the Association will be held on Monday, July 8th, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, E.C. Tower open at 8 p.m. Business meeting at 9.30 p.m. All members should endeavour to attend. F. J. HARDY, Hon. Gen. Sec.

34, Guildford Road, Lambeth, S.W.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stretford on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7.

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Branch Sec.

Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Breewood on Saturday, June 22nd. Ringing at 3. Service at 5.30, with an address by the Rev. Preb. C. Dunkley. Tea (gd.) at 6. A brake will leave Wolverhampton (top of Railway Drive, Lichfield Street), at 2.15. Fare 1s. 3d. Reports are ready.

15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton. H. KNIGHT, Hon. Sec.

The Warwickshire Guild.—A monthly meeting will be held at Polesworth on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. The annual meeting will be held at Warwick on July 27th. Notice of any resolution to be moved at this meeting should be forwarded to me by July 6th.

REV. C. C. COX, Hon. Sec.

Shuttery.

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern Division.—A bye-meeting will be held at Shenfield on Saturday, June 22nd. Fryerning bells at 2. Ingatestone at 3. Shenfield at 4 o'clock.

County Offices, Chelmsford. HENRY F. COOPER, Dis. Sec.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, June 22nd, for the election of officers. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.

A. KING, Hon. Sec.

6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton, Beds.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Walton-on-the-Hill on Saturday, June 22nd. Full particulars by circular.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } Hon. Secs.
W. BENTHAM,

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Yeovil on Saturday, June 29th. Dinner at The Half Moon hotel at 1.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Service in the parish church at 4 p.m. The bells available are St. John's, Yeovil (10), after 11.30 a.m.; East Coker (8), West Coker (8), Martock (8), all day.

Taunton. E. E. BURGESS, Hon. Sec.

The Saffron Walden Society.—Established 1623.—The 289th anniversary will be held on Thursday, the 27th inst. All ringers welcome.

R. STRONG, Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Festival will be held at Winchester on Saturday, June 29th. Meeting at the Guildhall at 2 p.m. Service in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. The Cathedral bells will be available.

W. E. COLCHESTER, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held on Saturday, June 29th, at All Saints, Eastchurch. Isle of Sheppey. Tower open from 3.30 p.m.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN, Hon. Sec.

77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, June 29th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.

T. ROLLERSON, Branch Sec.

Peterborough and District Association.—A district meeting will be held at Alwalton on Saturday, June 29th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting after. Bells (5) ready at 1 o'clock. Castor bells (6) available in the evening.

F. T. COOKE, Hon. Sec.

Peterborough.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Biggleswade and District Branch.—The annual summer festival will be held at Biggleswade (8 bells), on Saturday, June 29th. Cricket match at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea at 6 o'clock. All those taking tea please let Secretary know by Thursday, June 27th.

F. BLOOD, Branch Sec.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 13th. Special service in the Cathedral at 11.30. Preacher—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Business meeting in the Chapter House at 12.20. Dinner in the Dining Hall at Christ Church at 1.30. Dinner tickets at 2s. each will be forwarded to those members only who send their money with the order to me on or before Saturday, July 6th. One shilling will be refunded to each member present at the dinner. But members failing to send for their tickets must pay 2s. at the door, and have no refund.

ALBERT E. REEVER, Guild Secretary.

5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—In order to facilitate the publishing of future reports conductors of peals are requested to send particulars of peals called by them within seven days of such performance to

T. HERVEY BEAMS, Asst. Hon. Sec.

Bradpole, Bridport.

N.B.—Will conductors of peals since January 1st, 1912, also oblige.

Notice.—Shoreditch Bells Fund.—Funds are urgently needed to put this grand old peal in proper repair. £50 wanted before the work can be commenced. Who will help a poor parish? Contributions thankfully received and gratefully acknowledged. Collecting cards also supplied by H. J. Bradley, The Parish Church, Shoreditch E.

Notice.—On Sunday, June 30th, all being well, four members of the Norwich Diocesan Association will attempt a peal of Bob Major, 14,336 changes, at 42, Wymer Street, Norwimb, commencing at 2 o'clock sharp.

MESSRS. CHARLES CARR LTD.

WOODLAND WORKS, SMETHWICK.

The Agricultural Hall, Islington is at present occupied by the International Exhibition of Non Ferrous Metals and their Application. The Exhibition deals with metals other than iron and steel, such as copper, brass, aluminium, nickel, &c., and the various uses to which they are put.

Our representative strolled into the Hall in the early part of the week, and in reply to a casual remark to an attendant was told that it was a nice little exhibition. This he found to be the case. It was small, as might be expected from its limited scope, but at the same time very interesting. In the course of a ramble round the stalls one could get to know something of the mysteries of the half hundred metals and their products which have made possible the latest advances of science and engineering, such as the aeroplane, the turbine, and so on.

We failed to find anything of particular interest to ringers, as such, until, on arriving at Stall 65 we found it occupied by Messrs. Chas. Carr Ltd., the well-known firm of Bell-founders. This firm, which was established in the Potteries in the year 1850, and at Smethwick, Birmingham, in 1864, holds a premier position in the art of Bell-founding. Some of the finest peals of bells in the country were cast in their foundry, which is fitted up with the most modern and up-to-date machinery and appliances, thus enabling them to produce bells of any size and weight. Messrs. Carr also undertake all kinds of re-hanging and repair work, and experienced men are sent, free of charge, to inspect and report on bells and towers. They have on show a specimen bell hung in steel frame ready for fixing; also a small bell unmounted, beside a number of musical handbells, and bells suitable for a variety of purposes. They will be pleased to send their catalogue, and to quote prices for any kind of bell, as well as bell fittings and bell ropes.

Their exhibit also includes phosphor alloys, solders for all kinds of work, metallic ignition tubes for gas engines, metal name plates and labels, together with an assortment of tools, castings in all metals, furnaces, moulding boxes, foundry tools, etc.

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The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

KEITH HART Treble.	*HAROLD W. CLARE 6.
CHARLES T. COLES 2.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	ALFRED W. GRIMES 8.
REUBEN SANDERS 4.	WILLIAM PYE 9.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 5.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal on ten bells.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 15, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
ALFRED W. GRIMES 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The Provinces.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720s of Bob Minor, called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRED. CHAMBERS Treble.	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON 4.
JOHN LARTR 2.	EDWARD NUNN 5.
JOHN SPENCER 3.	NORMAN R. BAILEY Tenor.

Conducted by F. CHAMBERS.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER S. INWOOD Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT 5.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2.	ALFRED W. GRIMES 6.
ARTHUR W. DIX 3.	ROBERT E. SVAERT 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung on the 18th anniversary of the wedding of the Vicar, Archdeacon the Hon. K. F. Gibbs, and on the 70th birthday of J. Prewett, Esq., father of the conductor. Both these gentlemen are hon. members of the above Association.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Sonning Deanery Branch.)

On Sunday, June 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRANK LUSH Treble.	SAMUEL PAICE 5.
AMBROSE W. OSBOENE 2.	WILLIAM J. PAICE 6.
HARRY BUNGAY 3.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 7.
JOHN RANCE 4.	*GEORGE GREEN Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, the band wishing him many happy returns. It was intended to ring Stedman, but meeting one short Mr. S. Paice kindly took the vacant rope and the above was substituted. *First peal.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM G. MAYERS Treble.	*WILLIAM W. GOODBOURN 5.
GEORGE MAYERS 2.	ALFRED FUNNELL 6.
JOHN F. WILSON 3.	WILLIAM STEELE 7.
FREDERICK J. WHITHAM 4.	GEORGE POYNIZ Tenor.

Composed by DANIEL PRENTICE, and Conducted by WM. STEELE.

First peal in the method on the bells. *First peal in the method. The ringers of the treble, 2nd and 5th belong to the local band, and the remainder hail from Saxlingham.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

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

REGINALD LAST Treble.	CHARLES NUNN 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	G. CATTERMOLLE 5.
WILLIAM CLOVER 3.	LEONARD LAST Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Consisting of seven 720s.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

LIONEL HAMMOND Treble.	HERBERT PRATT 4.
FREDK. C. LAMBERT 2.	THOMAS CRANE 5.
LEONARD HAMBLING* 3.	JOHN PUNCHARD Tenor.

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of Norwich Surprise, Old Oxford Modernised, College Bob iv., College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 20 cwt.

CLARENCE GOOCH Treble.	GEORGE SNELLING 4.
BERTIE TURNER 2.	JOHN SNELLING 5.
ALBERT BROWN 3.	FREDK. SEAGER Tenor.

Conducted by B. TURNER.

Rung with bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Bishop Sheepshanks. First peal as conductor.

NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Tuesday, June 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich Surprise, College Exercise, Old Oxford Modernised, College Bob iv., London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 12 cwt.

CLARENCE GOOCH Treble.	GEORGE SNELLING 4.
BERTIE TURNER 2.	JOHN SNELLING 5.
ALBERT BROWN 3.	FREDK. SEAGER Tenor.

Conducted by B. TURNER.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE E. NAUNTON .. Treble.	CHARLES NUNN 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	ALPHAEUS J. BERRY 5.
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON .. 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

This peal was arranged for G. E. and F. W. Naunton.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD,

On Thursday, June 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HARRY ARGYLE Treble.	*ERNEST STONE 5.
ROWLAND O. POLLARD .. 2.	E. HARRY STONELEY .. 6.
GEORFFREY STONELEY* .. 3.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 7.
THOMAS VALLANCE* 4.	*JOHN GREASLEY Tenor.

Conducted by T. W. CHAPMAN.

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

SHEEPY MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Court, Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK SHEPHERD* .. Treble.	HERBERT HURDMAN 4.
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON .. 2.	JOHN HOUGH 5.
WILLIAM J. SMITH 3.	DAVID COTTON Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HUGH.

*First peal in seven methods. This is the first peal on the bells.

COBHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 720 each of Grandsire Minor, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob.

JOHN AVIS Treble.	FREDK. HAYES 4.
CHARLES WATERMAN 2.	GEORGE MORRAD 5.
GUY R. AMBROSE 3.	FREDK. M. MITCHELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

Rung in honour of the King's birthday. First peal of Minor on the bells. The band wish to thank the Rev. — Berger for the use of the bells, and Mr. G. Mungeam for having everything ready.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 13, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	CHARLES BAKER 5.
CLARENCE GOOCH* 2.	FREDERICK ROOPE 6.
HENRY GARNHAM 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE 7.
EDWIN WHITING 4.	FREDERICK SEAGER .. Tenor.

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

*First peal on eight bells.

BINSTEAD, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Grandsire, College Single and Canterbury Pleasure and two 720s each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob

Tenor 14 cwt. approximate.

GEORGE FISHER* .. Treble.	HUBERT CHAFFEY 4.
WILLIAM HORNE 2.	JOHN HALL 5.
ALFRED CROUCHER 3.	CHARLES EDWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

*First peal. First peal on the bells.

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch).

On Saturday, June 15, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S. FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr.

ALBERT BROOKS .. Treble.	THOMAS BULL 5.
EDGAR HUMFREY 2.	JESSE BROOKS 6.
HARRY MILES 3.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. 7.
JOHN MONE 4.	GEORGE BROOKS Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. CYRIL JENKYN.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lb. in G.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	ALBERT WARNES 5.
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2.	WALTER MOBES 6.
WILLIAM STERLE 3.	FREDERICK SMITH 7.
FREDERICK HOWCHIN .. 4.	JAMES SOUTER Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

BRITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM J. BROWNING .. Treble.	†EDWIN F. PIKE 5.
REGINALD BROUGH 2.	JOHN WHEADON 6.
WILLIAM FLETCHER 3.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN .. 7.
JOHN BURLER* 4.	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SSN .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

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

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt.

HENRY F. EWINS Treble.	JOHN RICE 5.
OSCAR GILERY 2.	GEORGE F. HOAD 6.
ALFRED D. MILLS 3.	FREDR. W. RICE 7.
ALBERT HARMAN 4.	OLIVER SIFFETTS Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by OLIVER SIFFETTS.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 15, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST BARTRAM* Treble.	ERNEST MORRIS.. .. 5.
ARTHUR PETTIT.. .. 2.	JOSIAH MORRIS 6.
LOUIS E. ALLEN 3.	RICHARD H. BARTRAM 7.
FRED H. DEXTER 4.	CHARLES H. FOWLER Tenor.

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

*First peal of Major. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

FREDERICK W. BAILEY .. Treble.	JAMES M. BAILEY 5.
ERNEST S. BAILEY 2.	CHARLES F. BAILEY 6.
FREDERICK J. SMITH 3.	CHARLES SAMSON 7.
GEORGE WILSON* 4.	EDGAR H. BAILEY Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method. 100th peal as conductor.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The St. James's Society, Bury St. Edmunds.)

On Saturday, June 15, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REEVES'S VARIATION REVERSED. Tenor 28 cwt.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. Treble.	THOS. FITZJOHN 5.
PERCY FORDHAM 2.	CHARLES WOODCOCK 6.
FREDK. A. POULSON 3.	W. R. JOHN POULSON 7.
JOHN SPARROW 4.	ARTHUR SYMONDS Tenor.

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

This was arranged for Mr. P. Fordham, of Mildenhall, Suffolk, and is his first peal in the method.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1912, in Three Hours

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

SYDNEY GASHIN* Treble.	*WILLIAM MEARS 4.
ALFRED NEWSON 2.	SYDNEY ANNISON 5.
HORACE HAYLETT* 3.	FRED BURROWS.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRED BURROWS.

*First peal.

OXHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

CHARLES W. SMITH .. Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE 5.
HENRY HODGETTS 2.	WILLIAM HODGETTS.. .. 6.
ARTHUR W. DIX 3.	HUBERT EDEN 7.
CHARLES N. LEMAN 4.	FREDERICK W. BRINLOW Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by FREDERICK W. BRINLOW.

This peal was rung on the 25th anniversary of the opening of the bells.

Handbell Peals.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

At "THE GEORGE THE FOURTH," BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2.	ERNEST PYE 5-6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3-4.	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7-8.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

CROYDON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART.

SYDNEY R. ROPER 1-2.	ACELAND J. PERKINS 5-6.
WALTER S. WISE 3-4.	CYRIL F. JOHNSTON 7-8.

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

Umpire—Thomas H. Colburn. This is Mr. C. F. Johnston's first peal in hand, and first attempt.

EATON SOCON, BEDS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

In the Belfry of St. Mary's Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

SYDNEY PECK 1-2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN 5-6.
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN 3-4.	HERBERT FIELDS 7-8.

Composed by C. R. LILLEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE D. COLEMAN.

Witness—Arthur Adams. Rung on the local company's new set of handbells, and believed to be the first handbell peal rung at Eaton Socon.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The St. James's Society, Bury St. Edmunds.)

On Sunday, June 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. R. Moore, Cemetery Road.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE.

ARTHUR E. MOORE 1-2.	HARRY A. TURNER 5-6.
FREDK. DEWELL 3-4.	†CHARLES WOODCOCK 7-8.

Conducted by A. E. MOORE.

Umpire—Frank Levitt. †First peal double-banded.

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OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At 43, Heath Road,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 CHANGES.

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire—Arthur W. Dix. This peal has the 6th twenty-four courses in 6ths place, and the 5th eighteen courses in 5ths place in the titlums position. It was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Albert John Hodgetts.

The following Peals have been rung by

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, June 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
In the President's Rooms, Trinity College,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 1-2.	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 5-6.
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 3-4.	*W. D. JAMES 7-8.
*R. O. STREET 9-10.	

Composed by W. T. ELSON, and
Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

Umpire—J. B. Williamson. †First peal of Caters in hand.

On Thursday, June 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
In the President's Rooms, Trinity College,

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

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 1-2.	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 5-6.
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 3-4.	W. D. JAMES 7-8.

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

This peal was adapted from a peal by Dr. A. B. Carpenter (Central Council Collection, No. 158.)

On Monday, June 17, 1912, in Two Hours Fourteen and a half Minutes,
In the President's Rooms, Trinity College,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 1-2.	W. D. JAMES 5-6.
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 3-4.	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 7-8.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob by the Guild. Umpire—J. H. R. Freeborn.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OLDHAM (Lancashire).—On Saturday, June 15th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1912 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 17 mins. H. Wright, S. Elson, S. Stott, A. Waitee, J. H. Bastow, H. E. Fielding, S. M. Butterworth, J. Garlick. Composed by Charles Jackson, and conducted by Samuel Stott. Rung for the Musical Festival of the United Choirs of Oldham.

MOORSIDE (Oldham).—On Whit Sunday, May 27th, eight members of the above Association assembled in the tower of Moorside church, Oldham, and rang a date touch of 1912 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 12 mins. F. Wild, J. Ogden, F. Chapman, H. Barlow, S. Stott, L. Hampson, C. Platt, J. Garlick. Composed by C. Jackson, of Hull, and conducted by S. Stott.

Miscellaneous.

THE HATFIELD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

HATFIELD (Herts).—On Sunday, May 26th, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1280 changes,

in 50 mins. F. Cull, J. J. Powers, H. Shepherd, J. Shepherd, J. Kentish, A. Shepherd, J. Hollingsworth, J. T. Kentish. Composed by F. Dench and Conducted by J. T. Kentish.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD, S.E.—On Sunday, June 16th, at St. John's church, for evening service, 1022 Grandsire Triples, in 34 mins. R. Fosdike, W. J. Jeffries (conductor). J. Law, F. W. Richardson, A. G. Bennington, W. Daynes, J. Crowder, C. H. Macklin.

MEOPHAM.—On Saturday, June 1st, 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Avis, J. Burles, G. Ambrose, F. Hayes, R. Constant, F. Mitchell (conductor). Also 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, first 720 in the method on the bells, standing as above. The band wish to thank the Rev. Owen for the use of the bells, and Mr. Basil C. Owen, leader of the Meopham ringers, for so kindly entertaining them to tea.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On Tuesday, June 11th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Avis, J. Allen, R. Smith, Corpl. J. Bennett, R.M.L.I., G. Morrad, F. Hayes (conductor). First 720 in the method by Corpl. Bennett. On Sunday, June 16th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Avis, J. Fenwick, J. Burles, J. Allen, F. Hayes, F. Mitchell (conductor).

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, June 16th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. F. W. Bailey, E. S. Bailey, E. H. Bailey, A. Keeble, C. Samson, J. M. Bailey, C. F. Bailey (conductor). G. Wilson. For evening service, 672 Double Norwich. A. F. Bailey, F. Youngman, F. W. Bailey, A. Keeble, F. J. Smith, E. S. Bailey, E. H. Bailey, C. F. Bailey (conductor).

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAERPHILLY (Glamorganshire).—On Thursday, June 13th, 336 Grandsire Triples. E. Phillips, W. Dare, D. Stephens, W. Kathro, H. Broughton, F. Garrard, J. W. Jones, G. Cooke.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHWARK.—On Sunday, June 16th, at the church of St. George-the-Martyr, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins., with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to Miss E. P. Hodge, late Superintendent of the Girls' Sunday School. H. Franks, S. B. Weatherston, T. H. Taffender (conductor), C. H. Hughes, R. W. Green, R. W. E. Grimwood, A. D. Barker, T. Walker.

ST. JOHN THE DIVINE GUILD, KENNINGTON.

KENNINGTON.—On Sunday, June 16th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 47 mins. T. W. Welbourne, H. Walton, H. J. Walton, T. W. Wyatt, Alec Miller, Arch. Miller, G. W. Wild (conductor), R. C. Wightman.

EAST MOLESEY.—On Sunday, May 26th, for evening service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. H. G. Naish, W. J. Hallt, I. Howes (conductor), J. N. Frossell, G. E. Naish, F. G. Woodiss, C. Slade, J. Baldwin. Rung on the occasion of the dedication of the new reredos.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—On Tuesday, April 30th, for practice at All Saints' church, 336 Grandsire Triples. F. Brown, Miss E. Fisher, J. Howes, F. G. Woodiss, J. N. Frossell, C. Slade, G. Woodiss (conductor), J. Chandler. 280 Grandsire Triples. C. Slade, Miss E. Fisher, J. H. B. Hesse, F. G. Woodiss, W. Halls, J. N. Frossell, J. Howes (conductor), J. Chandler. 336 Stedman Triples. J. Howes (conductor), J. Wright, F. G. Woodiss, G. Woodiss, J. H. B. Hesse, C. Slade, J. N. Frossell, J. Chandler. And 359 Grandsire Caters. Miss E. Fisher, J. Howes (conductor), F. G. Woodiss, J. Wright, G. Woodiss, J. H. B. Hesse, H. G. Naish, C. Slade, J. N. Frossell, J. Chandler. First touch on ten bells by Miss Fisher.

MONKS ELEIGH (Suffolk).—On Sunday afternoon, June 9th, 720 of Victoria Treble Bob was rung at the parish church. T. Hollocks, H. Gladwell, H. Crick, T. Levitt, A. Symonds, W. R. J. Poulson (conductor). This is the first in the method on these bells.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.—On Sunday, June 16th, in honour of the first visit of Dr. Wakefield, Bishop of Birmingham, to preach at the Men's Service in the afternoon, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins. John Jennings, Chas. Waithman, Bernard Claydon, George Roberts, William Allsopp, Thos. Bloore, Bertram Leedham, James Reynolds. Composed and Conducted by Thos. Bloore.

TROWBRIDGE CHURCH BELLS.

RENOVATED AT A COST OF £370.

On Saturday, June 8th, Messrs. Llewellyns & James, the Castle Green, Bristol, bell-founders saw the consummation of one more example of their work, when the Lord Bishop of Salisbury dedicated the bells of Trowbridge parish church to the glory of God and the service of the Church.

In October of last year the bells ceased to ring. For over a century they had rung out glad tidings and sad tidings; generations of ringers had come and gone, and now are sleeping their last sleep. But while generations had come and gone, up in the tower the bells had swung to and fro for 112 years. They had been re-cast and re-hung in 1800; they had been converted from a peal of six into a peal of eight; they had rung for the crownings and the requiems of monarchs, for the endings of wars, for joyful and sorrowful events; but at last there came the day when it was dangerous to ring them any more. That was, as we have said, last October, and at Christmastide, the New Year and at Easter, people missed the music of the bells. Now they have been reinstated, and will send forth their message in tuneful rhythm far beyond the borders of the town. It speaks well for Trowbridge people—and the subscriptions were not confined to Churchpeople—that the cost of the work was met by the date of opening.

MESSRS. LLEWELLYNS & JAMES,

a firm famous for its bell work, were entrusted with the task of doing what was necessary, and the total cost, including some repairs and renovations in the tower, has been about £370.

Messrs. Llewellyns and James made a good job of it, as was natural for such a firm. Mr. F. E. Tyler superintended the work on their behalf, and has now brought it to a satisfactory conclusion. The bells were, in the first place, removed to Bristol. Here it was found necessary to re-cast three of them—the treble, the second, and the tenor bell. The others were re-tuned. So that now upon the bells are two sets of names—those of Samuel Watton and Richard Casswell (churchwardens), of the year 1800, and those of Herbert Mundy and Francis Hobson, of the year 1912. Thus is a century of churchwardens linked together, and thus the renovation of the bells in 1800 and the work in 1912 is linked by the two sets of names.

The belfry was entirely dismantled, and all the old tangle of wooden beams was cleared away, leaving the place bare and ready for the new work to go in. Meanwhile the bells were being attended to at Bristol. It was found necessary to re-cast the treble bell, the second bell, and the tenor bell. The tenor bell now weighs 23 cwt. 2 qrs. 25 lbs., and is the largest of the peal. The treble bell weighs about 6 cwt. The other five were re-tuned, and now they

POSSESS THAT MOST DESIRABLE OF THINGS

in the eyes of experts, the same quality of tone, the same tune, the same hum, and they form a perfect chord or series of chords, for each bell produces a series of notes forming a chord, and the difference between a good bell and a bad bell is that the chords of the one are in tune, and those of the other are not. Down at Bristol a new framework of steel girders was made to carry the bells, and when all was ready, the frames and bells were installed in the belfry. The frame is what is known as a "low-side" frame, so constructed as to relieve the walls of the tower of practically all strain and thrust. In the old style of H frame the tower took the strain, and many an old tower was not fit to bear this. Room is left in the

belfry for two more bells, in case they should ever be provided, and the new arrangement allows each member of the peal to be got at with comparative ease. After the bells were placed in position, there came the technical work of balancing them, so that they swing free and true, the clapper striking the bow of the bell as it should, and the ringers below having the least amount of work possible.

Prior to the service the Rector and Mrs. Nash entertained the subscribers to a garden party at the rectory. The Bishop of Salisbury was present, and the Rector introduced his guests to Dr. Ridgeway.

The service in the church was a novel and impressive one. The Bishop and clergy robed in the rectory, where the choir and churchwardens met them. A procession was formed from the rectory to the church, entering by the north door, and taking up a position at the west end. The Bishop stood beneath the tower and the belfry, and the clergy and choir lined a good portion of the central aisle. Meanwhile up in the belfry the ringers stood ready at the ropes. The processional Psalm was a portion of the 31st. The Bishop then took his staff in his hand, and said the prayer of consecration. Other prayers followed, the bells being mentioned in each, and the Bishop pronounced the words of dedication. The signal was then given to the ringers, and from the tower overhead a merry peal was rung, the fine quality and tone of the bells being very noticeable.

The procession then moved up the aisle, the hymn sung being "Now thank we all our God."

The Lord Bishop preached the sermon from the text "In My Father's house are many mansions," concluding an eloquent peroration by appealing to the congregation to make a final effort to raise the necessary balance.

The Rector added a few words, and the collection was taken during the singing of the hymn "Hark, on high the joyful music." The Bishop's appeal was so liberally responded to that the collection (£29 18s. 4d.) was sufficient to make up the sum required to clear the bells from debt.

RINGERS' CELEBRATION.

The Trowbridge band who set the bells going were W. McCaffrey (captain), H. Butcher, C. Raisen, A. K. Harrison, J. Francis, S. Aldom, G. Harding (conductor), and S. J. Hector. There were ringers present from Dewizes (St. Mary's and St. John's), Bath, Bradford-on-Avon, Steeple Ashton, Keevil, Westbury, Melksham, and other towers, and many of them took a turn at the ropes after the service. They all agreed that the bells went beautifully, and were of fine tone.

They were afterwards entertained by Mr. F. Hobson, one of the churchwardens, about 40 sitting down to a splendid repast. Mr. McCaffrey presided, and referred with pride and pleasure to the work which had been done in the tower. He also expressed the thanks of all to Mr. Hobson for his kind hospitality. His remarks were heartily endorsed.

Mr. Prescott (of Bath), added a few words, referring to the excellent work of Messrs. Llewellyns and James, and saying if a man could not ring at Trowbridge, he could not ring anywhere, as the bells went so nicely. He was pleased to see so good a band at Trowbridge, and hoped they would all stick to Mr. McCaffrey.

Mr. Burbidge (of Melksham), said he was very pleased with the "go" of the bells, and hoped that gathering would be a means of promoting even greater unity amongst the different towers.

Songs and touches on handbells of Grandsire Triples and Doubles and Bob Minor helped to pass an enjoyable time,

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Amid the most beautiful surroundings and under ideal conditions a very successful meeting was held on Saturday last at Wolverley. As one neared the church along the country lanes from the busy carpet manufacturing town of Kidderminster you could hear the bells sending forth their music of Kent Treble Bob Minor and various other methods. until service time at 4.45. At the service, which was well attended, the Vicar (Rev. E. P. Rowland) gave a very interesting and instructive address on "Sounds, Bells, Bellringers and their duties as Church workers," which was listened to with close attention. After the service a move was made to the Vicarage, where, on the lawn, a splendid knife-and-fork tea was kindly provided by the Vicar and friends, to which about 70 ringers and wives sat down. The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. The minutes having been signed the chairman and Mr. A. E. Parsons voiced their pleasure at seeing the Branch Secretary with them after his recent serious illness, and wished him continued improvement in health. The Vicar, in welcoming the Association, said he was pleased to see so many attend the service. He had been led to understand that the members usually attended the meeting and tea, but not the service; he was very pleased it was not so on that occasion, and trusted that the ideal of all ringers would be to become good Church workers as well as good bellringers. —It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Bellbroughton. The next quarterly peal would be tried for at Wolverley. One honorary life member (the first for the Association) was elected, two honorary members (the Vicars of Selly Oak and Cookley), and 28 ringing members, including members of the Cookley, Elimley Lovitt, Wordsley and Selly Oak companies. Representatives were present from Worcester, Clent, Stourbridge, Old Hill, Hartlebury, Arley, Kings Wordsley, Elimley Lovitt, Kidderminster, Brierley Hill, Netherton, Wollaston, Oldswinford, Rowley and Selly Oak. —A very hearty vote of thanks was moved by Mr. A. E. Parsons to the Vicar for his address, to the donors of the tea, and to the ladies for their services. The Vicar, replying, said he was pleased to have them there, and hoped they would come again. He also invited them to inspect his gardens, an invitation which was much appreciated. Touches in various methods were rung at Wolverley and Cookley.

BIRMINGHAM RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers at St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral had their annual outing on Saturday last, Solihull, Warwickshire, being visited. Leaving Birmingham at 2.59 p.m. the destination was soon reached. The party spent some three hours in rambling about the beautiful country lanes that abound in this lovely neighbourhood. This proved most interesting and very refreshing after the noise and bustle of a great city. Shakespeare tells us of the glories of the Forest of Arden, within which Solihull is situated, and a visit will dissipate any doubt as to the merits of his description. At 6.30 the tower of the parish church was visited, and Mr. Bragg having everything in readiness, the bells were soon swinging to the rhythm of Grandsire Triples, Caters and Bob Major. Mr. Miller, the captain led the ringing with his accustomed verve, and in the intervals kept everyone merry with his anecdotes. All present were delighted with the musical qualities of the bells. The thanks of the party are accorded to Mr. Bragg and all who assisted in making the visit so very enjoyable.

Correspondence.

To the Editor.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

SIR,—In your issue of the 1st instant a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, 5056 changes, is given as the composition of Mr. George Cross, of Norwich, and to prevent any misunderstanding as to his claim to its authorship, I beg to state that it was composed by me in 1896, and has been since rung, the calling commencing at the 5th course. I think it is very difficult, if not impossible, to get a new peal on this plan.

N. J. PITSTOW.

INFORMATION WANTED.

DEAR SIR,—Our Church contains a fine peal of six bells, but not having been in long, we have no muffles. This is rather a drawback, as we are continually being asked to ring muffled peals for deaths, Good Friday, New Year's Eve, etc. Could any of your readers inform us where muffles are to be obtained, and what a good set of six (tenor 13 cwt.) might cost.

"CLAPPER."

[We should recommend our correspondent to write to any of our advertisers of bell fittings, who will doubtless be pleased to supply him with the information he requires.—ED.]

CURIOUS BELLS.

"Clapper" writes: Following up the question of "Curious Bells," mentioned in your last issue, I can inform you of another very curious bell. This bell is hung in a church tower in South Holderness, and is rung every evening from October to March at 7.0 p.m. The story of the ringing of it is this: A rich man was once walking between this village and the next one very foggy night, when he lost his way, and got right out amongst the fields on the roadside. He did not know what to do, or where to go, but at last he heard the bells ringing at this church. He was thus able to find his way to the village. This gentleman left a large sum of money for this bell to be rung each evening at 7.0 p.m. This bell is known as the seven o'clock bell.

Another very curious fact among bells comes from two other villages in South Holderness, Yorks. One has a peal of four bells, and the other a peal of three. Both sets of bells were made by the same maker at the same time, and they came by the same conveyance. Unfortunately they got mixed in transit, and when they arrived at their destination, each place had two bells of the same note. Therefore bellfounders were employed to tune the bells up to the scale of the others in the same towers.

SILVER WEDDING CELEBRATION.

In celebration of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Cubitt, the latter being churchwarden, on June 15th, at St. Augustine's church, Rumney, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in 38 mins. D. Morgan, A. Cassam, W. Stanaway, H. Giles, F. Marshall, G. Woodlands. Also a few touches of Grandsire Doubles. W. Stanaway, jun. (aged 15), D. Morgan, W. Stanaway, F. Marshall, Ethel Pacey (aged 16), H. Pacey. The ringers wish Mr. and Mrs. Cubitt long life and happiness.

The many people who enjoy the daily sea trips of the New Palace Steamers will be glad to learn that the "Koh-i-Noor" will commence her special Saturday afternoon sailings (better known as the "Husbands' Boat") on the 22nd inst.; and on Sunday she makes her first trip to Deal this season. These trips mark the opening of the full service of the sailings of the "Royal Sovereign" and "Koh-i-Noor." Details of times, fares and catering arrangements will be found in the booklets issued by the Company, 50, King William Street, E.C.

On Wednesday, June 12th, five Roos ringers rode to Burstwick, a village with a peal of six, about six miles

away, and under their Captain (Mr. R. T. Baker) rang touches of Doubles up to the time to close (9.30 p.m.) which came all too early.

WISBECH (Cambs).—On Sunday, June 16th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, with the tenor covering, on the back seven, in 25 mins. G. Duffield, S. Andrews, H. Piggins, T. Haines, G. Piggins, R. Narborough, H. Cheesewright. For the afternoon service a touch of 280 Bob Doubles, on the back six. S. Andrews, T. Haines, H. Banham, G. Piggins, R. Narborough, S. Collison. And for evening service 720 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering. G. Duffield, S. Andrews,

T. Haines, H. Banham, R. Narborough, G. Piggins, S. Collison, H. Cheesewright. All the above were conducted by Ralph Narborough. The morning peal was S. Andrew's first on these bells, and H. Piggins first on an inside bell. The above ringing was accomplished as a farewell ring to Sidney Collison, who has obtained a post in the Royal Infirmary at Hammersmith. The ringers wish him prosperity in his new sphere of life, he having by his splendid example and good spirit earned the respect and confidence of all who knew him; and none will miss his presence in the belfry more than the conductor of the above ringing.

DEATH OF A KEIGHLEY RINGER.

The death occurred on Thursday in last week at the age of 58 years, of Mr. James McGoun, a life member of the Yorkshire Association. Deceased had been a ringer at the parish church for about eleven years. The interment took place at the Keighley Cemetery on Saturday, the deceased being carried to his last resting place by his brother strings. The Vicar, the Rev. L. S. Robinson, officiated. At the graveside a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung by: J. Edmondson, 1-2; R. W. Jennison, 3-4; S. Bateman, 5-6; T. Bancroft, 7-8. After the ceremony the tower bells were rung fully muffled for a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, also for the morning service on Sunday, as a last token of respect to the deceased.

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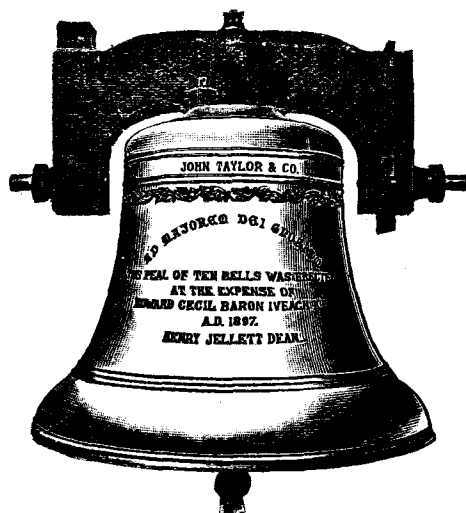
PETERBOROUGH.—On June 16, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, 720 Double Bob. J. Dnnthorne, W. Waldron, E. Tilley, J. Paterson, H. Fraynar, G. Jutson (conductors). First 720 in the method by local band, and first in method on the bells.

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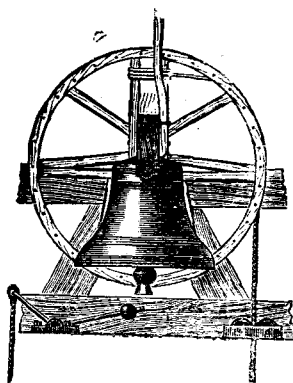
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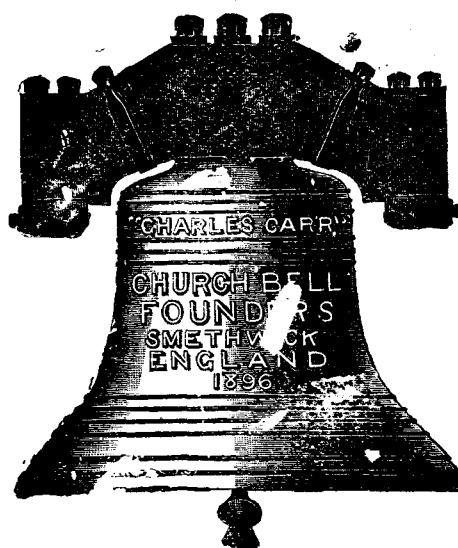
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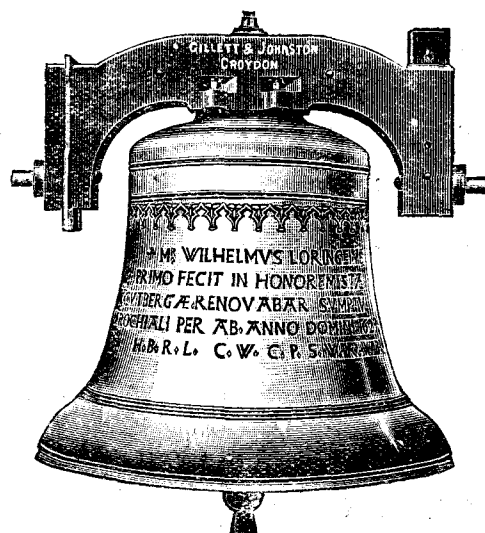
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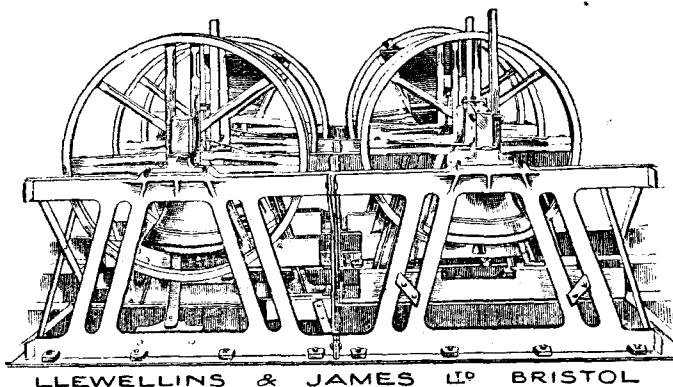
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ANNUAL MEETING OF CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL REPORT.—(Continued from page 211.)

THE RINGING PAPERS AND OFFICIAL REPORTS.

"That this Council, in extending its hearty welcome to the 'Ringing World,' has heard with satisfaction from the Hon. Secretary that he has, from the first appearance of the paper, sent for publication in its columns all essential Official Notices and Reports of the Council, and notes with pleasure that the Analysis of Peals for the past year has been compiled from, and has appeared in identical terms in both ringing papers alike."

Mr. J. A. Trollope, who had charge of the above resolution, said those present at the Leicester meeting would remember that the resolution which he then moved asked that the Analysis should include the peals published in both ringing journals: also that the official reports of the Council should appear in both. There were those present at Leicester who appeared to think that he was in too much of a hurry, and after some discussion the previous question—a mode of procedure he did not always approve of—was moved and adopted, and so his resolution was shelved. At the time he explained that he had only taken over the resolution the previous evening, so was not fully prepared to deal with the question as he might otherwise have been. Now between the meeting last year and the present many things had happened, hence the reason why the resolution he now wished to move was not identically the same as last year. As a matter of fact the very things that were asked for had this year been done, so they might almost say "Thank you" and pass on. It appeared to him that the Analysis Committee last year did not fall into line; in fact some were against the resolution, but as public opinion went against them, like honourable men, after apparent re-consideration, they had fallen into line. He did not wish to be otherwise than complimentary. Mr. King had said "No." If he (Mr. Trollope) had misunderstood the Committee he would withdraw every word he had spoken on the subject. Last year he did not intend that the official reports should be sent otherwise than to "THE BELL NEWS," as the other ringing journal sent its own reporter; but as he had already hinted that it was only the previous evening that he took over the resolution, and so had no opportunity of approaching any of the Council that the resolution concerned. He understood the Council paid two guineas a year to have the meetings reported, because when the Council commenced, as "THE BELL NEWS" did not provide a reporter, it was necessary to have some one to arrange a report, otherwise no report would have appeared. He was under the impression that the President at first provided a reporter, but the Council did so now. Several had asked him why should the Council continue to pay. There was not the necessity now as formerly, for an independent report was forthcoming. Possibly it would be best to refer the matter to the Standing Committee, with power to act. He should like to ask if there was not an obligation on the part of the late Editor of "THE BELL NEWS" to print free of charge matters sent by the Council.

The President replied in the affirmative.

Mr. J. A. Trollope asked if the agreement stood; was it binding on the present Editor?

The President said he thought not.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said under the circumstances, if the matter was referred to the Standing Committee, possibly some arrangement could be made upon business lines in connection with both journals. If there was any feeling in the matter it was due to misconceptions that never ought to have risen, and such misunderstanding would be removed if this resolution was adopted.

The resolution was seconded by the Rev. H. Law James.

Mr. A. T. King said that as a member of the Analysis Com-

mittee from the very beginning he had no difficulty whatever in including all peals published wherever or in whatever paper the peal appeared. How could the analysis be complete otherwise? Members of the Council no doubt had, last year, their own views on the matter; some, he knew, thought it wise that, as the new journal had had only a short existence it would be better to wait for a year before coming to a definite decision. Whatever could there be unreasonable in such an idea? Now that the new journal had proved acceptable to all sections, had proved itself worthy of support, if the Exercise were not satisfied what more did they want? It was not fair, however, to complain of what the Council did last year simply because they came to the conclusion that the time was not ripe to express an opinion. That was the object of moving the previous question. So far as regarded the analysis, if the peals were only taken from one paper whatever use would the analysis be? The Committee had exercised their own judgment, with the result that all appeared satisfied.

The Hon. Sec. said that the motion had his hearty support, and he would add that its contents were perfectly correct. So far as his work went all that he had done was his regular official duty in accordance with the rules of the Council.

The President said it appeared to him that there had not only been some misunderstanding but a good deal of nonsense talked and written about the matter. Mr. King had fully explained what was the position of the Council at the Leicester meeting. Some did not appear to understand that the Council were compelled to be guarded in moving in this matter. There had been previously journals of mushroom growth, and it was necessary for the Council to be sure of the soundness of the new venture, as it was last year, before giving its consent to treat it as it did the journal which for many years had been, practically speaking, the one organ for the whole Exercise. He pointed out last year that it was necessary to go carefully over the report and make certain corrections. This was not only tedious, but a troublesome matter, and occupied some time; not only his own but also the time of the hon. secretary, and however kind the hon. secretary might be, the president, was not going to do the work twice over. He did not care to which journal the report was sent. To whichever journal the Council decided, the report should be sent. The reports of the meetings were started because it was thought the Council were bound to give those they represented as full a report as possible. He thought it desirable to continue the system of an official report, which would help to prevent any accidental misrepresentation. The hon. secretary and himself exercised the greatest care in correcting the reports which Mr. Keeble did his best to supply; but, notwithstanding the care bestowed, errors would creep in. Let the Council settle the matter one way or the other. If they desired to continue an official report let the Council say so. As to which journal the report appeared in it did not make the slightest difference to him. There could be no objection to the resolution, but if it was passed let it be made clear exactly what course was to be followed.

Canon Papillon asked if it would not be possible to have two type-written copies of the report after the manuscript had been corrected, and send one to each paper. It would not be very expensive. He moved accordingly.

The Rev. G. E. Matthews seconded.

The President said unfortunately there were often errors which had to be corrected in the proofs.

Mr. J. Parker said he did not see why the Council needed a report at all. He would suggest that each journal send its own reporter, and give separate reports of the meetings.

Mr. R. A. Daniell said technical subjects, such as were discussed at the Council meetings would often be beyond the scope of the ordinary reporter.

Canon Papillon's proposal was adopted, as was also Mr. Trollope's resolution.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANCIENT BUILDINGS.

"That the Hon. Secretary of the Council be instructed to write to the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings and request them to meet a deputation from the Council and discuss the supposed danger to towers caused by substituting iron bell-frames for wooden frames.

That the Hon. Secretary also bring to the notice of the Royal Institute of British Architects the Council's recommendations with regard to the proper height to hang bells relative to the belfry windows."

Mr. E. H. Lewis, who moved the above, said there was a difference of opinion at the present time, when the restoration of bells was about to take place, on the subject of frames, some advocating iron or metal, while others contended for timber frames, or in other words whether the frames should be what was known as the rigid type or non-rigid. In the interest of the Exercise the question was one which should be decided by experts. Bellfounders in general had come into line and recommended the rigid frame, which ringers in general approved. The Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings were up in arms declaring that rigid frames were destructive to old towers. The result of some correspondence which he had with the Secretary of the Society as to what towers had been damaged by steel frames was that he had been furnished with a list of three, but no list of towers damaged by faulty timber frames had been forthcoming. It must be that either founders were right in recommending what were known as rigid frames or the Society were right in recommending "strung" frames. These contentions were in direct opposition to each other, hence it was a question that wanted attention, and to be settled one way or the other. The Society were taking action to bring its views forward by letters in the press and helping to influence Committees and others to interfere with the work of bellfounders and hangers. In a recent issue of "The Cambridge Daily News" appeared a letter based upon an entirely wrong conception of the action between bells and the tower, and from what appeared it was clear that experts' advice was needed. He had hopes that if the resolution was adopted experts would be found who could meet, and from an engineering point of view remove a wrong conception. He had no doubt that the Council could find the right men who could meet the Society and discuss it from all points and get the matter settled one way or the other. If the Society were right, let ringers accept the decision and recommend, when called in, a "strung" frame. He had reason to believe that the Society were willing, if the resolution was adopted, to meet a deputation of the Council for a discussion of the whole matter. The Society would endeavour to produce evidence to prove their contention. The second part of the resolution concerned another matter. His experience had been that, when new towers were erected, bells were often hung with the lip above the sill of the window, which was not in accordance with the recommendation of the Council, but in direct opposition to it, with the result that outside the tower the noise was deafening, and there was thus often strong objection to any ringing, especially from those residing in the immediate neighbourhood. It did not appear that the Council's recommendation had any effect upon architects in general; it would therefore, he thought, be a good thing if the Hon. Secretary would take steps to get in touch with the Institute of British Architects and bring the Council's recommendation under their notice, and so get them to accept the views of the Council. If better effects could be produced it would be an advantage both to the architects and ringers in general.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, in seconding, said not a few of them felt, when called in to advise, how awkward it was to find that the Society had already been at work, or were at work at the same time. They had to recognise that according to its own ideas the Society was doing what it considered right, and the best thing that could be done would be to thrash the whole matter out. It would be no use sending the Society the Council's suggestions. The Society had an idea that ringers wanted bells hung for their own use and from a selfish point of view, without any regard to the tower, which was absurd. With regard to the second part of the resolution he felt sure that if the Council could be brought into touch with the Institute, windows would

not be put in such absurd places. By meeting together much good would be done.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards said another important point that ought to be considered, and one which often passed without notice, was the distance below the frame at which the floor under the bells was placed. Too strong a recommendation upon this important point could not be made. Another point was that there was no reference in the resolution to what was an essential feature of the matter, viz., the difference, imaginary or otherwise, in the tone of bells, due to their being hung in a wooden or an iron frame. Probably he should not be far wrong in expressing an opinion that the representatives of the chief firms would say it made no difference to the tone, although it must not be taken as a foregone conclusion. There appeared to be an idea that the bell, and not the frame, made the tone; but what difference did they find it made to a piano if it stood upon a wooden, glass or iron floor, or upon a thick pile of carpet. It was very important, he considered, that the opinion of those unprejudiced on the point should be obtained, as to whether or not iron frames caused the tone of bells to be of a more harsh nature in the immediate locality of the tower. He had listened to a good many peals in iron frames, and he was coming to think there was something to be said on the point. He hoped no one would recommend anything which, in re-hanging a good peal according to the requirements of ringers, might injure the tone of the bells.

Mr. E. A. Young, A.R.I.B.A., said there might be a few in the Institute who knew something of the mysteries of a tower, but, taking the Society as a whole, there was a considerable amount of ignorance. He thought the most effectual way of drawing attention to the matter would be to have a pamphlet printed and placed in the library of the Institute, which would be always accessible; otherwise he feared little attention would be paid to the question. The Institute was most desirous that the whole of the members should know more about the subject. With respect to the question of rigid frames it might in his opinion be better for an old tower, but at the same time he could see that it was a matter for discussion.

The President said the great difficulty was in bringing these facts home. He agreed with Mr. Taylor in having iron frames and that there should not be any timber in the tower. No doubt architects relied upon knowledge chiefly gleaned from ancient text books, but these were not up to date, and there was consequently considerable ignorance among architects upon the matter. He feared to approach them was rather a difficult matter. So far as concerned publishing a pamphlet, there was one already in existence on the Preservation of Bells, which contained a deal of useful matter, if these gentlemen would only make use of it. A large part of the effect of an iron frame was lost if not properly bolted through the wall. Within the last few weeks a ring of six recast into eight had been rehung in an iron frame in which three of the bells were hoisted, and a previously shaky tower had become perfectly steady. A great deal depended upon what the floor of the belfry was made of. He feared the Society would not be moved by any communications, they appeared to be so convinced that their own views were correct.

Mr. J. W. Taylor said he was once blamed for having spoiled a peal of bells by having put them in an iron frame, whereas as a matter of fact the bells had been rebung in the old wooden frame. (Laughter).

The Rev. Maitland Kelly suggested that the resolution should be amended for a deputation to meet a deputation from the Institute, which he thought would be more successful, as he was sure the members were open to reason.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson said he should support the proposal, as good might be the result. Something ought to be said as to the nature of the strain upon the tower. Under any circumstances there would be those with expert knowledge both from the Society and also from the ringers' point of view.

The President suggested that Mr. Lewis and Mr. Young with the Hon. Secretary and himself might be permitted to form a deputation and see what was best to do.

On the proposition of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. A. Hughes, it was resolved that the President, the Hon. Secretary, with Messrs. E. H. Lewis, E. A. Young and J. H. B. Hesse

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NOTES.

In our last issue we published a peal rung at Wissett, on May 27th, in which the name of the ringer of treble and the conductor was given as Fredk. Chambers. It should have been Fredk. C. Lambert. It was a peal of Minor rung in three methods not Bob Minor as sent us and published.

Still another Vicar is appealing for help towards the restoration of the bells of his church. The Vicar and Churchwardens of Worsley have decided to undertake the repair of the bells and to erect a tablet in the Ringing Chamber, as a memorial to Richard Ridyard, to commemorate his long services as a ringer.

Several touches and other items are unavoidably held over till next week.

The noblest peal of ten bells in England without exception, whether tone or tune be considered, is said to be in St. Margaret's Church, Leicester.

"For bells are the voice of the Church :
They have tones that touch and search
The hearts of young and old."—LONGFELLOW.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The June monthly meeting was held on Saturday last, when, for the first time since the inauguration of the Guild, Polesworth was visited. Situate near the border of the county, although on the L. & N. W. main line, it is not easily reached from many parts, and under the circumstances the meeting was considered most successful. The bells, a musical ring of six, in good order, with a tenor of about 15 cwt., were raised soon after 3.30 p.m., and touches in various methods were rung until a halt was called for tea at 6.0. A beautiful spread, kindly provided by the Rector, Canon J. G. Trotter, awaited the members, and on the proposition of Mr. James George, seconded by Mr. Hessian, the rev. gentleman was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for his hospitality.

About fifteen members sat down to tea, the places represented being Nuneaton, Tamworth, Sutton Coldfield, Rugby and the local company. Several of those present expressed a desire to become members of the Guild, and their names will be put forward for ratification at the annual meeting.

After tea courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung on handbells belonging to the local company, and the tower was again visited and the bells kept going until after 8 o'clock. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor. Several of those present rang Minor for the first time.

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BENEVOLENT FUNDS FOR THE EXERCISE.

"That the Council, while itself declining to take part in the formation or subsequent management of such an enterprise, if set on foot, and without in any sense pledging its individual members, would nevertheless view with satisfaction the establishment on a sound financial basis of a Benevolent Fund for the benefit of any members of the Exercise who may stand in need of help."

The Hon. Secretary, who had charge of the above, said he thought it desirable that the Council, while not taking any part in the arrangement or management of any benevolent fund, should express its views upon the subject, and that this would be a source of satisfaction to a large section of the Exercise. It was a matter which had been previously before the Council, but not in the form which he now brought it forward. He was in entire agreement with those who had hitherto expressed themselves against the Council taking any part in this matter, but he hoped this proposal would have the support of all. It was so worded that while stating that the Council would on the one hand have nothing itself to do with the management of a Benevolent Fund, yet on the other hand it was not only not opposed to the scheme, but was only too ready to wish success to it; or, indeed, to any good scheme calculated to benefit deserving members of the Exercise.

Mr. A. T. King, in seconding, said he feared there was a misconception of the words "benefit" and "benevolence." One was something for which you paid, the other was helping another who wanted help. There was plenty of room for benevolence, and he was glad to find that some of the county associations had taken up the matter for the benefit of the exercise; but such funds would have to be administered with great caution. There were so many in the present day who thought that if they gave they ought to have something out, but surely this should not be.

Mr. G. Watson said it would be seen from the reports of the Sussex Association that considerable amounts had been given toward restoration; he thought there would not be much that could be ear-marked for a fund of this kind. The Association had also been paying for tuition, but he did not see that any benefit was derived from this. There were members of the Exercise who did not want other people to put their hands in their pockets for a benefit to them.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore said in Kent they had been successful in starting such a fund, and were going to work upon similar lines to other Associations that had started similar funds and which he hoped would be successful.

The resolution was adopted.

SUNDAY RINGING FOR SERVICES.

"That this meeting of the Council, while recognizing the value of peal-ringing generally, and the laudable desire of the members to assist in placing their own Association at the head of the Peal Table, wishes to express the strong conviction that the chief aim of all members should be the encouragement in all towers of ringing, rather than chiming, the bells for Sunday services, thus helping to achieve the primary object for which bells are hung, viz., the Glory of God and the calling of the parishioners together for His Worship."

The Rev. H. A. Cockey, who had charge of the above, which was the last item upon the longest agenda that the Council has ever had, said the resolution was one submitted by Mr. Boutflower, who was unable to be present, and he had at the last moment taken charge of it. He fully agreed with the spirit of the resolution. There had been many sermons, especially upon the last part of the resolution, and no doubt many of those present had listened to them, therefore there was no need for him to speak at length upon it. All ringing should be done for the Glory of God. If as ringers they kept this ever before them they did what was right. Their great object in Sunday ringing should be to draw the parishioners together for worship. There were towers where the practice of chiming was still continued, but there was no better sound of the bell than when it was on the swing, and if all was to be done for the Glory of God how much better was it to ring the bells than to chime them. To attempt to call people to worship, the proper thing to do was to ring and not chime. In some places the clergyman would object to Sunday ringing, while in some others the ringers would object to ringing on Sundays. They

should endeavour to get all the clergy to permit of Sunday ringing and for ringers to be in their places on the Sunday and to ring for the services of the Church. This should be the duty of the whole of the band, and not for only five or six out of a band of eight to turn up. As for peal-ringing, it should be done for God's glory. It should be looked upon as of a high nature, the effort should be to ring the best and most musical changes, and so help on to make Sunday ringing the greatest of all. Again peal ringing should have the best of striking, for what could help to make them efficient for Sunday ringing? The object of a ringer should not be how many peals he could ring in order to get his Association at the top of the table, but to help him to become more efficient and to do his ringing for the Glory of God. He hoped that the resolution would be adopted, and all would use their influence with those they represent to put their religion into their ringing whenever they assemble to call the people to God's House of Prayer.

The Rev. L. Edwards said he was pleased to see this resolution placed upon the agenda. He desired to see added the importance of ringing upon the eves of the great festivals of the Church—Christmas Eve, Easter Eve—which were all for the Glory of God as much as at any other time. As these were the eves of the great festivals he thought there need not be any division of opinion on this point, as there should be regular ringing on such occasions. We were living in an age when unspeakable pranks were played upon the nation by the House of Commons and by County Councils, and they did not know but that a law might be passed that ringing should cease except upon such and such occasions; hence the importance of pressing home the ringing of bells upon the eves of the festivals of the Holy Catholic Church.

The resolution was adopted with this addition.

The Rev. F. G. Coleridge proposed a vote of thanks to the President for his services in the chair during a long sitting.

This was heartily responded to, and the meeting terminated.

IMAGINARY CONVERSATIONS.

A VISIT TO STONEYLAND.

It was at an early hour of Saturday, June 15th, that I peeped into the kiosk of my 17-year-old bicycle. On this occasion those of a proselytising spirit among the celebrated Barking ringers had arranged to penetrate the heart of Stoneyland, whose capital in Essex is Brentwood, where a delightful peal of eight is wasted on the desert air by a few monotonous changes commonly called "Churchyard Bob," and "Dead Man's Delight." Save for an occasional visit by ringers from the temples of fame, the beauty of these bells would never be heard.

At Shenfield, an adjoining parish, some little movement is perceptible in the right direction, and it was to this church Mr. Faulkner was welcomed with his little band of missionaries to carry the light of science among the heathen.

"Good morning, Evergreen," I saluted my old bike. "To-day thy services will be required of thee."

"What's on to-day?" he lazily inquired. "More peal-snatching, I s'pose? Verily if your peals numbered as the stars of heaven, your thirst for renown and glory would not be quenched."

"You are mistaken," I said hastily, "for to day I take part in missionary work, a more laudable pursuit, you will admit, than seeking my personal elevation in the gratification of my own conceits. Hey-day!" I exclaimed, "let us snatch the golden hours of this bright June morning and wing our way

"Far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife."

The old bike expanded his chest in pride as I pumped into his body and lubricated his aged joints. The vital spark seemed once more to animate his limbs as I brought him forth, reminding me of Faust who sighed and obtained a renewal of youth. Yet, at mine own inspection had I some misgiving, for I felt that each additional journey

demanding more energy than my years would warrant, and that my old charger, in the long run, would beat me into quiescence.

Breakfast over and the knapsack adjusted, Pegasus and I had soon left our caravansary far behind. With the wings of morning we flew the glades of Hainault Forest and Lamborne End, precipitating into unknown lanes of interminable lengths, whose misleading guide posts would sometimes bring us back to where we started, until the rising heat of day compelled us to seek repose amid the hedgerows of the honey-suckle and wild rose, where the bee sips its nectar and the birds carol to that superhuman power which giveth life and pleasure to existence.

Resting my bike beside a five-barred gate and reclining at length myself on the long grass wherein myriads of insects sported the few hours of their short existence, I indulged in that perfect freedom and liberty which is only to be felt when we are alone—when the will surrenders to the intellect, and we become absorbed in the contemplation of the wonders of existence.

As I produced pocket-book and pencil, the old bike fell into a steadier position, seemingly conscious of my prolonged stay in this delightful resting place.

"What, scribbling again, master," he said querulously; "those people you write to must find your stuff wearisome. How many readers, think you, trouble to wade through your inanities, while they have so many records of peals to inspect. A peal of Grandsire is worth more than a hundred of your platitudes. Give them a picture of a church or a peal-card, or a group of distinction, all would be treasured."

"How much will those pictures and records be worth in a hundred years' time, think you, when, as Julian tells us, at a sale the works of Diogenes sold at two pence?"

"Look here," said the old bike, "I'm not going to be drawn into an argument on the Classics and Scriptures. Get on with your writing, and heaven defend the patience of your readers."

I took advice, and, feeling all the better for a change of rest, we were off again to meet the missionaries at Shenfield.

To the minute they came in sight, and, after a hearty hand-shake, we climbed a ladder to the belfry, where we rang several 120s and 720s on the new peal of six, including Stedman Doubles, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford.

After the ringing, the Rector congratulated us on our performances, and the aged sexton stood in the rose-clad graveyard in astonishment, giving us a tangible proof of his admiration in the shape of the needful for refreshments, and, though the sound of the bells only drew one local ringer to the tower, yet were we not discouraged, for many are called, and few are chosen to experience the delight that cometh of trying to please others, as we found in our happy missionary gathering at Shenfield in the wilds of Stoneyland.

G. F. M.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of Notices under this heading is Sixpence for 36 words, for the first insertion; repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on July 4th and 18th; at St. John's, Hackney, on 9th and 23rd; at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 9th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 16th; and St. Pauls Cathedral on the 23rd, all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgely Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—A quarterly general meeting of the Association will be held on Monday, July 8th, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, E.C. Tower open at 8 p.m. Business meeting at 9.30 p.m. All members should endeavour to attend. F. J. HARDY, Hon. Gen. Sec. 34, Guildford Road, Lambeth, S.W.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Yeovil on Saturday, June 29th. Dinner at The Half Moon hotel at 1.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Service in the parish church at 4 p.m. The bells available are St. John's, Yeovil (10), after 11.30 a.m.; East Coker (8), West Coker (8), Martock (8), all day. Taunton. E. E. BUSGESS, Hon. Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Festival will be held at Winchester on Saturday, June 29th. Meeting at the Guild, hall at 2 p.m. Service in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. The Cathedral bells will be available.

W. E. COLCHESTER, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held on Saturday, June 29th, at All Saints, Eastchurch, Isle of Sheppey. Tower open from 3.30 p.m.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN, Hon. Sec.

77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, June 29th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.

T. ROLLERSON, Branch Sec.

Peterborough and District Association.—A district meeting will be held at Alwalton on Saturday, June 29th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting after. Bells (5) ready at 1 o'clock. Castor bells (6) available in the evening. F. T. COOKE, Hon. Sec. Peterborough.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Biggleswade and District Branch.—The annual summer festival will be held at Biggleswade (8 bells), on Saturday, June 29th. Cricket match at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Address by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake. Meat tea on Vicarage Lawn at 6.15 at 1s. each. F. BLOOD, Branch Sec.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Western Branch.—A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Martley, on Saturday, July 6th. Service in Church at 4.30. Tea and business meeting at the Rectory at 5.15. R. G. KNOWLES, Branch Sec. Madresfield, Malvern.

The Essex Association.—A District Meeting of the North West Division will be held at Wenden on Saturday, July 6th. Littlebury, Rickling and Clavering towers will be open. A brake will leave Stansted at 2 o'clock for Rickling and Clavering. A free tea will be provided by the Vicar to those sending me word by the 3rd inst. Business meeting immediately after tea.

W. WATTS, District Secretary.

Mont House Cottage, Staughted Essex.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 13th. Special service in the Cathedral at 11.30. Preacher—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Business meeting in the Chapter House at 12.20. Dinner in the Dining Hall at Christ Church at 1.30. Dinner tickets at 2s. each will be forwarded to those members only who send their money with the order to me on or before Saturday, July 6th. One shilling will be refunded to each member present at the dinner. But members failing to send for their tickets must pay 2s. at the door, and have no refund.

ALBERT E. REEVER, Guild Secretary.

5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—A Monthly Ringing Meeting will be held at Kingsley, on Saturday, July 6th. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. Isaac Moreton, Stock's Lane, Kingsley, on or before July 3rd of the same.

REV. CHAS. E. DONNE, M.A. } Hon. Secs
J. JOHNSON, }

143, Flint Terrace, Tunstall.

The Surrey Association.—Quarterly Meeting at Ashted on Saturday, July 13th. Tower open at 3. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.45. Business meeting after.

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The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—In order to facilitate the publishing of future reports conductors of peals are requested to send particulars of peals called by them within seven days of such performance to

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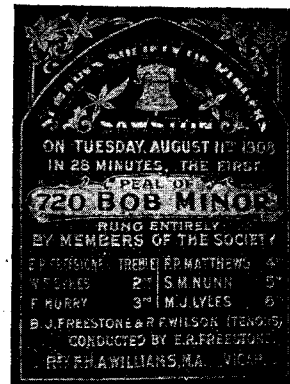
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 1912.

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY.

We have received a letter this week, conveying a request which opens up a unique opportunity for the Guilds and Associations of Bellringers, or individual members, to show their sympathy with a Mission Church in South Africa. So far as we know the idea is original, and it is its originality as much as anything which commends it to us, as we hope it may commend itself to our readers and the great body of ringers generally. The lady who writes the letter says:—"I am trying to collect sufficient money for "a new bell, to be given to the Mission Church at Lulwe, "S. Africa. . . . My wish is to get the bellringers of "England to interest themselves in the gift of a bell from "England. Reigate Parish Church Society of Change- "Ringers have most kindly come forward and given a "donation to head the list, and now I want others to do "the same, by giving their mite towards it. It seems to "me a delightfully unique way of helping the Mission "work, as the voice of the bell will carry with it such a "loving message of 'Come,' which means so much. And "we in dear old England, who have so many privileges "and blessings should help those who have so little light "or knowledge of the Saviour." At the present time the congregation is called together by a drum beaten by a native. Now, however inspiring the beat of a drum may be when beaten by a smart drummer in a crack regimental band, it is anything but that when unaccompanied by music, and is more likely to repel hearers than to attract them. On the contrary even a single bell demands attention, and gives out an invitation which unwilling ears sometimes obey. Such being the case we cannot feel surprise that the workers for and well-wishers of this far-away Mission station should wish to exchange the repellant for the appellatant. And who knows that the Lulwe bell will not be the beginning of an era in which native Churches will set up, not single bells but peals; and the day may come when the bellringers of the generations to come will welcome a band of dusky ringers to this England of ours. Be this as it may—it is somewhat far-fetched—the Lulwe bell and how to get it is the matter now before us. It should not be a difficult matter, for a penny from each member of the Exercise would realise the amount necessary to purchase the bell and provide for its transportation to Lulwe, with a slight balance to the good. Thus would the ringers of England provide a lasting token of their interest in the Church abroad, and an appropriate inscription would record the fact that one body of Church-workers had done something to assist the work of another branch. Donations may be sent to Mrs. E. ROBINSON, "Mossdene," Blackboro' Road, Reigate, who will be glad to receive even the smallest contribution towards the cost of the bell.

We have been asked to make a correction in the name of a ringer and the conductor of a peal which appeared in our issue last week. We do so in another place. Why we mention it here is that we may impress upon correspondents the necessity of writing names distinctly. In most cases we are able to decipher them, even if not plainly written, but in the case before us, owing to an initial being joined to the surname, it was readable in two ways, and, unfortunately, we read it wrongly.

The Metropolis.

ST MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday, June 22, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5081 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

FREDERICK DAVIS* Treble.	FRANK HAIRS 6.
ALFRED GRIMES 2.	FRANK BENNETT.. .. 7.
ARTHUR M. HARDY 3.	ERNEST BRETT 8.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS 9.
WALTER G. MATTHEWS 5.	SAMUEL SOUTHEY Tenor.

Composed and conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First peal in the method.

The Provinces.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

(THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, June 15, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT MILLS* Treble.	GEORGE HUGHES 5.
THOMAS HUGHES 2.	JESSE SCREEN 6.
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER† 3.	BENJAMIN GOUGH 7.
ALFRED ROWLEY 4.	WILLIAM COOPER Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

*First peal of Major. †Proposed a member of the above Guild before starting for the peal. This composition has only the 5th and 6th in 6ths place. Messrs. Mills, Screen and Cooper belong to West Bromwich; Messrs. Hughes to Wednesbury parish church; Mr. Rowley to Tipton; Mr. Wallater to Willenhall; Mr. Gough to Coseley.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. HART Treble.	RICHARD STREDWICK.. .. 5.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 2.	OLIVER SIFFETTS 6.
JOHN CAPP 3.	EDMUND H. LINDUP.. .. 7.
CHARLES T. COLES 4.	KEITH HART.. .. Tenor.

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

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

RICHARD JENNER Treble.	WILLIAM LATTER 5.
ALBERT BELTON* 2.	THOMAS WALLIS 6.
GEORGE MALYAN* 3.	JOHN W. STEDDY 7.
JAMES HEASMAN.. .. 4.	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

*First peal of Major, also first on the bells. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Wallis and Steddy, the band wishing them many happy returns.

A DIAGRAM OF UNION TRIPLES (1893), may be had gratis, on application by letter to W. H. THOMPSON, 5, Sillwood Street, Brighton, to whom the unsold remainder has been returned by the publishers.

**BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tuesday, June 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MODWEN.*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM J. SMITH Treble.	GEORGE BULL 5.
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2.	ALBERT P. WAKELY 6.
HARRY KENDRICK* 3.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 7.
JOHN HOUGH* 4.	FRANK SHEPHERD Tenor.

Conducted by Joseph Griffin.

*First peal in the method.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, June 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs.

ERNEST F. POPPY Treble.	GEORGE GOWER 5.
FREDERICK R. BORRETT 2.	ALFRED E. BOWELL 6.
WALTER MOEBS 3.	JOSEPH BOTWRIGHT 7.
RUSSELL RICHES 4.	FREDERICK SMITH Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by E. F. Poppy.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wednesday, June 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5035 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

RICHARD BUCKLAND Treble.	JOHN GRANSBURY 6.
RALPH COLES 2.	ROBERT H. YOUNG 7.
FRANK HOPGOOD 3.	*WILLIAM PHIPPS 8.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4.	JAMES W. WILKINS 9.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 5.	BENJAMIN PAGE Tenor.

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

*First peal of Stedman Caters.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, June 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S. FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs.

JOHN CAPPS Treble.	GEORGE ADES 5.
HERBERT RANN 2.	CHARLES T. COLES 6.
RICHARD STEDWICK 3.	KEITH HART 7.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 4.	PHILIP ALLFREY Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

CAMBRIDGE.—THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

*On Thursday, June 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW THE GREAT,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Treble.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 5.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY .. 2.	J. H. R. FREEBORN .. 6.
REV. W. C. PEARSON .. 3.	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON .. 7.
E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 4.	REV. B. H. TYRWITT - DRAKE .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by the Rev. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

STURRY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, June 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,*

A PEAL OF B B MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

S. R. JEZARD* Treble.	WILLIAM WOOD 4.
STANLEY WHITE 2.	*EDWIN HARTOP 5.
FRANK JONES* 3.	ERNEST SLINGSBY Tenor.

Conducted by F. JONES.

*First peal. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. F. Wood, son of Mr. T. Wood, Vicar's warden, and Miss N. Jezard, daughter of Mr. J. Jezard, parish warden. After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained to supper at Homewood Hall, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. Wood.

CAMBRIDGE—THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, June 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE GREAT,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lb.**

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY .. Treble.	REV. B. H. TYRWITT .. 5.
REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 2.	DRAKE .. 5.
REV. W. C. PEARSON .. 3.	J. H. R. FREEBORN .. 6.
E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 4.	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON .. 7.
	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and Conducted by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled, in memory of the Master of Caius College, who was buried on Wednesday, and of Prof. Verrall, of Trinity College, who was buried on the day of this peal.

LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, GARSTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

J. WILLIAM RAWLINSON .. Treble.	GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 5.
JOHN ALLEN 2.	GEORGE WOODHALL .. 6.
THOMAS JENNION* 3.	JOHN TURNER 7.
HENRY FYLES 4.	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by GEO. R. NEWTON.

*First peal in the method. Rung half muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. Robert Singlehurst, a great benefactor to the above church.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 22, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR MADELEY* .. Treble.	CHARLES DRAPER .. 5.
ALBERT H. WARD 2.	FRED HICKLING .. 6.
WILLIAM BATTS 3.	HENRY LETTS 7.
GEORGE DAWSON 4.	JOHN FLOWER Tenor.

Conducted by A. H. WARD.

*First peal.

GEDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF ORANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Being 42 Six-scores, each called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs.

CHARLES SWAN Treble.	CHARLES COOPER .. 3.
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2.	EDGAR REID 4.
ROBT. G. BLACK Tenor.	

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB and SURPRISE MINOR,
5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, College Bob iv, College Exercise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

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

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY,
Rung on the Eve of St. John Baptist's Day.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD,

On Saturday, June 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 26 lb.

EDWIN WELLSTEAD* .. Treble.	CHARLES J. FRAY 5.
LIONEL H. PAGE 2.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6.
JOHN S. RUMMING 3.	WILLIAM H. GROEGE 7.
HENRY W. WILKES 4.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER Tenor.

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

*First peal of Major. Rung in honour of Coronation Day. The Rector, the Rev. E. Kenworthy Brown, kindly provided refreshments at the Rectory after the peal.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

PHILIP ALLFREY .. Treble.	OLIVER SIPPETTS 5.
CHARLES T. COLES 2.	ALBERT HARMAN 6.
RICHARD STREDWICK .. 3.	ALBERT D. STONE 7.
GEORGE GATLAND 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. E. GROVES' VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S 12-PART.
Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES E. CLARKE .. Treble.	† HENRY BROWN 5.
SIDNEY COX* 2.	PERCY CARTER 6.
ERNEST MORRIS 3.	CHARLES H. FOWLER 7.
JOSEPH MORRIS 4.	ALBERT BELL Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. † First on eight bells. Quickest peal on the bells.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, June 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS, SEN.* .. Treble.	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. 5.
JOHN F. WILSON* 2.	ALBERT G. WARNES 6.
ALFRED FUNNELL 3.	GEORGE HOWCHIN 7.
FREDERICK J. WHITHAM* 4.	WILLIAM STEELE Tenor.

Composed by J. B. FENTON, and Conducted by WM. STEELE.

* First peal in the method.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs.

WILLIAM OSLER .. Treble.	E. HOBART SMITH 5.
STANLEY BONNEY 2.	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 6.
ROBERT H. HAYWARD .. 3.	WILLIAM FLORY 7.
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. 4.	CHARLES BUTTON Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Osler, Bonney, Smith, Symonds and Florry belong to Framlingham; Hayward to Marlesford; Wightman to Brandeston; Button to Kettlebrough. Rung in honour of the birthday of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, and the wedding of Mr. David White and Miss Ethel Trim, Rose Farm, Framlingham.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 22, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 0 qr. 8 lb.

ALFRED KIRK .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. 5.
FRANK KIRK 2.	WALTER GILBERT 6.
FRED STUBBS 3.	HENRY STUBBS 7.
HENRY W. GAYTON* .. 4.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

*First peal in the method. Mr. Clarke hails from Bedford and Mr. Gayton from Harrold; this peal was arranged for them.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 22, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6368 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM .. Treble.	TOM WILDE 5.
JOHN J. PEMBERTON .. 2.	ISAAC SCHOFIELD 6.
JOSEPH GODDARD 3.	*TOM COTTRELL 7.
SAMUEL STOTT 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by E. TIMBRELL, and Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM.

*Elected a member before starting.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs.

WILLIAM H. CHAPLIN* .. Treble.	HENRY MORMAN 5.
HENRY J. CREED 2.	ARCHIBALD J. ANDREWS .. 6.
ROBERT SCOTT 3.	WILLIAM CHAPMAN 7.
ISAAC CREED 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal on eight, at first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. J. Creed; also in commemoration of Coronation Day. This was the conductor's 460th peal, and the 60th time he had called the above composition on tower bells. It was also the first time it had been conducted from the Tenor for the Association. Mr. Lilley claims to have conducted the above composition a greater number of times than anyone else, and would be glad to know if his claim holds good. A full list of his peals will appear shortly.

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HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY BOTTRILL Treble.	WILLIAM WHEELER 5.
HARRY SMALE 2.	JOHN SMITH 6.
HENRY J. TUCKER 3.	JOHN CORDELL 7.
GEORGE DENT 4.	WALTER TARLING Tenor.

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

HOUNSLOW, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 22, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

THOMAS J. BARRE Treble.	CHARLES S. BIRD 5.
ERNEST R. GLADMAN 2.	JOHN H. B. HESSE 6.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 3.	GEORGE A. GLADMAN 7.
CHARLES I. EDWARDS 4.	SYDNEY CARTER Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Rung on the 31st anniversary of the opening of the bells, and this is the first peal of Major on them. This peal was also rung to celebrate the first anniversary of the Coronation of King George and Queen Mary.

Handbell Peals.

CLAPHAM, LONDON, S.W.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT 58, MANOR STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

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

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER, and Conducted by WM. SHEPHERD.

Umpire—Frederick G. Woodis. The conductor has now called a peal in this method off every pair of bells.

FULHAM, S.W.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT 13, HARELESDOWN ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

WALTER S. WISE 1-2.	CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 5-6.
HERBERT LANGDON .. 3-4.	ALFRED B. PECK 7-8.

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Umpire—John N. Oxborrow. This is A. B. Peck's 150th peal, a list of which will be found on page 235.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. HOWCHIN,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

FREDK. J. CROSS 1-2.	GEORGE H. CROSS .. 5-6.
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN .. 3-4.	WILLIAM A. HEMPEL .. 7-8.
BEN S. THOMPSON .. 9-10.	

Composed and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

Umpire—Bertie Fry. First peal of Royal on handbells by all. First peal of Royal by ringers of 1-2, 5-6, 7-8. First peal on handbells by B. S. Thompson. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales.

MR. GEORGE HUGHES' 100TH PEAL.

We have pleasure in recording in our issue this week a list of the 100 peals Mr. George Hughes, of Wednesbury, has taken part in. It is a wonderful and unique performance for a man with only one arm to accomplish, and yet this is what Mr. Hughes has done. He had the honour of scoring his "century peal" on Saturday, May 25th last, by ringing the 7th through the first peal of Maximus on the bells—Kent Treble Bob—at St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, which has been previously published in this paper.

Mr. Hughes is conductor at Wednesbury parish church, and has, by his fame and popularity, well merited the honour confirmed upon him by being elected Master to the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford at their annual meeting last Easter Monday, at Wolverhampton. He is a man of integrity, and is highly-respected by the ringing fraternity of the Black Country.

Mr. Hughes had the misfortune to lose his right arm many years ago, and his record shows that he has rung peals from 6 to 12 bells, and conducted peals on most of them. His peals cover a great variety of methods from humble Bob Minor to London Surprise. To shew he is a great master of the Art, he has written out in book form every change (5040) in that most intricate method of Mr. John Carter's—"Scientific Triples"—which he terms "a puzzle for the puzzler—brain-power for the scientist."

For fourteen or fifteen years Mr. Hughes was "lost" to change ringing, he having given it up, and had rung no peals during this long period, but we are pleased to see him at the ropes once again, and heartily congratulate him on his great performance. He is a splendid striker, a safe ringer, and one who is always helping the youngster. His peals are as below:—

	Method Rung.	Peals Rung.	Conducted.
Minor	... Bob Minor	1	...
	... Five Minor Methods	1	...
	... Seven Minor Methods	1	...
Triples	... Bob Triples	2	1
	... Grandsire Triples	14	6
	... Darlaston Bob Triples	1	1
	... Oxford Bob Triples	1	1
	... Stedman Triples	18	7
Major	... Bob Major	16	10
	... Canterbury Pleasure Ma.	1	...
	... Double Oxford Bob Ma.	1	...
	... Kent Treble Bob Major	1	...
	... Oxford Treble Bob Ma.	2	...
	... Double Norwich Major	8	1
	... Superlative Surprise Ma.	2	...
	... Norfolk Surprise Major	1	...
	... Cambridge Surprise Ma.	3	...
	... New Camb. Surprise Ma.	1	...
	... Bristol Surprise Major	3	...
	... London Surprise Major	1	...
Caters	... Grandsire Caters	5	2
	... Stedman Caters	10	6
Royal	... Bob Royal	1	1
	... Double Oxford Bob Roy.	1	...
	(The only one rung)		
Cinques	... Stedman Cinques	2	...
	... Erin Cinques	1	...
	(The only one rung)		
Maximus	... Kent Treble Bob	1	...

Totals ... 100 ... 36

This list does not include one false composition.

SPECIAL BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.

THOMAS WILSON, THE BLIND CAMPANOLOGIST.

Under the sobriquet of "Blin' Tam," Thomas Wilson, the subject of our sketch was the official Chief Bellringer of Dumfries, summoning the lieges to labour in the matutinal hours and to repose at night. He performed this task with unerring punctuality each day, as if he were one with time and tide, which wait for no man.

The history of this humble craftsman of the world of ringing is interesting, as at the time of his sudden death, from apoplexy, he was the oldest bellringer in harness in the British Isles. Moreover he was a patriot, musical enthusiast, mechanical genius, and "canny chiel" to the backbone.

He was born on the 6th May, 1750, and died in the belfry of the Mid-Steeple, Dumfries, in 1825, having held his post for 63 years to the satisfaction of the whole community. When he ascended the belfry on the day in question he dreamed not that he was going there to toll his own knell. He was discovered later by his assistant, unconscious, and died the same day, and a whole city went into mourning for him.

A pathetic story is that of his blindness. He was born with sight, but owing to an attack of small-pox when only a few weeks old he became totally blind. Never had he the pleasure of seeing Nature, surrounding objects, or human face or form. He, however, had a brain and mind of rare intelligence and sound reason. He was of a quiet unassuming courteous disposition in all respects. And yet in his boyhood he was fond of climbing the venerable Mid-Steeple and acting as bellringers' caddy. So well, indeed, did "Blin' Tam" ingratiate himself with all persons resident in the burgh that at the age of twelve he was given the post of Chief Ringer. This popularity was in evidence when, at his death, hundreds in various parts of the world sent affectionate messages of condolence, telling how in years gone by they had had the honour of pulling a rope with him and competing for prizes. After his appointment as Chief Ringer he, at an early hour every morning wended his way to the bell-house (Mid-Steeple), and ascended the staircase with as much agility and confidence as if gifted with sight. For more than half a century he was at his post three times a day, at the very time when duty required his attendance. The coldest morning or darkest night—foul or fair—sunshine or storm, saw him there, answering the call of duty. On no plea whatever did he excuse himself. Indeed it was popularly acknowledged that, whatever the shortcomings of City men, Dumfries had one man on whose punctuality it could rely, and that was "Blin' Tam."

Local statistics are said to prove that in his life-time (beside other work) "Tam" had rung the bell at least 100,000 times. From a statement handed in by the Wage Clerk to the Corporation the following abstract shows the stipend paid to this bellringer during his term of office, viz.:

Commencing salary 30s. per annum; by-and-bye it was increased to £2 per year; next advance from £2 to £3 per annum: then from £3 to £5; and £5 to £10; and so on, till at last he received what to him was a little fortune, viz., the munificent stipend of £20 per year."

On days of rejoicing he would not only do his devoir as bellman, but he would climb to the summit and discharge his gun many times.

He was highly esteemed by the community, and due honour was paid to his remains, his funeral being attended by the Corporation, wearing their robes of office, whilst a monument records his many virtues.

Correspondence.

To the Editor.

A HARE-BRAINED FALSE PEAL OF TREBLE BOB.

SIR,—It has been pointed out to me by Mr. Arthur Knights that the very ordinary common place peal of Treble Bob in the Midland Counties Report of 1911, No. 1931, has the home treble leads over again. I am exceedingly sorry that such a peal has been rung, and apologise to the Midland Counties Association generally for being the means of contaminating one of their very excellent Reports. The greatest novice could not make a more hare brained blunder, as the error is discernible at sight. It is quite certain that I never checked the course-ends, as otherwise the peal in its most intricate form of proof is true, that is the changes within the leads are true. Had the peal been more complex in its composition it is quite possible that such a stupid error would not have happened. Again expressing my regret to the ringers and conductor.

CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

A. B. PECK'S 150 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples	...	...	2
Grandsire Caters	...	...	2
Stedman Triples (one on handbells)	...	...	26
Stedman Caters	...	...	23
Stedman Cinques	...	...	9
Treble Bob Major	...	...	2
Treble Bob Royal	...	...	9
Treble Bob Maximus	...	...	8
Double Norwich Major	...	...	11
Double Norwich Royal	...	...	3
Cambridge Surprise Major	...	...	1
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	...	...	2
London Surprise Major	...	...	36
London Surprise Royal	...	...	1
Bristol Surprise Major	...	...	1
Superlative Surprise Major	...	...	14
Total	...	...	150

Notice.—Shoreditch Bells Fund.—Funds are urgently needed to put this grand old peal in proper repair. £50 wanted before the work can be commenced. Who will help a poor parish? Contributions thankfully received and gratefully acknowledged. Collecting cards also supplied by H. J. Bradley, The Parish Church, Shoreditch, E.

Notice.—On Sunday, June 30th, all being well four members of the Norwich Diocesan Association will attempt a peal of Bob Major' 14,336 changes, at 42, Wymer Street, Norwich, commencing at 2 o'clock sharp.

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THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Luton District was held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday last, when members were present from Luton, Dunstable, Woburn, Husborne Crawley, Linslade, Tring, London, and the local tower, in all about 40. The bells were kept going from 3.30 to 9.30 p.m., the methods tried being Treble Ten, Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters, Stedman Bob Major, Treble Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples. The Linslade tower was also placed at the disposal of the ringers. After tea a business meeting was held, when the Rev. W. W. C. Baker was elected president, Mr. A. King, of Luton, secretary, and a committee, including a member of each tower. It was decided to hold the first monthly meeting at Husborne Crawley on July 12th.

SOCIETY FOR ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The quarterly meeting, held at Brewood, on Saturday, was quite a pleasurable affair. The seven-mile drive from Wolverhampton, in beautiful summer weather, was greatly enjoyed, as also the ride by cyclists from various quarters. Ringing was unavoidably delayed, owing to a funeral service, and time thus being cut short, it was deemed advisable to abandon the usual Ringers' Service. When time permitted the bells were made good use of. A capital tea was provided at Mr. J. Perry's, to which about fifty sat down, some being lucky enough to get theirs in the open air, which made their comrades quite envious. After tea further ringing was indulged in, and then the return journey was made, everyone apparently having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

BELL FOUNDRY STAFF VISITS RYE HOUSE.

On Saturday, June 22nd, the staff of the Whitechapel Foundry (Messrs. Mears and Stainbank) held their annual outing at Rye House. Permission was obtained for the use of the bells at Broxbourne Church from 9 till 10 a.m., and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were brought round, the band including Messrs. A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, S. Lawrence, T. Lawrence, J. Thomas, D. Gibbons, W. Hazell, F. Conn and S. Dunwell.

The rest of the party was joined at Rye House, and the morning was occupied in a single innings cricket match. This was just finished by the time fixed for luncheon, and after the good things had been duly disposed of, the whole party embarked on a steam launch for a trip up the Lea as far as Ware, returning by 5.30 for tea, which was followed later in the evening by a smoking concert.

A full and varied musical programme included handbell ringing (double-handed Grandsire Triples) also a course of Grandsire Cinques and two leads of Treble Bob Maximus by Mr. J. Thomas on his set of Fairy Bells.

Ten o'clock, the time for departure on the return journey, found them all reluctant to leave, but, like all good things, excursions have an end, and so did this one. The day throughout had been most enjoyable, ideal weather prevailed, and all look forward to the pleasure of many similar outings.

BLACKBURN PARISH CHURCH COMPANY.

The Blackburn Parish Church Company held their outing on Thursday last week, Chester being the place selected for the revels. On arrival at the ancient city, steps

were directed to the "Bull and Stirrup" Hotel, where a capital breakfast was partaken of. The wants of the inner man having been satisfied, the party started for a tour of the city walls. Afterwards, a brake having been requisitioned, a visit was paid to the many interesting historical parts of the city, arriving at the Cathedral by twelve o'clock. The Vicar (Rev. T. R. Sale, M.A.) having obtained permission to use the bells, we were met by Mr. Sconce, the chief ringer, who gave us a very hearty welcome. The music of the bells was very soon rolling out, Stedman and Grandsire Triples being the order of the day. The visit to the belfry was much appreciated.

After dinner the programme was a trip by river to Eccleston for Eaton Hall, the river scenery and that at Eaton being much admired. Back to Chester and tea over the next move was to visit old friends at St. Mary's, Handbridge, where Mr. Channel had everything in readiness, and a touch of Stedman Triples was started. This, though well struck so far as it went was lost, but a try for a touch of Grandsire Triples (840 changes) was successful.

HALESWORTH AND CHEDISTON.

For their outing the Halesworth and Chediston Bell-ringers' Society chose a ride round the neighbourhood, visiting belfries and having a pull at the ropes en route. The route had been arranged previously, and courteous permission to ring had been granted by the incumbents of the various churches visited. Starting from Halesworth at 8.30 a.m., the company, numbering 18, including the rector, made their first call at St. Mary's, Bungay, where several touches were rung on the eight bells, in some of which the Vicar of St. Mary's and two of the local men took part. They next proceeded to Ditchingham and Woodton (both six-bell towers piloted by Mr. C. Woods, of the former parish, where further touches were rung, and the churches inspected. Loddon was reached shortly after two o'clock, and here, at the "Swan" Hotel (where Oliver Cromwell once slept), Host Hodges had prepared a most substantial repast, and this was partaken of with great pleasure by all, as, with the long drive and ringing, appetites were very keen. The chair was taken by the President (Rev. A. R. Upcher, M.A.), who, after dinner, gave the usual loyal toasts. These were heartily responded to, and votes of thanks passed to the rev. gentleman, and to those members of the congregation who had subscribed the funds for the outing; also to the clergymen who had placed their bells at the disposal of the visitors; and last, but not least, to the host and hostess for preparing such a capital spread. Loddon bells (8) were then rung for an hour, and the party proceeded to the old home of the Rector, Kirby Cane. Touches were rung on the bells (5). After a walk round the Rectory garden, Ellingham was reached just in time to escape a sharp thunderstorm and a drenching rain. Here the Rector (Rev. Aston) gave the party a cordial welcome, and kindly entertained them to tea. This was much enjoyed, and the bells (5) were afterwards set going in various touches, courses of Grandsire being also rung on the handbells. A hearty vote of thanks and cheers were accorded to the Rector of Ellingham, for his kind hospitality, and the party started on the return journey to Bungay. Here, in the evening, more ringing was accomplished with the local company, who were practicing. Leaving at 9.45, home was reached shortly after 11 o'clock. The ringing during the day included touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Minor, Plain Bob Major, Minor, Triples and Doubles, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples and Doubles.

The many "people who enjoy the daily sea trips of the New Palace Steamers will be glad to learn that the "Koh-i-Noor" will commence her special 'Saturday afternoon sailings (better known as the "Husbands' Boat") on the 22nd inst., and on Sunday she makes her first trip to Deal this season. These trips mark the opening of the full service of the sailings of the "Royal Sovereign" and "Koh-i-Noor." Details of times, fares and catering arrangements will be found in the booklets issued by the Company, 50, King William Street, E.C.

Messrs. Wm. Potts and Sons, Ltd., clock-makers, Leeds, who a short time ago erected the clock and bell in the

Shuttleworth Memorial Tower, "Holbeck Gardens, Scarborough, are now erecting clock and bell at the Scarborough College, Scarborough, for the governors, and last week fixed new clocks at Holy Trinity Church, Carlisle, Cumberland, and Brough King Edward Memorial clock and bell for Kirkby Stephen, Westmoreland, for the chairman and committee, also making a new clock and bell for the Joseph Rowntree Schools trustees, the Cocoa Works, York.

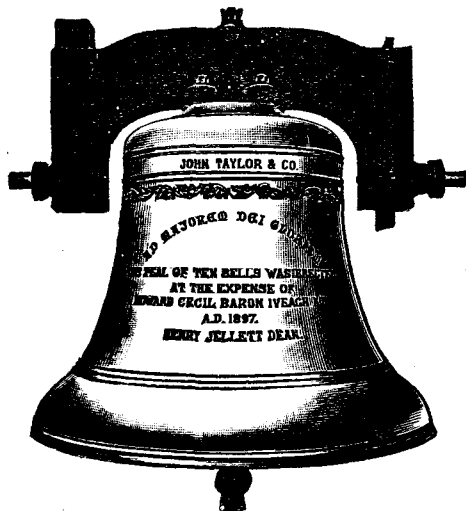
A new church of St. Luke is about to be erected at Ulshaw Moor, County Durham. The architect is Mr. W. H. Wood, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and the builders are Messrs. Rutter and Sons, of Langley Park.

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63425	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
62345	-	-	-
46325	-	-	-
53624	-	-	-
65324	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

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5184.

23456	4	5	6
32654	-	-	-
36254	-	-	-
62354	-	-	-
26453	-	-	-
64253	-	-	-
26345	-	-	-
63245	-	-	-
32645	-	-	-

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56234	-	2	2
52364	-	I	2
53624	-	I	2
35426	2	-	2
24536	-	2	2
42635	2	-	2
62345	-	2	I
25346	I	-	2
23456	-	I	2

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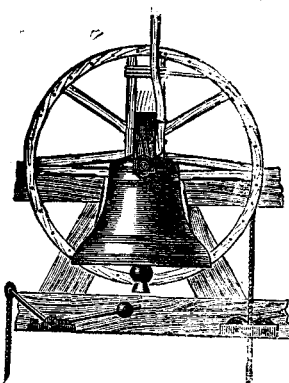
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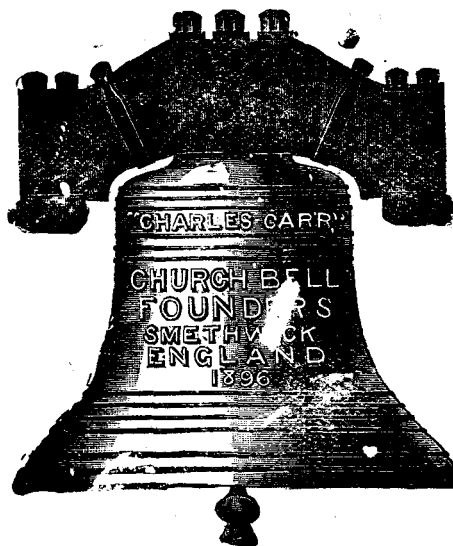
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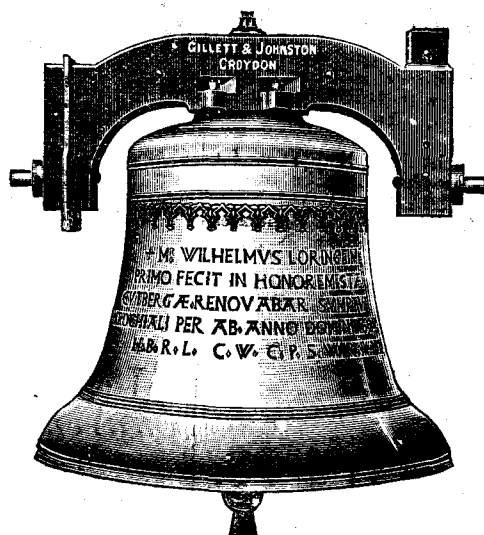
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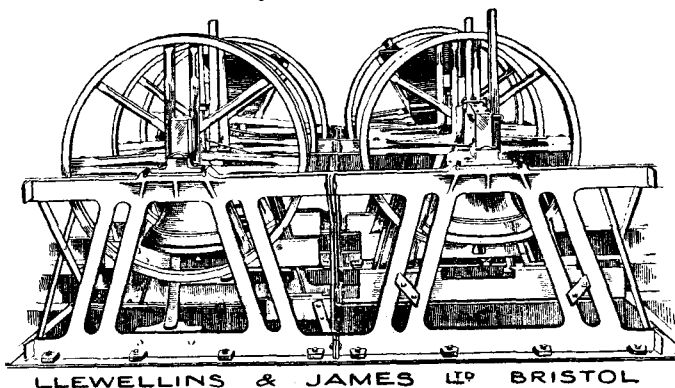
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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

THE S.E. DIVISION GOES A MISSIONING.

Saturday, June 22nd, was a red-letter day for the S.E. Division of the above Association, the members taking a missionary tour for the purpose of introducing change-ringing into what is generally known as "Stoneyland." Members started from Chelmsford on cycles, the first call made being at Fryerning (5 bells). The Rector and the local ringers most heartily welcomed the visitors. Several 6 scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung, and then a move was made to Ingatestone. Here a handy ring of 5 was found (rather noisy in the ringing chamber, it is true), and as our numbers were increased, we were able to tap Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. One member joined the party here, who had left Coggeshall by train earlier in the day, and halting at Chelmsford, started to foot the 6 miles; but luckily a cricketing party gave him a lift. After ringing Stedman he again went on foot to Shenfield, four miles away, and arrived in good time for tea. As the writer was leaving the church, he met one of the local ringers, and a friendly chat will it is hoped be the means of change-ringing taking the place of "Stoney" in this grand old tower.

Shenfield, the next objective, was reached at 4.45. Here the party were met by the Rector, who gave them a hearty welcome. Several members had arrived earlier, and were trying their hands on the new ring of six, thus giving us an opportunity of hearing them outside. The Rector, the Rev. G. N. Gresley, had kindly provided tea, served on the lawn under the mulberry tree, an ideal spot on an ideal day. As this was ready, an attack was at once made on the good things, the Rector leading the way. In all 32 sat down, amongst whom were the Rector, churchwardens, and verger of Shenfield, Mr. Howard (Braintree), Messrs. Elliott and Beckwith (Coggeshall), Mr. Black (Wanstead), Mr. Edwards (Boreham), Mr. Cooper (Chelmsford), and others. At the close of a bountiful repast, Mr. Howard said the meeting was the outcome of a suggestion made that the Association should hold meetings for the purpose of spreading the art of change-ringing, in short missionary meetings. The present meeting was one of the most successful they had had, and certainly was the most pleasant. For a great many years they had been making an attack on Brentwood and district, but did not seem to make much headway. They did seem now to be on the road to improvement. He was pleased to find that already change-ringing had got quite established among the local ringers, and he hoped that Shenfield would take the place Brentwood ought to occupy as the centre of the district. He would like to thank the Rector for the kind way in which he had received them. He felt sure the Shenfield ringers had at their head a man a man who would do all in his power to help them. Mr. Howard remarked that the ringers of South Weald would have to look to it that Shenfield did not take their place.

The Rev. G. N. Gresley replied that he was very pleased to welcome them. As they perhaps knew, the ringers at Shenfield had had a fillip given to their ringing by having

the peal brought up to six bells. Mr. H. P. Landon, the churchwarden, was present, and it was due to his energy that the addition had been carried out; but credit was due to another gentleman who had provided the money for the bell. It was a beautiful peal of bells, and the more he heard them the more pleased he was with them. The additional bell stimulated the ringers to do their best. They must remember that ringing the people to church was a part of the work for God, but the ringers must not forget to come in too.

Mr. H. P. Landon also briefly spoke.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for his kindness, and he, Mr. Landon, and Mr. J. Turner were enrolled as hon. members of the Association. New ringing members were enrolled as follows: Messrs. H. Oliver, P. Hasler, A. Brackley, F. Stanley, and W. D. Leggett (all of Shenfield); A. Boote (Fryerning); whilst the following probationers were admitted, viz., Messrs. C. Brackley A. Monk, and A. Hurrell. A touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells by Messrs. Richell, Kirton, Edwards and Lincoln. The party then divided, some going to Hutton, the others remaining at Shenfield. Miss C. Playle, of Dagenham, the only lady member of the Association, was present with her father, and took the treble bell to Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor, several ringers grasping the opportunity of ringing with a lady for the first time. Besides the methods named, Stedman, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were rung. Hutton bells were set going to the tune of Grandsire, then Stedman and Bob Doubles were rung. Night coming on, all present sought their respective homes, thus ending a most enjoyable and successful day.

H. F. C.

ST. MARY'S, NORTH MYMMS.

To assist a fund for restoring this church which is sadly in need of repair, a bazaar was held in Brookman's Park on Thursday, June 20th. In the evening, to mark the occasion, and as a token of their good wishes, a band of Hatfield College Youths assembled in the tower and rang touches from various methods, winding up with a well-struck 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. They are of opinion that if a new treble and 2nd were added, the tower would contain one of the finest peals of eight in the county with a tenor of 15 cwt. It is a matter for congratulation that the local band are learning change-ringing under the able tuition of Mr. A. Lawrence, whose early ringing days were connected with the Little Munden tower. He only commenced teaching early in the present year, and to take a whole band of novices at once, is a somewhat tall order. It is, however, confidently hoped that if they stick to him, before very long Minor will be rung at North Myrms. The bells are in good going order, and a new set of handbells has lately been acquired, so, all things considered, progress should be made in the Art.

A DIAGRAM OF UNION TRIPLES (1893), may be had gratis, on application by letter to W. H. THOMPSON, 5, Sillwood Street, Brighton, to whom the unsold remainder has been returned by the publishers.

CURIOSITIES ABOUT BELLS.

"Softly the loud peal dies,
In passing winds it drowns,
But breathes, like perfect joys,
Tender tones." TENNYSON.

We are told by an Eastern writer, that the first bell ever made, was made by Tubal Cain, and was used by Noak to summon his carpenters to their daily work when building the Ark.

In the Book of Exodus it is stated that the High Priests wore golden bells on their vestments, and in The Koran, it is written "that bells hang on the trees of Paradise, and are set in motion by the wind from the throne of God, as often as the blessed wish for music.

"Bells as musical
As those that, on the golden-shafted trees
Of Eden, shook by the Eternal breeze." MOORE.

The oldest known dated bell in England is said to be that at Duncton, in Sussex, dated 1319.

The earliest record of bellringers in England is that of the "Schollers of Chepesyde in London," founded in 1603, but not heard of after the year 1634.

In 1637 a Society of Ringers, now known as the Ancient Society of College Youths, was founded, and still exists.

The "Lay of the Bell," is the lay of man's life. It depicts with equal truth and splendour the casting, the completion and uses of the bell, and the birth, progress, and duties of the human being. Schiller wrote it, and Sir Bulwer Lytton, and Lord Francis Egerton have both translated it. We give the first stanza.

Fast, in its prison-walls of Earth,
Awaits the mould of baked clay.
Up, Comrades, up, and aid the birth,
The Bell that shall be born to-day!
Who would honour obtain
With the sweat and the pain.

The praise that Man gives to the Master must buy;
But the blessing withal must descend from on high.

England is proverbially called the "Bell Ringing Island," for bell-ringing prevails in no country so much as in England.

In the chancel of St. John's Church, Margate, is a fine brass dated 1445, to the memory of John Daundelyon, with a large dog at his feet, and the tenor bell, the gift of the family, bore the traditionary rhyme:

John de Dandelyon with his great dog
Brought over this bell on a Mill-cog.

The Vicar of Raleigh, Nottingham, was swallowed down by a great earthquake, and the cemetery of Kilgrimol, near Blackpool, has been overwhelmed by the inroads of the sea, and with it the Church; yet so late as the year 1854, visitors attended to hear the bells chiming beneath them.

Off in the forest far one bears,
A passing sound of distant bells.
No legends old, nor human wit
Can tell us whence the music swells.
From the "Lost Church," 'tis thought, that soft
Faint ringing cometh on the wind;
Once many pilgrims trod the path
But no one now the way can find.

Tom of Oxford, hangs at the gate tower of Christ Church. This bell originally had a female named Mary, in honour of the Queen Mary. Bishop Tresham said: "O delicate and sweet harmony; O beautiful Mary; how musical she sounds, how strangely she pleaseth my ears!" This bell was recast in 1680, when its note became mascu-

line. Hence its name. Every evening at nine this bell tolls 101 times in commemoration of the number of scholarships with which the College is endowed.

In Glasgow Cathedral is a bell with this inscription. "In the year 1583, Marcus Knot, Merchant, caused me to be fabricated in Holland, and placed me in the tower of this Cathedral, and my function was announced on my bosom: "Ye who hear me, come to learn of holy doctrine," and I was taught to proclaim the hours of unheeded time, until I was broken by the hands of unskilled men, but in the year 1790 I was cast into the furnace, re-founded at London, and returned to my sacred vocation. Reader, thou also shalt know a resurrection; may it be unto Eternal life. Thomas Mears fecit London 1790."

This is supposed to be the longest inscription on any bell in the world. Note—And it is not given here in full, but only shortly.

A fiddle improves by use and age, but a piano does not, neither does a bell. Metal is altered by repeated thumping, and the music is knocked out of a bell by the continued use of the clapper. Go to Cripplegate Church, and listen to the bell when it strikes twelve, the first two or three strokes are distinct and clear, after which every stroke has a double sound, caused by age.

Bells were believed to have a fondness for their own Church tower, and if removed from its place, its voice it was said, would steal back at midnight to its old home, and it is still judged expedient to humour a transplanted bell by ringing it every evening.

In 1886 a bell was on view at the Liverpool Exhibition, which bore this inscription:

"To call the folk to Church in time, we chime;
When mirth and pleasure are on wing, we ring;
When from the body parts the soul, we toll."

York Cathedral authorities possess a white elephant in the shape of a bell, weighing eleven tons, for the bell is practically useless, as the hour is only struck on it by hand at noon each day.

The Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, has a ring of twelve bells, the first complete ring of twelve ever cast and erected, and in 1727 the College Youths rang a peal of 6316 changes on them.

Nell Gwynn was buried in this churchyard, and by her will directed that on every Thursday evening in the year six men should ring for one hour. For this they were to have a roasted shoulder of mutton and beer to the value of ten shillings, which legacy has now gone another way.

A custom exists at Hatherleigh, Devon, of ringing morning and evening a number of strokes corresponding to the day of the month.

In 1902 three bells were presented to the Church of Ashby Folville, Leicestershire, and on them are the following inscriptions:

I.

"I" with my fellows join
In many a roundelay;
We'll praise, whene'er we ring
Our Squire and his good lady."

II.

"Herbert Hanbury Smith-Carrington married Elizabeth Prime Stallard, June 1, 1876.

"They gave to us our voice
So we can well rejoice."

List then to our loud peals, that sweetly say
Forget not thou their silver wedding-day."

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NOTES.

Will "Clapper" please send his address?

Mr. Ernest Morris, of 11, Devonshire Street, Leicester, writes that the 5184 Double Norwich published in last week's "BELL NEWS" under the name of G. Cross, really belongs to the late Henry Johnson, bobs at 4 being substituted in place of bobs at 1.

Yet other special bands have been performing. This week we record two peals rung by teams of Georges, one at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, by the Middlesex County Association, the other at Hunsdon, Herts., by members of the Hertfordshire Association.

A correspondent writes asking if the statement that Messrs. Webb and Bennett hung the bells on which the longest single-handed peal was ever rung is correct. Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, claim that honour now, we believe, they having hung the bells at All Saints', Loughborough, on which a peal of 18,027 Stedman Caters was rung on Easter Monday, 1909.

We note with pleasure that members of the Essex Association are making progress with their efforts to instil into the minds of those of their fellow strings who need it

that there is something better in Bellringing than "Churchyard Bob" and "Dead Man's Delight."

To this end they are organising a series of cycle runs to various parts of the county. Last week they visited the Shenfield district, calling at Fryerning and Ingatestone.

So far there appears to be every prospect of success attending their efforts. Already there are signs that the art of Change-ringing is taking hold where it had not done hitherto, and this is what they are after.

One enthusiast arrived at Chelmsford only to find that he had six miles to walk to Ingatestone, and, nothing daunted, he set out to do it. A friendly cricketing party, however, saved him the walk, but he afterwards did the four miles to Shenfield, arriving in time for tea, etc.

Other districts might well follow the example thus set, and hasten on the time when from John o' Groats to Lands End, from Lynn to Milford Bay, wherever there is a tower Change-ringing shall be universal.

At North Mymms, in Hertfordshire, a start has been made by the local band to master the mysteries of Change-ringing, and under able tuition good progress is reported. Mr. Lawrence has taken them in hand, and there is no doubt he is the right man in the right place.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on July 18th; at St. John's, Hackney, on 9th and 23rd; St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 9th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 16th; and St. Pauls Cathedral on the 23rd, all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—A quarterly general meeting of the Association will be held on Monday, July 8th, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, E.C. Tower open at 8 p.m. Business meeting at 9.30 p.m. All members should endeavour to attend. F. J. HARDY, Hon. Gen. Sec.

34, Guildford Road, Lambeth, S.W.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Southern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse, will be held on Saturday, July 20th, at All Saints, Isleworth. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at 8 p.m. All members and friends invited.

86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill. F. A. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Western Branch.—A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Martley, on Saturday, July 6th. Service in Church at 4.30. Tea and business meeting at the Rectory at 5.15.

R. G. KNOWLES, Branch Sec.

Madresfield, Malvern.

The Essex Association.—A District Meeting of the North West Division will be held at Wenden on Saturday, July 6th. Littlebury, Rickling and Clavering towers will be open. A brake will leave Stansted at 2 o'clock for Rickling and Clavering. Business meeting immediately after tea.

W. WATTS, District Secretary.

Mont House Cottage, Stansted Essex.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Biggleswade Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary, Potton, on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available from 5 to 9 o'clock.

F. BLOOD, Branch Secretary.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 13th. Special service in the Cathedral at 11.30. Preacher—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Business meeting in the Chapter House at 12.20. Dinner in the Dining Hall at Christ Church at 1.30. One shilling will be refunded to each member present at the dinner. But members failing to send for their tickets must pay 2s. at the door, and have no refund.

ALBERT E. REEVER, Guild Secretary.

5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—A Monthly Ringing Meeting will be held at Kingsley, on Saturday, July 6th.

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143, Flint Terrace, Tunstall.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Thomas, Newhey, on Saturday, July 6th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.

13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

The Surrey Association.—Quarterly Meeting at Ashted on Saturday, July 13th. Tower open at 3. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.45. Business meeting after.

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The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 13th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.

WALTER HUGHES, Branch Sec.

3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendlebury on Saturday, July 20th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7.

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Branch Sec.

Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

The Essex Association.—South-West Division.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary, Woodford, on Saturday, July 20th. Service in the church at 5 p.m. Tea (free, by kind invitation of the Rector), at 5.30 to members notifying me by July 17th.

32, Vernal Avenue, Walthamstow. H. RUMENS, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, July

27th, (instead of the 20th). Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. with address by the Rev. M. C. Elphinstone, Vicar. Tea will be provided at the Vicarage by the kindness of the Vicar and Mrs. Elphinstone, for those who send their names to me not later than Wednesday, July 24th. Half-rail fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—In order to facilitate the publishing of future reports, conductors of peals are requested to send particulars of peals called by them within seven days of such performance to

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GRAVESEND.—On Friday, June 21st, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Gates, *J. Burles (conductor), A. N. O. Yarmouth, R. Smith, R. Tall, A. Martin, R. Constant, E. Hadlow. *First in the method as conductor. 418 Stedman Triples. J. Burles, F. Webb, F. M. Mitchell, R. Smith, F. Hayes, A. Martin, R. Constant (conductor), J. Avis. Longest touch in the method by F. Mitchell. F. Webb hails from Bedford.

LLANDAFF.—At the Cathedral, on Wednesday, June 26th, on the occasion of the visit of their Majesties the King and Queen, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 47 mins. J. Aldridge, J. Harris, W. B. Biss (conductor), F. Pitcher, T. Cox, J. Clutterbuck, S. Dawe, A. Rowley. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Pitcher, W. B. Biss, S. Dawe, F. Pitcher, T. Cox, J. Clutterbuck, W. Coombes (conductor), J. Aldridge.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On Wednesday, June 19th, as a wedding compliment to Mr. John R. D. Fenwick, one of the local ringers, who was married earlier in the day at Holy Trinity church, Paddington, to Miss Beatrice B. Rayward, of Sheffield Mill, Fletching, Sussex, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Avis, J. Allen, J. Burles, R. Smith, F. Hayes, F. Mitchell conductor. The ringers offer their hearty congratulations. On Sunday evening, June 23rd, 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Avis, J. Burles, G. Ambrose, F. Hayes, F. Webb, F. Mitchell (conductor). Mr. F. Webb hails from St. Paul's, Bedford.

NUTFIELD (Surrey).—On Tuesday, June 18th, for practice, 720 Beverley Surprise Minor. T. S. Leeson, F. Hawkins, W. Cheesman, O. Gilbey, W. Bashford, A. Harman (conductor). First 720 in the method on the bells and by all the band.

LECHLADE (Gloucestershire).—On June 22nd, at St. Lawrence's church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. T. Moulden, R. W. Hyner, W. G. Lancaster, F. Looker, G. Lancaster (conductor), C. J. Gardiner. First 720 in the method on the bells.

WEST HAM.—On Sunday, June 30th, for evening service at All Saints' church, on the back eight, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. F. Doran, A. Fiddes, T. Cranfield, E. Wigg, W. Theobald, E. Andrews, H. Torble, T. Joyce. First quarter-peal by the ringers of treble, 2nd and tenor. Conducted by T. Cranfield.

WISBECH (Cambs).—On Sunday, June 30th, being St. Peter's Day, 720 Bob Minor was rung for evening service at the parish church, with 6-8 covering. H. Piggins, S. Andrews, G. Piggins, C. Goakes, G. Jutson, H. Banham, R. Narborough, G. Duffield.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, June 16th, at St. Chad's (R.C.) after evening service, Johnson's 1008 Grandsire Triples. E. Mullins, A. T. Scrivens (conductor), T. Miller, E. Large, C. Mackenzie, J. Corrigan, J. B. Collett, S. Coley.

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5400 AND 5000.

123456 I O F

365214 - -

251634 - -

153624 - -

352614 - -

621534 - -

123564 - -

536214 - -

261354 - -

165324 - -

562314 - -

321654 - -

125634 - -

523614 - -

631254 - -

135264 - -

256314 - -

361524 - -

162534 - -

263514 - -

531624 - -

132654 - -

625314 - -

351264 - -

156234 - -

653214 - -

231564 - -

136524 - -

Four times repeated.

5000: Omit the three I's in all parts, cut away two courses in each. Never has two calls together. 5080: In four parts only. Another 5000 by calling these four courses instead of the first six courses of the above peal:—

123456 I O F

365214 - -

251634 - -

621534 - -

123564 - -

5400 AND 5000.

123456 I B O F

312456 - -

521436 - -

152436 - -

215436 - -

431526 - -

143526 - -

314526 - -

241536 - -

I B O F

164235 - -

416235 - -

361245 - -

136245 - -

613245 - -

431265 - -

143265 - -

314265 - -

261435 - -

126435 - -

612435 - -

321465 - -

132465 - -

213465 - -

631425 - -

163425 - -

316425 - -

421635 - -

142635 - -

Four times repeated.

5000: omit the three B's bracketted; cut away two courses in each part. 5080: In four parts only.

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By GEORGE FREEBREY, Derby.

5376.

23456 I 4 6

53624 - -

32654 - -

25634 - -

36524 - -

62534 - -

35264 - *

52364 - -

23564 - -

Five times repeated. * Single for bob 3rd and 6th parts. The peal may be reduced to 5040 by adding a bob at 6 in the third course and omitting the bob at 1 in the fourth course of any one part, thus cutting away three courses.

First rung at Duffield, Derbyshire, by members of the Midland Counties Association, on April 17th, 1912, as a 5040, conducted by James Pagett.

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Mr. Y. Green, of 12, Maryland Square, writes:—"I regret to say that the peals of Cambridge Surprise Maximus published by me in 'THE BELL NEWS' of June 22nd and 29th are both false. With every apology."

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—On Sunday, June 16th, for evening service at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. G. Cross, W. Seeley, J. Cross, F. Stedman, W. Page, G. Wines, T. Page (conductor), H. Crabbe. This quarter-peal was arranged for W. Seeley and F. Stedman, visitors from Merthyr.

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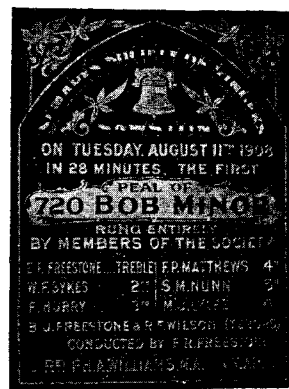
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 6, 1912.

IN our last issue we concluded the official report of the doings of the Central Council at their Annual Session. One of the questions dealt with is one that concerns Church Bell Ringers very intimately, and one which they ought most seriously to take to heart. It is that of ringing on the Eves of the great Festivals of the Church and for Sunday services. There can be no two opinions as to the difference between the sound of a bell when it is rung and when it is merely chimed. Anyone with the least ear for music can at once recognise the difference. As the duty of each of us as Church workers especially is to give of his best to the glory of God, it is obvious that, as the bells are used to call the people to worship, they must be used in the best and most attractive manner. This is to ring them. There is no doubt a certain amount of opposition has to be overcome. In some places it comes from the clergyman, in others from the ringers. Why this should be we are at a loss to understand, and it is certain that it ought not to be. No clergyman is satisfied with his choir unless it gives of its best, and each individual church makes it a point to get the best organist and choir-master it can afford, and in every other way to make its services attractive. Everyone taking part in the inside services strives his best to make it so; then why should not bellringers. We are ready to admit that very many of them do so, but there are, we fear, many who do not. It is to the latter we appeal to throw away their indifference and join the larger class. There is no gainsaying the fact that a good peal of bells well struck adds to the attraction of a church, and this is one more reason why ringers should give of their best.

Another aspect of the case was raised by a speaker who called attention to the importance of ringing on the Eves of the great Festivals of the Church as well as on Sundays. This aspect affects ringers in their capacity as change-ringers more than it does as ordinary Church Bell Ringers. There is a tendency on the part of the Government and of some County Councils to play tricks with the privileges of the people, especially where they are likely to cause annoyance to a section, no matter how small that section might be. This seems especially the case where the Church is concerned, and no one is able to prophesy what will be the next privilege or section to be attacked. It may be that in response to the complaints of a few fanatics a Bill might be introduced into Parliament to put a stop to bellringing except on rare occasions or occasions of great national rejoicing. If this should ever be the case it would be well for ringers to be prepared to show that they were not only exercising a long standing privilege and carrying out an ancient custom, but were at the same time performing a duty to the Church. Unless they could do this there was a likelihood that such an attack might be successful, and result in a serious curtailment of the Exercise. To meet the attack it would be well if it could be shown that the bells were rung for every Church service, on the Eves of the festivals (and Saturday was the eve of Sunday) as well as on occasions of joy. If this could be done then ringers would have a good case with which to meet any attack that might be made upon the exercise of their Art. But to make the case thoroughly good it is necessary that the practice should be universal, and not confined to a few

towers in isolated districts. It is well to be prepared for any emergency, for he who is prepared is best able to resist an attack. Let ringers be so prepared that when the attack comes they may present an invulnerable front to the foe and show such a good case that victory will be assured. If they do the right thing now the chances of having to resist any opposition will be materially reduced.

The Provinces.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALFRED JAMES* Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
ISAAC EMERY 2.	GEORGE DURLING 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 4.	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal in the method. This peal was rung after meeting short for Bristol.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Kent and Oxford Trable Bob, and three 720s of Plain Bob.

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

Conducted by W. ROSE.

Each called differently. First peal of Minor by E. F. Poppy and W. Last.

BISHOPS CASTLE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal, and belongs to the local band. First peal on the bells, having been rehung by A. Bowell, of Ipswich, and the bells go splendidly.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT CHARLES CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM HOOPER* Treble.	WALTER H. MARSH 6.
WARREN HORNBRONK* 2.	ERNEST W. MARSH 7.
JOSEPH WOOLEY 3.	GEORGE R. STROUD 8.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD 4.	WILLIAM FORD 9.
REGINALD A. DOBSON 5.	FRANCIS PURSE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY, and

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

*First peal on ten bells. Arranged for Mr. A. F. Shepherd, of Hersham, Surrey.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft,

On the "GARRIEL" Ring of Eight,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROBERT H. HAYWARD .. Treble.	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. 5.
CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 2.	ALBERT ROUGHT .. 6.
GEORGE HOWCHIN .. 3.	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON .. 7.
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN .. 4.	ALBERT G. WARNES .. Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by ALBERT G. WARNES.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES:

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	JOHN SOUTER .. 5.
EDWIN WHITING .. 2.	ERNEST POPPY .. 6.
THOMAS FITZJOHN .. 3.	WILLIAM L. DUFFIED .. 7.
CHARLES BAKER .. 4.	CHARLES CARTER .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

NEWTON-IN-THE-ISLE, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

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

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

First 5040 by the ringers of the treble, 2nd and 4th, and the first on tower bells by all. This was the conductor's first peal as conductor. Believed to be the first peal ever rung on these bells, which have lately been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the 'go' being excellent. Rung as a birthday compliment to Thomas Haines, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. S. Andrews was proposed a member before starting.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT E. STAVERT .. Treble.	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. 5.
THOMAS L. SIMMONS .. 2.	WILLIAM HEWITT .. 6.
FRANK T. MARTIN .. 3.	CHRISTOPHER MURRAY .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWITT .. 4.	WALTER B. BRANNETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWITT.

Arranged for Mr. C. Murray, who hails from Dublin.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qrs. in E.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

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

WORCESTER.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ERNEST E. BARBER .. Treble.	JOSEPH BRETTELL .. 5.
ABRAHAM WINTERTON .. 2.	WILLIAM C. JONES .. 6.
GEORGE HINTON, JUN.* .. 3.	WILLIAM PAGE .. 7.
ALBERT HILL* .. 4.	*WILLIAM H. JOHNSON .. Tenor.

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

*First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor. This is believed to be the first peal of Treble Bob Major rang in Worcester for 48 years, the last known record being February 7th, 1864.

BLACKBURN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

TOM WILSON .. Treble.	WILLIAM E. WILSON .. 5.
EMMANUEL DUTSON .. 2.	JOHN WATSON .. 6.
WILLIAM BRIGGS .. 3.	*ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 7.
FREDERICK HINDLE .. 4.	JAMES ASHTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

*First peal as conductor. Rang as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. E. Wilson, and Mr. Samuel Tomlinson, father of the conductor.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, June 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

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

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWITT.

*First peal in the method.

BKISTOL.—THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD.

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

At the Church of St. Matthew, Kingsdown,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

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

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

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

BRISTOL.—THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD*On Friday, June 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES.**

FRED G. MAY Treble.	WILLIAM WHITE 6.
CHARLES PEPEY 2.	GILBERT WILTSHIRE 7.
ALBERT STOWELL 3.	ALFRED E. REEVES 8.
FREDER. W. WADE 4.	HENRY HOWELL 9.
NORRIS WAY 5.	ISAAC LONG Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the visit of their Majesties King George V. and Queen Mary to Bristol to open the new wing of the Bristol Royal Infirmary.

MALDON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION**(MALDON AND DISTRICT GUILD)***On Saturday, June 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

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

BIRMINGHAM.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, June 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.***AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. CARTER'S 12-PART.

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

Conducted by A. T. SCRIVENS.

*First peal as conductor. †First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, the band wishing him many happy returns. T. Pearce was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal.

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE B. LUCAS, JUN. .. Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE 5.
GEORGE B. LUCAS, SEN. .. 2.	GEORGE DENT 6.
GEORGE F. MARGETSON .. 3.	GEORGE A. CARD 7.
GEORGE H. JAYE 4.	GEORGE PAIGE Tenor.

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

BLO NORTON, NORFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,***On Saturday, June 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,****A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

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

Conducted by S. ANNISON.

First peal as conductor.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, June 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 10 cwt. 16 lb.

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

Composed by WM. WILLSON, and Conducted by WM. STEELE.

BAMPTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD,*On Saturday, June 29, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 25 cwt.

NORRIS SPINDLOW Treble.	GEORGE HOLFIELD, JUN. .. 5.
ALBERT BROOKS 2.	JOHN MONK 6.
ERNEST BROWN 3.	JOSEPH LARDNER 7.
GEORGE HOLFIELD, SEN. .. 4.	JOHN TANNER Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, June 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, and two 720s each of Kent and Oxford.

CHARLES NUNH Treble.	ALPHAEUS J. BESEY 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	ARTHUR BAILEY 5.
GEORGE BAILEY 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLLE.

First Treble Bob peal by the two Baileys, who hail from Rickinghall.

MEOPHAM, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, June 29, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one each of Grandsire Minor, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN AVIS Treble.	RICHARD SMITH 4.
JOHN BURLS 2.	FREDERICK HAYES 5.
GUY R. AMERSON 3.	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

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

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.****(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)***On Saturday, June 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.***AT CHRIST CHURCH,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

GEORGE LANCELOTT .. Treble.	CHARLES SEDDON 5.
ARTHUR RIDYARD 2.	DANIEL HOWARD 6.
THOS. LINGARD 3.	THOS. HOWARD 7.
ALBERT WALLWORK 4.	JOHN EDGE Tenor.

Conducted by THOS. HOWARD.

Rung with the bells muffled, as a funeral peal for James Wilson, late a ringer of the above tower.

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

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

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

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

NEWDIGATE, SURREY.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Monday, July 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALBERT HILLS Treble.	OLIVER SIPPETTS 4.
JOHN AKKHURST 2.	ARTHUR W. TULLETT .. 5.
PERCY F. WELLS 3.	ALBERT ELLIS Tenor.

*Conducted by ALBERT ELLIS.***FLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.****THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.***(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)**On Monday, July 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Single Court, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford, Double Oxford, and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

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

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

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

PULHAM, NORFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, July 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,***A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.***Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.*

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble.	EDWIN WEITING 5.
ERNEST POPPY 2.	CHARLES ROOPE 6.
CHARLES BAKER 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE 7.
ALFRED SMITH 4.	FREDERICK ROOPE Tenor.

*Composed by H. W. WILDE, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.***Handbell Peals.****LONDON.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, June 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,**At 129, Brunswick Street, Haggerston,***A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.**

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 1-2.	FRANK BENNETT 5-6.
ARTHUR W. SHEPHERD* 3-4.	FRANK I. HAIRS 7-8.
ALFRED W. GRIMES 9-10.	

*Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.**Umpire—H. J. Ranzetta. *First peal of Bob Royal.***BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.****THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***(THE ST JAMES'S SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.)**On Friday, June 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes.**At the Residence of Mr. R. Moore, Cemetery Road,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;***IN THE KENT VARIATION.*

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

*Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by A. E. MOORE.**Umpire—J. Sparrow.***Miscellaneous.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

WICKHAM SKEITH (Suffolk).—On Monday, June 17th, two 720s of Kent and one of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. G. E. Naunton, E. Youngs, C. Nunn, A. J. Berry, F. W. Naunton, L. Last (conductor). G. E. and F. W. Naunton hail from Wrentham. On Sunday afternoon, June 30th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor. A. Bailey, E. Youngs, A. J. Berry, G. Kemp, J. Rose, L. Last (conductor). J. Rose hails from Ipswich; A. Bailey from Rickinghall.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).—On Monday, June 24th, 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise and Double Court. C. Nunn, E. Youngs, G. Bailey, A. J. Berry, A. Bailey, W. Rose (conductor). First 720 Cambridge Surprise by the ringers of 3rd and 5th, who hail from Rickinghall.

PULHAM MARKET.—On Sunday, June 30th, for morning service, 832 Cambridge Surprise Major. F. Borrett, C. Baker, E. Whiting, A. Smith, H. Garnham, C. Roope, W. Roope, F. Roope. For evening service 576 Superlative Surprise Major. A. Roope, C. Baker, J. Allen, R. Whiting, A. Smith, F. Surridge, W. Roope, C. Roope.

PULHAM MARY.—On Sunday, June 30th, for evening service, 864 Oxford Treble Bob Major. E. Whiting, F. Borrett, J. Tann, R. Riches, G. Gower, F. Burrows, C. Tann, C. Brice.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HERTFORD.—On Sunday, June 30th, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, 672 Grandsire Triples. E. Tyler, H. J. Gray, R. Dore, W. Irons, V. Neale (conductor), A. E. Creasey, G. Gray, G. W. Akers. This is the longest length by the ringers of the treble and tenor; R. Dore's longest with a bob bell, and the longest as conductor by V. Neale. All are members of the St. Andrew's band.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY.—On Sunday, June 23rd, for morning service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. James, jun. (first quarter-peal), A. E. Newick (first quarter-peal with a bob bell), G. Durling (conductor), I. Emery, S. Marshall, G. Huxley, A. James, sen., A. Bygrave.

ST. JOHN THE DIVINE GUILD, KENNINGTON.

KENNINGTON.—On Saturday, June 22nd, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, 1330 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 49 mins. E. S. Garnett, A. Walton, H. I. Walton, T. W. Wyatt, Alec Miller, Arch Miller, G. J. W. Wild (conductor), K. C. Wightman.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

WIRKSWORTH (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, June 23rd, for evening service at the parish church, on the occasion of the Choir Sermons, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. F. Turner, B. Greatorex, B. Hilditch, F. Johnson, B. Sowter, G. Bowmer, W. Fox, E. Allen. Conducted by Benjamin Greatorex.

ASTON (Birmingham).—On Sunday, June 30th, for morning service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Edgerton, A. Jones, H. Jones, J. Hopkin, F. Bennet (conductor), W. G. Ellis, W. Davies, C. Allou. For evening service,

1349 Grandsire Caters. W. Davies, J. Jones, A. Jones, M. J. Morris, H. Jones, J. Hopkin, J. Corrigan, W. G. Ellis (conductor), F. Bennett, C. Allen. Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect for the late Mrs. Sutton, wife of the Vicar of Aston, Canon Sutton, M.A.

BARNES (Surrey).—On Sunday, June 23rd, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. M. Jacobs, E. H. Cook, H. Barrett, H. Stevens, G. Isles, F. Skevington (conductor), C. F. W. Hind, J. Wilmot. Rung to commemorate the birthday of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales.

CHURCH ITEMS.

Vacant through the appointment of the present Vicar, the Rev. P. I. Hooson, M.A., to Easton, Stamford, the living of Weston St. Mary, next Spalding, has been offered to the Rev. A. M. Parkes, of Clifton, Brighouse, Yorkshire.

Achurch, Northamptonshire, parish church is now being restored, and in addition to a new organ chamber, choir stalls, chancel floor, lectern and pulpit, a stained glass window is to be erected to the memory of Mr. T. Powys, by his parents, Lord and Lady Lilford.

Winchester Diocesan Conference has been fixed for October 24 and 25, and the principal business will be the consideration of a resolution declaring that it is expedient that the diocese should be divided.

Her Majesty Queen Mary has sent a donation of £25 to the fund for the erection of a hostel for theological students at King's College, and the council of the college has resolved to go forward with the work of building. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners have offered a site in Vincent Square, Westminster, at a much reduced rental, and though already nearly £6,000 has been raised, more funds are urgently needed. It is hoped that the new hostel will help forward the movement towards providing residential buildings in all the new universities.

The Bishop of Exeter has been pleasantly surprised by receiving an anonymous gift of £1000 toward the Three Towns Extension Fund. He has now received £52,000 of the £70,000 which is required to complete the scheme. An appeal is being made to all the Church people of the diocese to contribute one shilling or more this year. About 300,000 shillings are now required, and the number of confirmed Church people in Devonshire probably approximates to that figure, the entire population being about 700,000.

The clergy of All Hallows, Barking, are trying hard to hold mid day services at Tower Hill on Mondays. Last week the crowd was very large, but refused to give a quiet hearing to the clergy who spoke. There was a strong section present of Atheists, who were very violent in their opposition to the Church and Christianity. The Rev. A. J. Waldron, Vicar of Brixton, allowed opponents to state their case, but although the audience gave a quiet hearing to the Secularists, they refused to listen to the reply. Meetings are to be held every Monday. It is self-evident that many of these Socialists are opposed to all authority human or Divine, and, as *The Standard* has pointed out, Socialism is very largely allied to a bitter and intolerant Atheism.

The feature of the Church Army reception at Bryanston Street this week, was some 70 "half-minute guns," which consisted of short pointed speeches conveying their impressions of Church Army work by the young members during their preliminary training. Countess Grosvenor, who was supported by Prebendary Carlile and Lord Clifden, shook hands with all the young people who had entered the headquarter homes to receive their final

training. There were no formal speeches. Tea was served to the guests, and before and after the meeting the homes were inspected.

The Church of England Men's Society is growing more powerful every day, and the society is consolidating its work. Branches and membership are rapidly increasing. The society is throwing itself whole-heartedly into the campaign against pernicious literature. During the winter two important and very representative deputations were received at the Home Office. In the autumn of last year a campaign against poisonous literature of all kinds was begun by the branch at Limerick, and very soon was taken up with enthusiasm over the whole country. The results were remarkable. It seems that out of 100 newagents warned that if they persisted in selling undesirable books and papers, etc., a certain boycott would follow at once, some 90 speedily announced their intention to discontinue exposing or selling the kind of stuff complained of. The branches generally are urged to follow this example.

Bishop Gore, presiding at a meeting of the laymen of Oxford, diocese, announced the gift of £500 from Mr. E. P. Chance, High Sheriff of the county, towards the £100,000 proposed to be raised for dividing the diocese into three.

The secretary of the Incorporated Church Building Society, Dean's Yard, Westminster, has received a banknote for £1,000 from an anonymous contributor.

The Rev. J. H. Greaves, for 25 years vicar of St. Paul's Harringay has been presented with a cheque for £350 and an album containing the names of over 700 subscribers.

The Rev. P. E. Kynaston and the Rev. P. H. Green, vicar and assistant curate respectively of Holy Trinity Church, Shrewsbury, who are leaving for Southern Rhodesia, in response to a call for workers by the Bishop of Mashonaland, have each been presented by the parishioners with a cheque, as a token of affection and regard. The presentation was made in the picturesque grounds of "The Limes," Shrewsbury, the residence of the Hon. Mrs. Bulkeley Owen.

CURIOSITIES ABOUT BELLS.

(Continued from page 251.)

One of the bells of the parish church of Woodburn, near Maidenhead, was badly cracked, and had to be recast, and the then Vicar had inscribed upon it the following verse, composed by himself. The event occurred when King Edward the Seventh was lying dangerously ill at Buckingham Palace, but by the grace of God he recovered.

The King was ill,
And I was still
The day his crowning fell;
My wound was healed,
And I was pealed
To tell the King was well. October 1902.

Hark! now the clear soft peal of bells
Falls on the silent eve;
Now dies afar, now nearer swells
Yet ever makes me grieve.
My spirit seems to sink and die;
I know not why, a feeling like despair.

Notice.—Shoreditch Bells Fund.—Funds are urgently needed to put this grand old peal in proper repair. £50 wanted before the work can be commenced. Who will help a poor parish? Contributions thankfully received and gratefully acknowledged. Collecting cards also supplied by H. J. Bradley, The Parish Church, Shoreditch, E.

WANTED.—Clean copy of "CHURCH BELLS OF CORNWALL," by E. H. Dunkin; published at 5s. in 1878.—Rev. W. PEARSON, Henley Vicarage, Ipswich.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 22nd, a meeting of this Guild was held at Walton-on-the-Hill. There was an excellent attendance representing Ormskirk, Aughton, Walton, Standish, Crossens, Southport, Crosby, Bootle, Sefton, Tue-Brook, Wigan and Grassendale. A service was held in the church at four o'clock, prayers being read by the Ven. Archdeacon Spooner, and an excellent address given by the Rev. C. Wright. The members were afterwards entertained at tea by the Archdeacon, and after tea the business of the Guild was transacted. Archdeacon Spooner presided, and was supported by the Revs. W. T. Bulpit, E. C. Collier, M. W. Lacombe, B. H. Watts, F. A. Bartlett, and Wright, with several other gentlemen. The Ven. Archdeacon gave the Guild a hearty welcome, and was sorry the Warden (Canon Howson) was unable to be present, also that the treasurer, Mr. J. Martin, was absent through indisposition. Addresses were also given by the Revs. W. T. Bulpit and E. C. Collier. Several new members were admitted, and the usual vote of thanks brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT AT THE OLDEST CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

A quarterly meeting of the Rochester District was held on Saturday last at Eastchurch, Isle of Sheppey. Ringing commenced at four o'clock, the methods including one 720 of Kent Treble Bob, and several touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and several 120s of Stedman Doubles; also Grandsire Triples on handbells. The following towers were represented:—Tunstall, Queen-boro', Boxley, Gillingham, Chatham, Rochester and Sheerness. None of the local members were present, a fact which is to be regretted, as it shows a lack of interest on their part. The only two members of the local band who are members of the Association were away on business. The bells are a good ring of six, with a tenor 12½ cwt in G. Up to last year there were only five, but then one was added, and the whole were rehung in a new frame with new fittings. The tower has a special interest attached to it, in that it was built by Delamark Banks, Esq., of the stone from the old London Bridge, built in 1176 and taken down in 1832. The business meeting was held in the tower, when one new member was admitted. St. George's, Gravesend, was selected for the annual District meeting. On the return journey five members visited Minster Abbey Church, and rang Grandsire Doubles on the five bells there. These sadly need repairing. The old Abbey Church has the honour of being the oldest Christian church specially founded and built as such by Queen Sexburga, in the year 664 A.D. St. Martin's, Canterbury is older, of course, but was originally a Pagan temple. Few vestiges of the original Abbey Church remain; but there are the Saxon walls and partial remains of the windows.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The new work done in the tower of Sonning, Berks., will be dedicated on Sunday, July 14th, at 11 a.m. Morning Prayer. On the following day, Monday, July 15th, the tower will be open for ringing from 7 till 9 p.m. The Vicar kindly offers light refreshments on Monday evening to ringers who attend.—Rev. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN, Master.

BISHOPS CASTLE, SHROPSHIRE.

The ring of six bells in this tower has been entirely rehung on modern principles, with steel headstocks, oak wheels, and all new fittings. The framework has been strengthened with new timber, and long vertical bolts, and a massive steel girder has been placed under the centre of the floor which carries the bellframe.

The work was placed in the hands of Mr. Alfred Bowell, Bell Founder, of Ipswich, who has completed the work to every one's satisfaction. On Sunday, June 23rd, the bells were opened with a peal of 5040 Grandsire Doubles, in 2 hrs. and 50 mins., by the following members of the Hereford Guild: C. Minton (Bishop's Castle), 1; E. Beddoes (Bishop's Castle), 2; W. Short (Clent), 3; W. Hall (Church Stretton), 4; J. H. Shepherd (Wolverhampton), 5; C. Davies (Bishop's Castle), 6. The peal was conducted by Mr. W. Short, and was the first ever rung on the bells.

Mr. Bowell's patent for lubricating is really fine, and the ringers are greatly pleased with the ease and smoothness with which the bells go.

DEATH OF AN EAST LONDON STEEPLE-KEEPER.

WILLIAM SCHOLES.

William Scholes, who for upwards of 50 years had held the office of steeplekeeper at the churches of St. George's-in-the-East and Bishopsgate, passed away on Monday, June 17th, at the age of 79. Deceased was well-known to a large body of ringers, who held him in much respect on account of his obliging manner. The interment took place on Saturday, June 22nd, at an East London cemetery. On the Sunday (23rd ult.), for morning service, the parochial ringers rang the Whole Pull and Stand at the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate. In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect for the deceased, by the following members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, viz., H. Springall, C. Hughes, E. Wallage, W. Truss, J. Scholes, F. Hardy, E. Hill, and G. Barrell,

STRATTON ST. MARGARET (Wilts).—On June 24th, at St. Margaret's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. G. Lancaster, C. Gilbert (first 720 with a bob bell), E. Manton, T. Monlden, R. W. Hyner (conductor), F. Looker. On July 1st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. A. J. Gilbert (first in the method), T. Monlden, R. W. Hyner, G. Lancaster, J. Tuckwell (first in the method), W. G. Lancaster (conductor). Also 360 Cambridge Surprise Minor. A. J. Gilbert, T. Moulden, R. W. Hyner (conductor), G. Lancaster, C. J. Gardiner, W. G. Lancaster.

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The rebuilding of the parish church of Slough, the last section of which has just been completed, has been carried out from plans by Mr. J. O. Scott, F.S.A.

The death occurred at his residence, Ivy Bank, Exeter, on Saturday week, of Mr. H. H. Whippell, aged 71, head of a firm of church furniture and ecclesiastical art workers.

The Bishop of Kensington has laid the foundation stone of a new church at Ashford, Middlesex, to be used as a chapel-of-ease to the parish church, and to be dedicated to St. Hilda. The nave and aisles only are now being built to the designs of Mr. J. S. Adler, at a cost of £4,790, and to seat 530; but the completed church will cost £7,500, and will seat 750.

Messrs. William Potts and Sons Ltd., of Leeds, are making a new clock for Hartwith-cum-Clifton, West Yorks. The clock will show the time upon two external dials of solid cast iron, one facing northwards and the other dial towards the south. It will be painted white and gilt, with Lord Grimthorpe gravity escapement and compensation pendulum attached, and other improvements.

Mr. Nisbett, the architectural surveyor to the Dean and Chapter of Winchester, has designed carved oak covers for the service books to be used by the King and Queen at the thanksgiving service on July 15. The border is taken from the Benedictional of St. Ethelwold, which was transcribed in

the Scriptorium of St. Swithun's Monastery, Winchester, in the tenth century.

BELFAST.—At the annual meeting of the Belfast Cathedral Guild, the Bishop, Dr. d'Arcy, referred to the proposed completion of the cathedral fabric, under the direction of Mr. W. T. Lynn, who had, he said, been in the counsels of the late Sir Thomas Drew. For his own part, the Bishop said he differed from the proposition often made to undertake next the building of the western facade, as the first of the new work to be taken in hand. He thought the front could take care of itself. It was a most magnificent advertisement, because if there was anything in Belfast that cried aloud for money it was the front of the cathedral. What they wanted money for was the choir and the south transept. Already they had expended on the fabric £40,000, and the second section now proposed to be taken in hand would cost another £15,000. The Dean of Belfast endorsed the appeal.

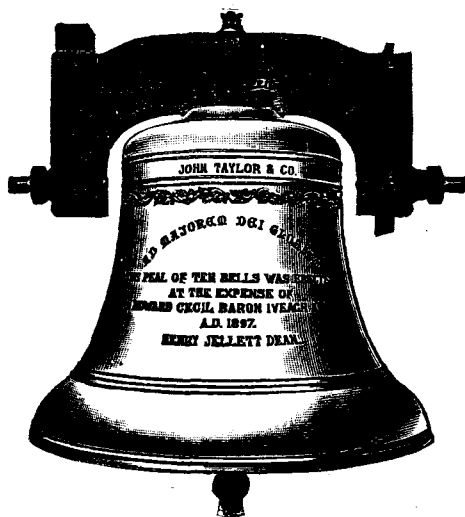
PRESERVATION OF ANCIENT MONUMENTS.—Mr. Edward Owen, secretary of the Royal Commission on Ancient Monuments in Wales and Monmouthshire, gave evidence before the Joint Committee of Lords and Commons appointed to consider whether further legislation is needed for the protection of such monuments. He described the work of the Commission in classifying the prehistoric monuments of Wales, which, he said, were unusually numerous and interesting. The Consolidation Bill of Earl Beauchamp would not give all the power necessary. It would not permit the Office of Works or a County Council to assume the guardianship of a threatened monument except by purchase or gift from the owner. Compulsory powers should be available in such cases. The witness said he would not permit ancient castles to be converted into dwellings; even the owner should not be allowed to erect a modern dwelling within an interesting monument like Conway Castle. For that purpose the law needed strengthening. As for restoration, it should be confined to preservative work. Wales had many old churches of extreme interest, and attempts to restore some of them had really meant rebuilding. Mr. A. O. Curle, secretary to the Royal Commission on Ancient Monuments in Scotland, advocated a separate advisory board for that country on the ground that the ancient monuments there were very different from those of England.

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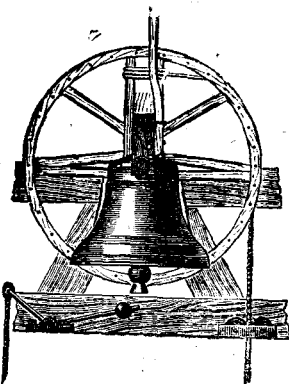
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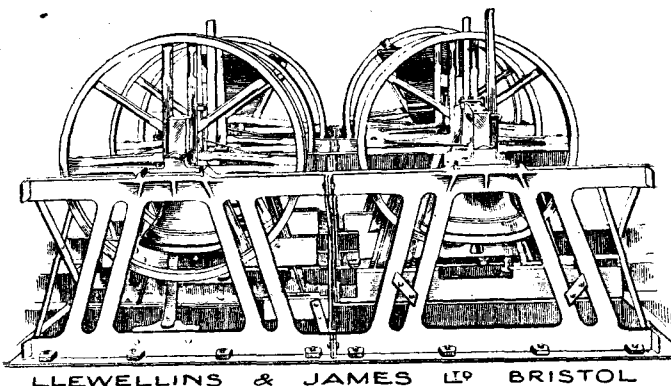
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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual dinner and meeting of the above Association was held at Yeovil on June 29th. The dinner was served at the Half Moon hotel, the Master, the Rev. C. C. Parker, presiding. Amongst those supporting him were the Rev. H. C. Sydenham (Vicar of Yeovil), Rev. J. H. Burn (Merriott), Rev. Llewellyn Edwards (Kington Magna), Messrs. W. W. Hughes, D'Aeth, Arthur Hughes (London), and others. About twenty towers were represented by sixty-six members. Mrs. Leach catered in her well-known style, and afterwards a short toast list was gone through, the loyal toast being given from the chair.

"The Church" was proposed by Mr. Doble, of Taunton, who laid great stress on the critical time the Welsh Church was passing through. He hoped every churchman and woman would make their voice heard against the very unjust Bill which was at present before Parliament. Mr. Prescott, of Bath, supported, and the Revs. Sydenham and Parker replied.

Mr. Prescott proposed "Our Ringing Associations," and coupled with it the names of the Rev. J. H. Burn and Mr. Arthur Hughes, and both gentlemen suitably responded.

The business meeting followed, the following resolution being proposed by the Master, seconded by Mr. Doble and carried unanimously:—"That this meeting records its strong protest against the Government's proposal to dismember the Church by cutting off from the Province of Canterbury the four Welsh dioceses, and to divert to secular uses endowments given for, and devoted to, the service of God, and urges upon all Christian people, irrespective of political party, to unite in uncompromising resistance to the Bill which embodies these proposals."

The Secretary was instructed to forward this to the Prime Minister, Mr. Bonar Law, and the Somerset members of Parliament.

The Master read his report, in which he said he was glad to be able to say that the progress of the Association had been steady and continuous. The Association was now a large body of Churchmen, whose influence he thought ought to be felt beyond the range of ordinary affairs of the Association, and to extend to the interests of the Church at large. A total of forty peals had been rung during the year, ten of which had been in the Chew Deanery. They had added about twelve new hon. members, over 100 performing members, and seventeen new towers. The increase in membership and towers reflected great credit on the work of the local secretaries, whose efforts on behalf of the Association deserved their warmest thanks. He read the balance-sheet, which showed a net profit on the year's working of £6 1s. 11d., the receipts being £56 7s. 4d. and the expenditure £50 5s. 5d.

The balance-sheet was adopted, on the motion of Mr. King (Bath).

An honorarium of £10 10s. was voted to the Secretary,

on the proposition of Mr. Taylor (Ilminster), seconded by Mr. Speed (Midsomer Norton).

The Vice-Presidents were re-elected, with the addition of the Dean of Wells, on the proposition of the Master, seconded by Mr. Beames (Bradpole, Dorset).

The Master (the Rev. C. C. Parker, Bristol) and Secretary (Mr. E. Parker, Taunton) were also re-elected, the former on the motion of Mr. Taylor (Ilminster), seconded by Mr. Holmyard, and the latter on the proposition of Mr. Holmyard, seconded by Mr. Head, of Kingsdon.

The Rev. A. J. Hook was thanked for his past services as auditor and re-elected, on the motion of Rev. C. C. Parker, seconded by the Rev. J. H. Burn. Two honorary and thirty performing members were elected, making the total membership of the Association over 1400.

Midsomer Norton was chosen as the place for the holding of the next meeting.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Yeovil for the use of the bells and for arranging the service, to the Rev. C. Powell (East Coker) and the Rev. L. R. Cotter (West Coker) for the use of their bells, and to the Chairman for presiding.

A service was afterwards held in the parish church, at which the Rev. H. C. Sydenham officiated, and gave an excellent address. Mr. A. C. Jones (sub-organist), was at the organ. A move was then made to the tower, where a tablet, containing the record of the performance and the names of the members who rang a peal of Stedman Caters on the bells a few months ago, was unveiled by the Rev. H. C. Sydenham. Mr. Burge, of St. Mary's, Taunton (the members of which tower rang the peal), thanked the Vicar for unveiling the board.

During the morning and evening touches of Grandsire, Stedman Triples and Bob Royal were rung on the bells. East and West Coker were also visited by the members during the day, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples rung.

THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

RINGING MEETING.

The quarterly ringing meeting of the above Association was held at Baglan on Saturday, July 6th, when ringers from Swansea, Sketty, Aberavon and Cadoxton were present. Ringing was commenced at 4 p.m., when touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung. A splendid tea was provided by Miss Llewellyn at Baglan Hall.

After tea the tower was again visited, when Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob were rung, the local lady ringers also ringing several 120s of Grandsire Doubles, and the bells were kept going until 9 p.m.

The ringers tender their thanks to Miss Llewellyn for the kind way in which they were entertained, and also the Vicar for the use of the bells.

A DIAGRAM OF UNION TRIPLES (1893), may be had gratis, on application by letter to W. H. THOMPSON, 5, Sillwood Street, Brighton, to whom the unpaid remainder has been returned by the publishers.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

This annual gathering was held at Winchester on Saturday, June 29th, a large number of members attending from all parts of the district covered by the Guild. The bells of the Cathedral were available during the day, and were made good use of.

The meeting was held at the Guildhall, Mr. J. P. Stilwell (the President of the Guild), presiding. The annual report and balance-sheet was presented by the Secretary (Rev. W. E. Colchester). The total membership of the Guild was given as upwards of 1230, including 52 Life, 119 honorary, 905 ordinary, and 160 compounding and unattached members. The financial position was sound, and showed a balance in hand on both the special and the general purposes funds, while the number of peals rung during last year, and the number of points gained had placed them at the head of the peals table, a position of which they might well be proud.

Mr. T. W. Fairey, in his report as Recorder of Peals, says:—"I think the Guild are much to be congratulated upon having placed on record their first 1,000 peals. The number of peals to the credit of the Guild during the year is 123, affecting 30 towers and 17 methods, including Norfolk, Double Norwich Court, Cambridge, Bristol, London and Superlative Surprise Major. Six-bell towers have also sent in good records. The Ringing has taken place in every district of the Diocese. No doubt the great increase is due to Coronation year, the Winchester week, and the great enthusiasm thrown into it by the Guildford bands. There is a marked increase in the records of 720s and quarter peals; 75 have been notified from West Wickham, and 60 from Clandon. Mr. A. H. Pulling has had a remarkable year, having conducted 67 peals. I think we should also congratulate Mr. G. Williams, who has 19 peals to his credit, and who, during the year, rang his 800th peal."

Mr. J. P. Stilwell and the Rev. C. E. Matthews were re-elected President and Secretary respectively, while for the office of Secretary, rendered vacant by the resignation of the Rev. W. E. Colchester, Mr. Geo. Williams was elected. The Rev. W. E. Colchester was elected to the office of Treasurer. An interesting discussion followed on the question of ringing for Sunday services. The members afterwards attended service at the Cathedral.

Sherburn Church, at Driffield, was re-opened on Monday by the Archbishop of York, after restoration by Sir Tatton Sykes at a cost of £20,000.

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Forget not then their silver wedding-day,"

Why the dates are left blank is a mystery we have not solved, but no doubt there is an explanation.

Fifty-five cadets at the Royal Naval College, Osborne, have been confirmed by the Bishop of Southampton (Dr. Macarthur).

A handsome new parish hall has been erected at Groombridge (Sussex), as a memorial to the late King Edward VII. The site was given by the Misses Saint.

Towards a fund for the establishment of a scholarship at the St. Paul's Choir School as a memorial to the late Dean Gregory, £555 10s. has been raised.

The Rev. Charles Lisle Carr, M.A., formerly of Woolley, Lancashire, was, on Tuesday night last admitted to the vicariate of Yarmouth, where he will have a parish of 40,000 souls. The ceremony took place in the presence of a congregation of between two and three thousand, which filled the historic parish church, dating from 1201, and was conducted by the Bishop of Thetford, who announced the pathetic coincidence, that during the day the mother of the new vicar had passed to her rest. The previous vicar, Canon Willink, now rector of Birmingham, occupied a seat with the Mayor and Corporation. The Bishop said that it was now rightly expected of a parish clergyman, that he should not only be pastor, preacher, and priest, but also know something of music, and of the games and recreations of the people, in order the better to lead, instruct, and inspire them.

ST. MARY'S, DORCHESTER.—Rather more than two years ago, the foundation-stone of this church was laid by the Earl of Shaftesbury on a site near the G.W.R. station, given by Mr. James Foot, and the building of the whole fabric (with the exception of the tower), is practically finished. The church, which is built of stone, and which will accommodate 750, has been designed by Mr. C. E. Ponting, F.S.A., of Marlborough, in the style of the close of the 14th century, and is of striking dignity and beauty. The chancel with its marble pavement and oak roof is the splendid gift of one who desires to remain anonymous. The cost of the whole church (exclusive of the tower), will be £11,500, and the total amount so far raised is about £8,000. The church was dedicated and opened for Divine worship by the Bishop of Salisbury on Thursday at 21 a.m. The preacher at the Holy Eucharist was the Bishop. The Building Committee most earnestly appeal to all Catholic Churchmen to assist them in their very difficult task of raising the last £3,500.

THE LATE BISHOP COLLINS, OF GIBRALTAR.—Two lancet windows have been placed in the south aisle of Truro Cathedral in memory of the late Dr. W. E. Collins, Bishop of Gibraltar, who spent some of his boyhood in that city, and was influenced by Bishop (afterwards Archbishop) Benson and Canon Mason in taking Holy Orders. The subjects of the windows, which were dedicated on Monday by the Bishop of St. Germans, are St. Boniface and three Kings noted in Church history—Charlemagne, Alfred the Great, and Olaf of Norway. Chancellor Worledge in a short address said the windows were intended to commemorate not only Bishop Collins' work during his short episcopate, but also his labour in the field of Church history. The windows are the gift of relatives and friends of Bishop Collins, whose pectoral cross has been entrusted to the keeping of the Dean and Chapter of Truro. By a coincidence the St. Boniface window will welcome the namesake of the Saint who is to be consecrated Bishop of Truro next month, for Dr. Winfrid Burrows bears the original name of St. Boniface, who is remembered at Crediton and Exeter as Winfrid.

NOTES.

Messrs. Webb and Bennett, of Kidlington, write in reference to the query in our last issue re their claim to having hung the bells upon which the longest single-handed peal was ever rung.

They say that they do not now hold to the claim. They however still make the claim so far as the longest peal of Double Norwich is concerned. This is the same peal for which the claim was in the first instance made.

It is only right to say that the blame for publishing the claim so long does not rest with Messrs. Webb and Bennett, they having taken steps to put the matter right at the proper time.

Messrs. Webb and Bennett also send the correct weight of the tenor, $23\frac{1}{2}$ cwt., instead of 26 cwt.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, hold the record for the longest peal, with a peal of Stedman Caters, 18,027 changes, rung at All Saints, Loughborough, on Easter Monday, April 12th, 1909. The weight of tenor was $26\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

The time occupied with this peal was 12 hrs. 18 mins., as against the 11 hrs. 15 mins. occupied by the Kidlington peal.

Our readers will no doubt note the testimonial published on our front page, from the Vicar and Churchwardens re the bells re-cast and hung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, for Wimborne Minster. Like all their work it was well done, and, as the letter testifies Wimborne has now a 'ring' of which the town may well be proud.

Messrs. John Warner and Sons, too, recently re-cast and hung the bells of the parish church of Waldron, Sussex, where the Vicar and parishioners are delighted with the tone of the bells and the work throughout.

Some two or three weeks ago we had an enquiry re mufflers for bells. Mr. Wakley, of Waterloo Street, Burton-on-Trent, supplies them; also rope protectors.

Messrs. J. B. Joyce and Co., Ltd. Whitchurch, Salop, have received instructions to make and fix a very large clock at the new Science and Art Schools, Bournemouth. It will show time upon four illuminated dials, eight feet in diameter, and strike the hours on a bell weighing $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons. Provision will be made for adding the Westminster quarters. The same firm are making a large striking clock for Blaisdon Church, near Gloucester, and recently sent out a large clock with four 8-ft. dials, for erection at the Dikusha Palace, Kabul, for the Ameer of Afghanistan.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on July 18th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 23rd; at St. Southwark Cathedral on the 16th; and St. Pauls Cathedral on the 23rd, all at 8 p.m. **WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**

33, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Southern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse, will be held on Saturday, July 20th, at All Saints, Isleworth. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at 8 p.m. All members and friends invited. **86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill. F. A. SMITH, Hon. Sec.**

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Finchley on Saturday, July 27th. Bells ready at 3.30. Short service at 5.30, to which all ringers are earnestly invited. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rector, free to those who notify me by the 24th inst. **173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow. C. T. COLES, Hon. Sec.**

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 13th. Special service in the Cathedral at 11.30. Preacher—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Business meeting in the Chapter House at 12.20. Dinner in the Dining Hall at Christ Church at 1.30. One shilling will be refunded to each member present at the dinner. But members failing to send for their tickets must pay 2s. at the door, and have no refund. **ALBERT E. REEVER, Guild Secretary.**

5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

The Surrey Association.—Quarterly Meeting at Ashted on Saturday, July 13th. Tower open at 3. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.45. Business meeting after. **CYRIL F. JOHNSTON, Hon. Sec.**
Bell Foundry, Croydon.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 13th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6. **WALTER HUGHES, Branch Sec.**
3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendlebury on Saturday, July 20th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7. **W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Branch Sec.**
Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

The Essex Association.—South-West Division.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary, Woodford, on Saturday, July 20th. Short service at 5 o'clock, with an address by the Rector of Woodford, followed by tea at 5.30. Members intending to be present, must notify me by July 17th. **H. RUMBS, Hon. Sec.**
32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, July 20th. 3.0.—Bells available (6). 5.15.—Service at St. Andrew's church. Preacher—The Rev. Canon Leighton Grane, M.A., Vicar. 6.0.—Tea at The Running Mare hotel. Paper by Mr. C. Willshire, "A Journey to Winchester on a Motor Car-a-banc." Canon Grane will be pleased for members and friends to view the vicarage gardens. Tickets 6d. each. Visitors 1s. **North Street, Guildford. JOHN J. JONES, Hon. Sec.**

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ryde, Isle of Wight, on Saturday, July 20th. Bells available from 12 o'clock. Tea at the Victoria Restaurant, High Street, at 5 o'clock. Meeting at vestry after. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by the 17th inst. **Fareham. J. W. WHITING, Dis. Sec.**

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, July 20th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. **T. ROLLERSON, Branch Sec.**
13, Railway Terrace, Rawtenstall.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, July 27th, (instead of the 20th). Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. with address by the Rev. M. C. Elphinstone, Vicar. Tea will be provided at the Vicarage by the kindness of the Vicar and Mrs. Elphinstone, for those who send their names to me not later than Wednesday, July 24th. Half-rail fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting. **T. GROOMBRIDGE, Hon. Dis. Sec.**

34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the parish church, Blackburn, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 p.m. A committee meeting will be held same date. A good attendance is requested. **J. WATSON, Branch Sec.**
26 London Road, Blackburn.

The Warwickshire Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, July 27th. Committee meeting at 4.0 p.m. in St. Mary's Vestry. Service at St. Mary's at 4.45 p.m. Preacher—Rev. Canon Baillie, Vicar of St. Michael's, Coventry. Bells available during the afternoon and evening: St. Mary's (10), St. Nicholas (8) All Saints, Emscote, (8) Tea (usual charge), at The Globe hotel, after service. Business meeting to follow. Will those who intend to be present at tea kindly notify me not later than July 20. **Shottery. REV. C. C. COX, Hon. Sec.**

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—In order to facilitate the publishing of future reports conductors of peals are requested to send particulars of peals called by them within seven days of such performance to **T. HERVEY BEAMS, Asst. Hon. Sec.**

Bradpole, Bridport.

N.B.—Will conductors of peals since January 1st, 1912, also oblige.

Notice.—Shoreditch Bells Fund.—Funds are urgently needed to put this grand old peal in proper repair. £50 wanted before the work can be commenced. Who will help a poor parish? Contributions thankfully received and gratefully acknowledged. Collecting cards also supplied by H. J. Bradley, The Parish Church, Shoreditch, E.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday evening, July 7, at Bishop Ryder's church, on the 12th anniversary of the Vicar's appointment, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. **S. Coley, A. T. Scrivens, J. Porter, J. T. Perry (conductor), G. A. Taylor, W. H. Carrod, J. B. Collett, T. Pearce.**

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PULHAM MARY.—On Wednesday, July 3rd, 3050 London Surprise Major. **H. Garnham, Edwin Whiting, J. Snelling, F. Seager, Ernest Whiting, G. Snelling, C. Brice, F. Borrett.**

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

MADRESFIELD (Worcestershire).—On Monday, June 24th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. **W. Ranford, W. C. Jones, R. G. Knowles, W. Page, A. Winterton, J. R. Newman (conductor).**

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORCHESTER (Dorset).—On Tuesday, July 2nd, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. **W. J. Bengier, T. Page, T. Uphill, A. Coles, T. Woolley, C. B. Hurst, G. T. White (first quarter-peal as conductor), T. Hyde.** Arranged for Mr. Arthur Coles, who was on a visit from London.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHILDWALL.—On Monday, July 8th, at All Saints' church, 720 Oxford Bob. **J. W. Bell, G. R. Newton (conductor), E. Gittins, T. W. Gilmour, E. Counce, H. Fyles.** And 720 Beverley Surprise. **E. Counce, J. W. Bell, J. Martin, G. R. Newton, T. W. Gilmour (conductor), H. Fyles.**

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOXLEY.—On July 6th, on the occasion of the quarterly meeting of the Maidstone District, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung. **G. Pound, G. Moore, R. Paine, S. T. Jarrett, V. A. Jarrett, T. Mannering (conductor).**

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The new work done in the tower of Sonning, Berks., will be dedicated on Sunday, July 14th, at 11 a.m. Morning Prayer. On the following day, Monday, July 15th, the tower will be open for ringing from 7 till 9 p.m. The Vicar kindly offers light refreshments on Monday evening to ringers who attend.—**REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN, Master.**

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

5040.

By LOUIS HEAD, Lyminge.

234567	243576	2	673425	2	674523	3
	762354	2	546273	1	356274	1
752634	437562	1	735624	2	743625	2
347265	374562	4	467235	1	437625	4
763452	253674	1	264573	5	564237	1
247563	742365	2	732456	2	435672	3
632754	267453	3	647532	1	574326	3
476532			326754	2	425763	3
634725	342567	1	543672	2	634572	2
426357	673254	2	265743	1	476325	3
324765	276435	5	542637	3	534276	1
	542376	1	375264	2	345276	4
723546	765234	2	563742	3	243657	5
657423	347526	2	345627	3		
236745	723465	3	643752	5	432657	4
732564	657342	2	356427	3	574263	2
547253	746523	3	623574	3	465732	3
536724	357246	1	456723	1	764253	5
625347			234675	2	537426	2
736425	573246	4	632547	5	645237	1
257643	625473	1	246375	3	246753	5
652374	736542	2			652437	3
746235	537264	5	532746	1	746352	1
637452	645723	2	245367	3	527634	2
246537	526437	3	342756	5	275634	4
372654	745326	1	253467	3		
463572	347652	5	362574	3	462375	1
724356	643275	5	453762	1	754236	2
327645	436275	4	364527	3	627354	1
563427	524736	1	273456	2	326475	5
275346	725643	5	562347	2	543726	1
	367425	1	735462	1	745632	5
542763	253746	2	437256	5	267345	1
375642			754362	3	452736	2
423567	672453	1	547362	4	324567	3
754623	536247	2	235647	1	753624	1
427536	235764	5	472563	2	467253	1
524673	472635	1	634257	2	234567	1
365724	354267	2	456372	3		

5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By ERNEST MORRIS, Leicester.

23456789

42359768	1, 2s, 4 s
35247896	2s, 5s
235	8 in 3
523	8 in 3
2435	6 in 3
324	8 in 3
432	8 in 3
2534	6 in 3 s
325	8 in 3
532	8 in 3
3425	6 in 3
234	8 in 3
423	8 in 3

34256879

234	8 in 3
423	8 in 3
2534	9 in 3

325	8 in 3
532	8 in 3
2435	9 in 3 s
324	8 in 3
432	8 in 3
3524	9 in 3
235	8 in 3
523	8 in 3
35246978	1, 3, 4 s
235	9 in 3
523	9 in 3
2435	8 in 3
324	9 in 3
432	9 in 3
2534	8 in 3 s
325	9 in 3
532	9 in 3
3425	8 in 3
2345	9 in 3
4235	9 in 3

42356978

62345	1s, 4s
24365	8 in 3
32465	9 in 3
43265	9 in 3
54362	9 in 3 s
25463	9 in 3 s

35427698

5243	8 in 3
2315	8 in 3
5342	1 s
3245	8 in 3
2543	8 in 3

4253	6 in 3
2354	8 in 3
3452	8 in 3
2453	1 s
4352	8 in 3
3254	8 in 3

Round at hand.

Contains all the 9 4 6 8, 9 5 6 8 in the 7 8 9 6 position ; 5 7 8 9, 4 7 8 9 in the 6 8 7 9 position ; 7 4 8 9, 7 5 8 9 in the 6 9 7 8 position ; 4 6 7 8 9, 5 6 7 8 9 at handstroke.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, June 30th, for morning service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Pierce, F. Lambert, jun., C. Moss, E. Easter, J. W. Spalding, J. Howard, F. C. Lambert (conductor), A. H. Took. On Tuesday, evening, July 2nd, for practice, 1008 Bob Major. L. Hembling (longest touch of Major), F. Lambert, jun., A. Lee, W. Pierce, J. O'Neill, J. Howard, F. C. Lambert (conductor), C. Moss.

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 1912.

THE Annual Report presented to the Winchester Diocesan Guild shows that much good work has been and is being done; indeed this is proclaimed by the fact that the Guild was placed at the top of the Average Table in the report presented to the Central Council. The Guild is to be heartily congratulated on attaining this position, and, as the report says, have a right to be proud of the Conductors, whose genius has led to the attainment. The Recorder of Peals, Mr. T. W. FAIREY, in his report makes a congratulatory reference to the placing on record of the 1000th peal rung by the Guild. He attributes the great increase in the number of peals rung to three causes—the Coronation year, the Winchester week, and the enthusiasm thrown into it by the Guildford band. The latter is, perhaps, the most potent factor. A certain amount of spasmodic enthusiasm is bound to show itself at times of great rejoicing, but it is the steady, lasting enthusiasm that makes for the attainment of great ideals, and ensures success in any undertaking. All honour then to those individual members and bands who have set so worthy an example, one which others might do well to copy. We commend it to them, with the confident assurance that this is the only way to ensure complete success.

In this issue we commence a series of articles dealing with some interesting facts about Bells, which we believe will be acceptable to our readers. Many of them have not been previously published, and will make welcome additions to the records which so many ringers keep of facts connected with their favourite hobby. They are written by a gentleman who has special facilities for acquiring the information.

The Metropolis.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 3, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDK. DAVIS Treble.	FRANK HAIR 5.
FREDK. PERRIN 2.	EDWIN F. PIKE 6.
ARMIGER J. TROLLOPE .. 3.	ALFRED GRIMES 7.
HAROLD BURTON 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

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

The Provinces.

GLASBURY, BRECONSHIRE.

On Tuesday, June 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

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

Conducted by E. R. JONES.

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

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF THUSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by FRANK M. BUTLER.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, June 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

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

THOMAS HILL* Treble.	GEORGE SMITH 5.
EDGAR T. SMITH* 2.	*EDWIN J. TYLER 6.
GEORGE HUGHES 3.	WILLIAM FISHER 7.
GEORGE PEATE* 4.	THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor.

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE, and Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

*First peal of Double Norwich. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Mr. George Smith was elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, New London Pleasure, and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

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

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

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

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

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

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST JAMES'S SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.)

On Friday, June 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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

Conducted by H. W. FOULGER.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 29, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

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

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

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

ORMESBY.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS. ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 29, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

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

Conducted by JOHN G. HALL.

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

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

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

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

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HENWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. Treble.	GEORGE ROBERTS 5.
GEORGE PARSONS 2.	THOMAS BLOORE 6.
CHARLES WATHEMAN 3.	BETRAM C. LEEDHAM 7.
JOHN JENNINGS 4.	JAMES REYNOLDS Tenor.

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

Quickest peal on the bells, and rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Bloore, on the anniversary of their wedding-day, the band wishing them many happy returns.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	GEORGE HOWCHIN 5.
ALFRED FUNNELL 2.	ALBERT WAENES 6.
BERTIE HOWCHIN 3.	FREDERICK HOWCHIN 7.
EDWIN WHITING 4.	WILLIAM STEELE Tenor.

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs. in A flat.

CLEMENT J. MOORE .. Treble.	THOMAS FORD, JUN. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2.	ERNEST F. POPPY 6.
CHARLES MILLS 3.	GEORGE ARCHEE 7.
WILLIAM ROSE 4.	JOHN SOUTER Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, July 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

HENRY WALKER* .. Treble.	†REV. E. V. COX 4.
CHARLES A. WAKELIN* .. 2.	ALBERT H. HARBER 5.
W. HENRY PICKETT* .. 3.	WILLIAM D. JAMES Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

*First peal. †100th peal, a list of which appears on page 266.

LLANGATTOCK, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, July 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

PERCY JAMES Treble.	JOHN HAMOND 4.
CHARLES POWELL 2.	GEORGE MORTEMORE 5.
NORMAN ALLEBUTT 3.	ROBERT W. ALLEBUTT Tenor.
	FRED BEYNON

Conducted by JOHN HAMOND.

First peal by ringer of the treble, who is only 17 years of age, and is believed to be the youngest member of the Guild to have rung in a peal; also Fred Beynon's first peal. Rung to commemorate the coming of age of the Hon. Wilfred Bailey, eldest son of the Right Hon. Lord Glanusk, D.S.O., on June 27th, but on that day the peal came to grief owing to the tenor going so hard.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, July 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

SIDNEY MACEY Treble.	JOHN S. RUMMING 5.
HARRY C. MARSH* 2.	OLIVER SIPPETTS 6.
ALBERT HARMAN 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
LIONEL H. PAGE 4.	LEONARD HARRIS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Stedman. Messrs. Harman and Sippetts (for whom the peal was arranged) were elected members before starting for the peal.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE USHER* .. Treble.	HARRY DAWSON 5.
JAMES TAREUN 2.	†ALFRED TAREUN, JUN. .. 6.
ARTHUR SPELLER 3.	ARTHUR EDWARDS 7.
ARTHUR HEAD 4.	ALFRED TAREUN, SEN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

*First peal away from the treble, †First peal with a bob bell.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

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

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

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

CHISWICK, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble.	REUBEN SANDERS 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	HARRY F. DAWKINS 6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
CHARLES T. COLES 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal in the method with a bob bell.

LIVERPOOL—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, TUNBROOK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

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

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

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

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

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

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

*First peal containing Treble Bob methods.

BRISTOL—THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD.

On Monday, July 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH (CITY),

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES.

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

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

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

Handbell Deals.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

At 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; GROVES' VARIATION.

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

Conducted by MISS EDITH K. PARKER.

Umpire—Walter J. Bowden.

NEW CROSS, LONDON, S.E.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 7, 1912, in Four Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At 3, Margaret Terrace, Harts Lane,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 8099 CHANGES.

Tenor size 11 in G.

MISS ELSIE BENNETT 1-2.	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD 5-6.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 3-4.	FRANK I. HAIRIS 7-8.
FRANK BENNETT 9-10.	

Composed by the late JOHN NELMS, and

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire—Frederick G. Woodiss. This is the longest length in the method ever rung on handbells, and it is the longest length by all except the brothers Shepherd.

Miscellaneous.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Mon).—On Sunday, July 7th, for morning service, 224 Bob Major. V. Morgan, F. Charles, F. S. Wilson, J. Bullen, M. Selby, J. Butler, A. E. Morgan, J. W. Jones. First touch in the method by F. S. Wilson, who hails from Ludlow, Shropshire. A peal of Stedman Triples was unfortunately lost after ringing 2 hrs. and 5 mins., the previous day, specially arranged for Mr. Wilson.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—On Sunday, July 7th, for morning service at St. Peter's church, quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. H. Page, G. Cross, G. Wines, J. Cross, T. Hamlin, W. Page, T. Page, T. Weaver. Conducted by J. Cross, his first quarter-peal as conductor in any method.

THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

SWANSEA.—On Tuesday, June 4th, for practice, at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Curtis, P. Kneath, F. Morgan, C. Hoare, J. Hoare (conductor), J. Davies. On Tuesday, June 11th, 252 Stedman Triples. A. W. Brighton (conductor), P. Kneath, W. Price, C. Morse, F. Morgan, C. Hoare, J. Hoare, E. Davies. On Sunday, June 22nd, for evening service at St. Mary's church, 420 Stedman Triples. F. Curtis, J. Hoare, W. Bolton (Cardiff), P. Kneath, J. Davies, C. Hoare, V. Morgan (conductor), E. Davies.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On Tuesday, June 25th, 720 Oxford Delight B. Patmore, F. Williams, A. Carter, A. Phillips, N. Patmore, A. Woolston (conductor). On Sunday, June 30th, for morning service, 120 each of Oxford and Woodbine Treble Bob. H. Carter, A. Carter, S. Game, A. Phillips, F. Williams, W. H. Lawrence. For evening service 720 Woodbine. H. Carter, F. Williams, A. Carter, A. Phillips, A. Woolston, W. H. Lawrence (conductor). On July 4th, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Ada Lawrence, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and numerous other touches in various methods. A. Carter, H. Carter, S. Game, F. Williams, A. Phillips, A. Woolston, A. Lawrence, W. H. Lawrence. On Sunday, July 7th, for evening service, 240 Cambridge Surprise. A. Carter, F. Williams, E. Siggers, B. Patmore, A. Woolston, W. H. Lawrence (conductor).

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association, was held at Boxley on Saturday, July 6th, when forty-five members of the Maidstone and Rochester Districts accepted the kind invitation given them by the Rev. J. R. Hale to hold their meeting there. The bells were set going at 3.30 p.m. At 5 p.m. a short service was held in the parish church, the Association form of service being used for the first time in the district. The service was conducted by the Vicar, who afterwards invited the ringers, together with the Vicars of Bearsted and Leeds, to tea on the vicarage lawn, where a splendid spread was found awaiting them. After tea, the Rev. H. D. Hughes, in opening the business meeting, paid warm tribute to Mr. Hale for the pleasant way he had entertained them. In replying, Mr. Hale spoke of the pleasure it had given him to have them at Boxley. He also told them that the belfry would be closed after that night, as the bells were going to be rehung; but gave all present a hearty welcome to the opening ceremony when they were finished. This met with the approval of all members, who thought it would be a splendid opportunity for some kind donor to add the two trebles, which would put the finishing touch to the already beautiful tone of the bells, and thus complete one of the finest peals in Kent. The Secretary was then called upon for the minutes of the last meeting which were read and confirmed. Two new members from Boxley were admitted into membership. It was decided to hold the next meeting, being the half-yearly meeting, at Wrotham, on Saturday, October 12th, 1912.

Mr. S. Hazelden, of East Farleigh, in a speech that was full of wit and humour, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies for the charming way they had assisted in entertaining them.

The Vicar suitably replied on behalf of the ladies, and gave permission to the members and friends to inspect his gardens, a privilege which was gladly accepted and much appreciated.

A touch of Grandsire on the handbells brought the proceedings to a close. The ringers then made their way back to the tower, where some good striking was heard. A touch of Plain Bob, 720 changes, was rung at 8.30 p.m., and this was the last performance on the bells in their present condition.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN BRANCH.

The members of this branch assembled at Martley on Saturday last for the quarterly meeting, some twenty members journeying to the rendezvous by cycle and motor bus, passing *en route* through some beautifully wooded country, the air sweetly-scented with the odour of new-made hay, hay-making being in full swing. The bells of the church of St. Peter were set going to touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles until 4.30, when the usual service was held. This being fully choral, was much appreciated. The Rector, who is also Clerical Secretary, gave a history of the bells, which were cast in 1673, and are supposed to be one of the oldest peals in existence. Tea was laid on the rectory lawn, and after this the business meeting was held in the open air, which was much more enjoyable than being shut up indoors. Apologies were read from several members. While everyone was thankful for the glorious sunshine, it no doubt kept many away

who would otherwise have attended, they having to make hay while the sun shone.

Strensham was selected for holding the next quarterly meeting. It was arranged that Mr. R. G. Knowles should conduct the next quarterly peal to be attempted at Martley. The Rector, organist, choir, and ladies having been thanked for their services, the Rector threw out an invitation to visit his gardens. Afterwards a move was made to the church, where touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were indulged in. Ringing was however cut short by a threatened thunderstorm, and tracks for home were made before it burst.

Correspondence.

To the Editor.

MR. HATTERSLEY AND HIS FALSE PEAL.

SIR,—I have only just observed that the false peal of Treble Bob Major, referred to in your issue of June 22nd, has also been rung by the Yorkshire Association, see Report 1908-9, peal No. 1832, for which I sincerely apologise. For safety I shall feel obliged if you will publish the figures of the false peal No. 1, and of the true peal marked No. 2. No. 1 will not run true in either Treble Bob or Bristol, whereas No. 2 will run true in either method.

5088. No. 1.				5088. No. 2.			
23456	M	W	H	23456	M	W	H
26354	2		I	26354	2		I
65324		2		23564		I	2
26543	2	2	2	36524		2	
23645	2		I	23645	2	2	2
34256	2	2		34256	2	2	

Twice repeated.

Yours etc.,

CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

THE REV. E. V. COX'S 100 PEALS.

The following is the record of this gentleman's 100 peals. They were rung in 80 different towers, situated in 8 counties.

	Rung	Conducted
Bob Minor	2	I
Minor (7 methods)	1	
Grandsire Triples*	30	17
Grandsire Caters	5	
Stedman Triples	33	
Stedman Caters	6	
Stedman Cinques	3	
Bob Major	5	I
Kent Treble Bob Major	1	
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1	
Double Norwich Major	6	
Superlative Surprise Major	4	
Cambridge Surprise Major	2	
Bristol Surprise Maor	1	(on the treble)

* One non-conducted; Holt's Original.

Visiting Finchley parish church, on Sunday afternoon, the Bishop of Willesden officiated at the dedication of the peal of six bells, which have been re-hung and re-tuned,

BELLES-LETTRES.

By W. H.

ANCIENT AND MODERN BELLS.

Bells are religious devotional luxuries wherever installed in the spires of churches, placed there to embellish the solemn worship of God. In connection with municipal buildings they give dignity, eclat, and auxiliarise authority of civic bodies. In the British Isles much yet remains to be accomplished by Bell Founders ere our English producers can place "Merrie England" at the head of the world's campanologists, as regards size, although those produced in England lead in artistic merit. In the scholarly book left as an authority for future ages, we are informed by Stowe, that bells were originally installed by Paulinus, Bishop of Nola, in Campagna, A.D. 400. Their first appearance in France was in the year A.D. 550. And in evidence of the superstition of the first millennial term, it is said that Pope John IX. in A.D. 900, ordered their installation in churches "as a defence against thunder and lightning."

TASTE FOR BELLS GROWING.

As the world's wealth and civilization increases, so will its service of bells for all purposes where true moral progress is aimed at, and the social status of bell-ringers will also improve. Although religious, municipal, and edifices of many other descriptions are in more or less degree equipped with bells, Nonconformists in this country seem to hold aloof from adopting them. Not so, however, in Russia, the land of absolute monarchy. In no country in the world is the cult of the bell so assiduously followed. This fact seems greatly at variance with the condition of its government and people, but it is true that the wealth of tone and the variety of peals exuding music from belfries throughout that land of political fiascoes—even in miniature villages—call forth warm encomiums from strangers.

OLD BELL AT GARSTANG, LANCASHIRE.

Amongst the most ancient bells in the provinces is one in the present service of the Roman Catholic Church in the rural village of Claughton, near Claughton Old Hall, at Garstang, North Lancashire, a place mentioned in the record of the civil wars in England. W. J. Fitzherbert Brockholes, Esquire, C.A., D.L., and J.P., is the present lord of the manor. An inscription on this early specimen of the bellfounders' art—in quaint Roman numerals—gives the date A.D. 1296. It occupies a position in a turret in the western portion of the church, cooped in a kind of bell-cote, and tuned to E flat. Garstang is only eleven miles from Lancaster Castle, in the county town of Lancashire. But my present purpose is not mainly a sketch in fragmentary style the bell services at home and abroad as at present existing, that, while a labour of love and untiring to the enthuslast, would occupy space beyond the editorial limit. We should have to describe the splendid installations at the London and Provincial Cathedrals and Institutions, also Colonial bells, and those of Continental cities, which at Rheims, Notre Dame, and sites of Catholic Coronations are magnificent.

Next week something about a 200 ton bell.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM.—On Monday, July 1st, for practice at All Saints' church, 1260 Stedman Caters on handbells. L. Attwater, 1-2; W. Shepherd (conductor), 3-4; J. W. Driver, 5-6; F. Hairs, 7-8; F. G. Woodiss, 9-10.

WALDRON BELLS.

A contributor sends us a copy of the old and new inscriptions on the bells of Waldron Church, Sussex, which were recently dedicated after being recast and rehung by Messrs. John Warner and Co.

Treble (new inscription):

I call the living, mourn the dead,
I tell when days and years are fled.

(Old inscription). Cast by subscription. William Mears, London, fecit.

2nd (new inscription):

For grief and gladness, prayer and praise,
To heaven a tuneful voice I raise.

(Old inscription). Cast by voluntary subscriptions. Mears, fecit, 1779.

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

4th (new inscription):

Ad vivos clango
Nuptias pango
Defunctus plango.

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

6th (new inscription):

Vox ego sum vitæ
Voco vos, orate, venite.

(Old inscription): The Rev. William Delves, Rector. Jno. Thatcher and Henry Johnson, Churchwardens, 1773. Thomas Janaway, fecit.

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

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

Tenor. Recast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1887 and 1912. (Old inscription):

Joy and sorrow, joy and sorrow,
Yesterday, to-day, to-morrow.

(New inscription): W. J. Humble-Crofts, Rector. P. R. Ferris, Curate. N. Kenward, C. F. Francis, Churchwardens.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of this branch was held at Newhey, on Saturday, July 6th. About twenty members attended, representing the towers at Newhey, Rochdale Parish, Balderstone, Todmorden Parish, Todmorden Unitarians, Middleton, Moorside, Oldham and Walsden. Mr. W. Crabtree presided over the business meeting, when Middleton was selected as the next place of meeting. The bells were kept going till nine o'clock, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major being rung.

PEAL AT ST. MARY'S, KIDLINGTON.

Will the conductor of the peal of Stedman Triples rung at the above church, send the date, so that we may publish it correctly next week.

Towards a fund for the establishment of a scholarship at the St. Paul's Choir School, as a memorial to the late Dean Gregory, £555 10s. has been raised,

HOLIDAY SEA TRIPS.

The summer sailing season is now in full swing, and the ever-popular Belle Steamers are making daily trips to the favourite resorts on our bracing East Coast. A fast saloon steamer leaves Fresh Wharf, London Bridge, at 8.55 daily (Sundays) 9.10, for Southend, Clacton, Walton, and back the same day; whilst the trip can be extended to Felixstowe, Southwold, Lowestoft, Gorleston, and Yarmouth by changing at Walton. There is also a daily service to Margate and Ramsgate at 9.10 a.m., calling at Herne Bay on Wednesdays; the "Husbands' Boat" on Saturdays at 2 p.m., and the favourite Nore trip on Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets are available for the season, and luggage is conveyed at most reasonable rates. Fares are moderate, and the catering, at popular prices, is first-class. All particulars of the above and many other trips, as well as convenient connections with the railway systems, may be obtained from the Coast Development Corporation, Belle House, Fish-street-hill, London, E.C.

The General Steam Navigation Company are affording every facility to holiday-makers for reaching the various popular resorts on the East Coast. The fast new saloon steamer Golden

Eagle leaves Fresh Wharf daily at 8.40 a.m. (Sundays 9.10) for Southend, Margate, and Ramsgate, whilst a special train from Fenchurch-street at 9.12 (Sundays 10.15) enables passengers to join the boat at Tilbury. The Company have also a second Service, via Tilbury, to Southend, Margate, Ramsgate, and Dover. Special trains over the Midland and Tilbury Railways run in connection with these Services. On Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays leaving St. Pancras at 7.45 a.m., Kentish Town 8.3, and Fenchurch-street 8.28 a.m. Sundays: St. Pancras 9 a.m., Kentish Town 9.5, and Fenchurch-street 9.25 a.m. On Saturdays the boat makes two trips to Margate, the first leaving St. Pancras 7.45, Kentish Town 8.3, Fenchurch-street 8.28 a.m.; the Second, known as the Husbands' Boat, leaving St. Pancras 2.12 p.m., Kentish Town 2.30, Fenchurch-street 2.40. Full particulars of the above trips, as well as the Continental services of the Company, may be obtained at the offices, 15, Trinity-square, E.C.

After being rector of Shanklin, Isle of Wight, for 31 years, the Rev. W. Barry Cole has resigned.

Canon Spurrier, who has been Vicar of Shildon, Durham, for over forty-five years, is about to resign the benefice.

Take possession of many years ago by a collecting enthusiast, the ancient stone font from the old Long Ditton church is in use as a bowl for flowers in a garden near the site of the old church.

In memory of the late rector, the Rev. J. Graves, a chancel screen and pulpit are to be erected in Bradenham church, associated with the memory of Mr. Isaac Disraeli.

For the proposed new tower and spire for St. Mary's church, Southampton (long associated with the name of Wilberforce), £2,562 has now been raised, exclusive of the £1000 promised for a peal of bells.

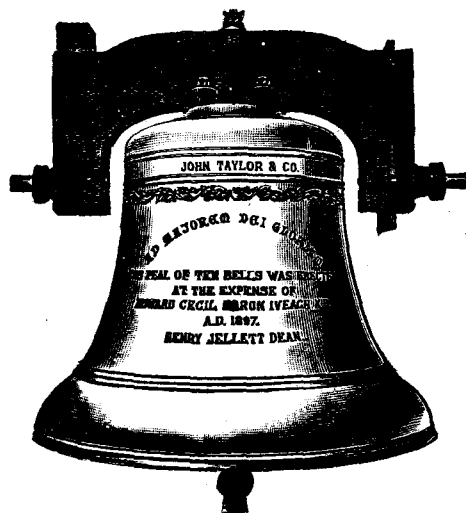
For the restoration of Shoreditch parish church, an appeal is being circulated. The church is the third built on the same site, and a Christian church has stood in the same place for a thousand years.

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DATE TOUCH OF BOB MAJOR.

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21436587
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21346587
23145678
32154768
31245786
13254768
13527486

These eight changes first—

31254768
32145678
23416587
24361857

Plain Coursing.

	W	B	M	H
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53462	-	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-	-
42563	-	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-	-

42356	-	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-	-

SOMERSET ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

The Wellington meeting of the Somersetshire Archaeological and Natural History Society will commence on Tuesday, the 16th inst. The president-elect is Professor W. Boyd Dawkins, D.Sc., F.R.S., who will deliver his address at the opening meeting at Wellington Town Hall. After the meeting visits will be paid to the parish church of St. John the Baptist, the church of the Blessed Virgin Mary at West Buckland, and Gerbestone Manor. Mr. F. Bligh Bond, F.R.I.B.A., will furnish information concerning the excavations at Glastonbury Abbey, and some further notes on Somerset church towers will be contributed by Dr. F. J. Allen. On Wednesday, July 17th, visits will be made to Burlescombe church, the Westleigh Quarries, Canonsleigh Nunnery, Holcombe Court, Greenham Barton, the church of St. Nicholas, Kittisford, and Cothay Barton. Thursday, the 18th inst., will be devoted to excursions to Nynhead, Bradford, Bishop's Hull, Norton Fitzwarren, Milverton and Langford Budville.

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH, CHEETHAM, MANCHESTER.

In the will of the late Mr. C. Bold a sum of money is left for the purpose of completing the tower. The original drawings of the church have been destroyed: but the terms of the donor's will include some suggestions respecting the designs to be adopted, and these, together with the existing details of the building, have been followed by the present architects, Messrs. J. Gibbons and Son. The late Mr. J. S. Crowther was the original architect of the church. It is hoped the work will be completed for dedication on All Saints' Day.

OLD STAINED GLASS WINDOW.

Some beautiful old glass, in St. Andrew's Parish Church, Norwich, which originally stood in the east window, was, some half-century ago, removed and placed in the clerestory windows, where it was both unseen and unprotected. During the extensive repairs now in progress in the church the old glass is being repaired and protected, and placed where it can be better seen. There are six panels in all, but only three show a subject at all complete. Of these the first contains Moses holding up the serpent, the second shows Abraham and Isaac ascending the Mount, and the third has a representation of Death and the Bishop, from "The Dance of Death." The other three panels are composed mainly of fragments with coats of arms. There is a mark of Nicholas Colick, Mayor of Norwich in 1497.

A pulpit has just been erected in the new church of St. Mary, at Abbotsbury, near Newton Abbot, Devon, which arouses more than ordinary interest, being of unusually bold dimensions, and enriched with carving of exceptional vigour and variety, depicting scenes in the life of the Blessed Virgin, the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple as a child, the Annunciation, the Madonna and Child, the Adoration of the Magi, and a Pieta, or the Virgin caring for the Body of Our Lord after Descent from the Cross. This beautiful work is the gift of Mrs. Clarke, of Kanawka, in memory of her husband. It was finished and placed in position in time for the dedication service held by the Archdeacon of Totnes, the Rev. R. Sims, on the evening of June 27th.

CHURCH ITEMS.

Grendon and Easton Maudit churches were visited by a large number of members of the Northampton Architectural Excursions Club recently. The Rev. R. M. Serjeantson conducted the party, and gave an interesting account of the history and architecture of the churches.

A sum of £1,800 has been raised out of £3,000 required for a parish hall and Sunday School in Guinea Lane, Fishponds, Bristol. The Bishop of Bristol, who last week laid the foundation-stone, referred the great interest shown by laymen in the scheme for the proposed building.

The Bishop of Bristol preached at St. Peter's, Bristol in connection with the patronal festival, and dedicated a new chancel screen. The Mayor and Corporation were present officially. The Rev. E. L. A. Hertslet, domestic chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury, formerly curate of St. Mary Redcliff, preached at evensong.

The Bishop of Jarrow has dedicated new fittings presented to St. Paul's church, Gateshead. The oak reredos was made by Messrs. Robson and Sons, the rest of the oak work by Mr. Wm. Hall, and the marble floor by Messrs. Emley and Sons—the whole from the designs of Mr. W. H. Wood, F.R.I.B.A., of Newcastle and Durham. The gifts included aumbry, sedilia, credence, altar rails and marble altar steps, reredos, frontal, sanctuary marble, six altar candlesticks, and paintings in the sanctuary and chapel.

The Market Cross of Aberford, Yorkshire, which was removed in 1664 has been restored and re-erected on its original site at the entrance gates to the parish church, as a memorial of the Coronation of King George. The cross was probably built in 1250, when a charter granting a market to the town was sanctioned. During the Great Plague of 1643-4, the cross was dismantled, and its base removed. It was only discovered hidden away a few years ago. The shaft was found to be missing, but a new one has been provided in stone.

A rood-screen, the gift of an anonymous donor, was dedicated last week at the Abbey church, Nuneaton, by the Bishop of Worcester, who referred in his address to the local church history of 1,000 years ago. Nuneaton is in that portion of the ancient diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, which was in 1836 needlessly transferred to Worcester, and which the present Bishop hopes may in a few years be transferred to a revived diocese of Coventry.

ST. PAUL'S, HARRINGAY.—The Rev. J. H. Greaves, M.A., celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his coming to take charge of this now important suburban parish. When he came Haringay was merely fields with a small iron temporary building. Mr. Greaves succeeded in erecting a noble church with a fine Church Room and vicarage, and was mainly instrumental in raising about £25,000 for all these purposes. He has always been supported by a large congregation, whom he has skilfully led, and who have invariably responded to his calls. The occasion was marked by the presentation to him of a cheque for £350, and an album containing the names of the subscribers. The Bishop of Islington made the presentation at an enthusiastic meeting in the Church Room. The children of the Sunday Schools and Band of Hope, etc., also gave him field-glasses and a writing-case, which were presented to him at another equally enthusiastic gathering on the following day.

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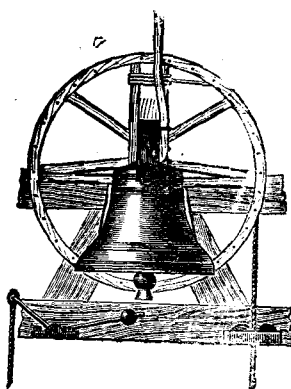
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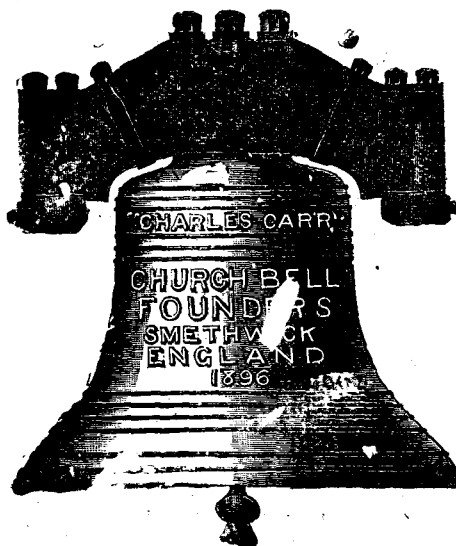
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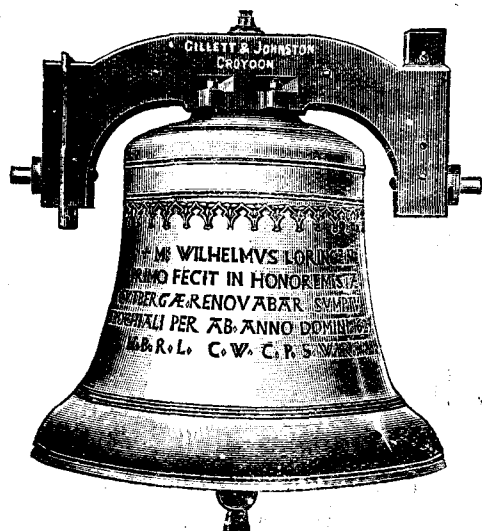
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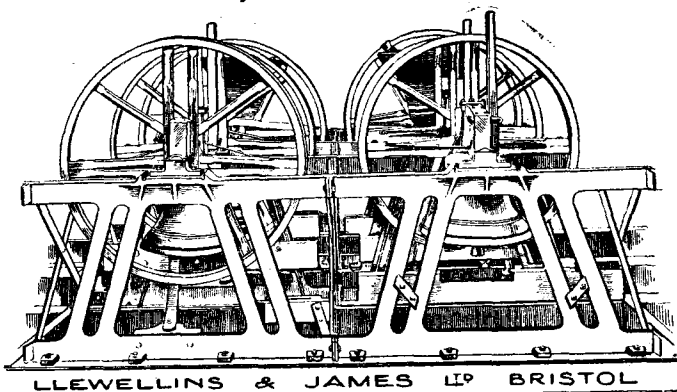
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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

MONTHLY MEETING OF SWINDON BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Colerne on Saturday, July 6th. There was a poor attendance of ringers, those who were present coming from Marshfield, Wootton Bassett, Corsham and Swindon. Tea was supplied at the "Six Bells," and a short business meeting was afterwards held, Mr. E. Bishop presiding. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Stratton St. Margaret, on Saturday, August 10th. During the evening touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on the bells of the parish church.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.

The annual meeting of the Cheshunt band of ringers took place in the Church vestry on Thursday, July 11th, when there were present the Rev. C. B. Law (Vicar), in the chair, Messrs. P. Hargreaves, and T. S. Blockey (churchwardens), and the whole of the ringers and probationers. The usual business was gone through, and Mr. H. G. Rowe was unanimously elected conductor of the Society, Mr. G. Andrews (treasurer), and R. Smith (steeplekeeper). The following arrangements were made: That the Society meet for practice every Thursday evening, 7.30 to 9 p.m., and at 10 a.m. on the 3rd Sunday in each month for a quarter-peal; other Sundays at 10.15 a.m., and 5.45 p.m. The band will be pleased to welcome any brother-ringer, and all information can be had from H. G. Rowe, 160, High Street, Cheshunt, Herts.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

INTERESTING PRESENTATION.

On Saturday, July 13th, the Blackburn parish church ringers attempted a peal of Stedman Triples, to celebrate the coming of age of Miss Alice Wilson, daughter of the conductor; but owing to the excessive heat the attempt came to grief after ringing just over an hour, to the great disappointment of all who took part. The ringers afterwards adjourned to the Sudell Cafe, where a tea had been provided by the kind generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson. At the conclusion of this function, Mr. Watson on behalf of his fellow-ringers, made a presentation to Mr. Wilson for his daughter, who was unavoidably absent through a prior engagement. Other ringers having spoken, Mr. Wilson replied, thanking them all for contributing to the gift, also for coming forward on such a hot day to attempt a peal, which he greatly regretted had not been successful. After a vote of thanks had been passed, thanking Mr. and Mrs. Wilson for furnishing the tea, the band dispersed, all agreeing they had had a very good time.

WANTED.—Clean copy of "CHURCH BELLS OF CORNWALL," by E. H. Dunkin; published at 5s., in 1878.—REV. W. PEARSON, Henley Vicarage, Ipswich.

THE BELLS OF WIDFORD, HERTS.

Widford Church originally possessed a ring of five bells, and these were augmented to six in 1900. The 2nd bell was recast in 1867. When an inventory was taken of "all goods and chattels in Churches," two were returned as being in Widford Church, "one grayte bell, and one Lytell Bell." This was in the reign of Edward VI. It was cracked and unused for many years until the Church was partly renovated in 1868, when this "Lytell Bell" was recast by the liberality of the late Mrs. Cantwell, and the founders put their own name upon it. The 3rd bell has the initials of the founders, R.O., and one of two mottoes he almost always impressed on his bells—"God save the King" 162. Here undoubtedly the figure 3 or 4 was omitted by mistake in the casting. The 4th bell bears the inscription "R.O., Praise the Lord, 1624." The letters "R.O." were the initials of Robert Oldfield, who is said to have been an itinerant founder who went from place to place, made himself a temporary foundry, gathered up copper kettles, and whatever served his purpose, and there cast his bells. The story is that Robert Oldfield finally erected a foundry at Hertford, on the site of which, when the foundry ceased to be, stands the Little Bell Inn, St. Andrew Street. The 5th bell has cast upon it "Sca Kateriba Ora pro Nobis." (Sca is simply an abbreviation or contraction of "Sancta.") "St. Katherine pray for us," a very common inscription on pre-Reformation bells, as St. Katherine was regarded a patroness of bells; and this Widford bell is said to be the oldest in the peal, unless, as has been conjectured, the "Lytell Bell," and the "Grayte Bell" were contemporaries. The tenor or "Grayte" Bell was recast in 1766 by Lester and Pack, and it has now become necessary for it to be recast once more in consequence of having become badly cracked. This work is being carried out by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, London, and it is hoped that the bells will soon be available for ringing.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESENTATION TO A RINGER.

The monthly meeting of the Marlborough branch of the Salisbury Guild was held at Wootton Bassett on Saturday, June 29th. The inclemency of the weather kept many away, but there was an attendance of about 17, ten of whom were local ringers, the others coming from Swindon and Bremhill. A short service was held in the church in the afternoon, and the Rev. — Taylor preached an interesting sermon. Tea was provided at The Angel hotel, and the usual meeting followed, Mr. Taylor being chairman. Ten new members were elected, following which the chairman presented Mr. A. L. Wilson, of Wootton Bassett, with a copy of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's "Among the Bells," in recognition of his services on behalf of the past and present members of the Wootton Bassett branch. Mr. Wilson, who is captain of the local ringers, suitably replied. The bells were used during the day, the methods rung being Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Minor.

*In Memoriam.***GEORGE ROBINSON.**

BORN 1855. DIED JULY, 1912. AGED 56 YEARS.

It is with extreme regret that we record the death which took place on July 1st, 1912, of this well-known ringer, who for twenty-eight years was a member of the St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent. Born at Whittlesea in 1855, he commenced to learn to ring at the early age of 13. Having been apprenticed to a cooper he came to Burton-on-Trent in 1875, and soon after joined the band of ringers at the parish church. Peal ringing at this time was very rare, and it was not until December 9th, 1882, that he rang his first peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled in memory of the late Archbishop Tait, at Coleorton, Leicestershire, under the then Derby and District Association. This Association was the following year altered to the present Midland Counties' Association, of which he was an original member.

Having joined the St. Paul's Society in 1884, it was not until August 18th, 1886, that he rang the tenor to a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Paul's church.

September 29th, 1887, he rang the treble in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, in honour of the wedding of Mr. John Austin. January 12th, 1888, he rang the treble in a peal of New Cumberland Surprise, the second ever accomplished in the method, and the conductor's (Joseph Griffin's) 100th peal. January 26th, 1888, he rang the treble to a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, and February 9th the 6th in his first peal of Stedman Triples with an inside bell. He continued to ring the treble in all the Major methods rung by the St. Paul's company at this time, including London Surprise Major.

On April 5th, 1889, he rang the 4th in his first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and October 23rd, 1890, his first peal of Duffield Major. January 15th, 1891, his first peal of Superlative Surprise away from the treble; April 9th his first peal inside of Cambridge Surprise; and on October 2nd, at the parish church, Wrexham, his first peal of Stedman Caters, and the first rung in Wales.

February 25th, 1892, he rang his first peal of London Surprise with a bob bell; November 5th, 1892, the first and only peal of Union Triples rung by the St. Paul's Society at Hanbury-on-the-Hill, Staffordshire; December 15th, 1892, the first peal of Double Oxford Bob Major, and on December 22nd, his first peal of New Cumberland Surprise with a bob bell.

His first peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at the Cathedral Church of St. Chad, Lichfield, on January 7th, 1893. He also rang in the peal of Stedman Triples at St. Andrew's, Derby, on April 1st, 1907—rung by eight of the original members to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Midland Counties' Association.

The following is a full list of the peals rung by this celebrated ringer: Minor (in three methods) 1; Bob Minor, 1; Grandsire Triples, 19; Grandsire Caters, 2; Union Triples, 1; Stedman Triples, 73; Stedman Caters, 4; Bob Major, 1; Double Oxford Bob Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 15; Duffield Major, 9; New Cumberland Surprise Major, 3; Superlative Surprise Major, 21; Cambridge Surprise Major, 8; New Cambridge Surprise Major, 2; London Surprise Major, 24; total 186.

He was most genial and unassuming, and a better colleague no Society ever possessed, very steady and reliable in peal ringing, an excellent striker, and always willing to oblige his conductor. He will be greatly missed

by his sorrowing colleagues, who rang a muffled peal to his memory on Saturday, July 6th, 1912, particulars of which will be found in its proper place.—R.I.P.

ALFRED MILLIS (LEICESTER).

BORN 1843. DIED 1912. AGED 69 YEARS.

In his 70th year, the above ringer passed to his rest on July 6th. Those who read this news for the first time will have cause to wonder, for Mr. Millis was of robust health, and of a rosy countenance. It was while playing at bowls—one of his favourite pastimes—that a small blood vessel burst upon the brain, and blindness immediately followed. A second stroke during the night brought unconsciousness, from which he never recovered. The funeral took place on Wednesday, July 10th, the first portion of the service being taken in St. Saviour's church, where the hymn "On the resurrection morning" was sung. Six brother-strings bore him to his long home in Leicester Old Cemetery, where a course of Grandsire Caters was rung over the open grave by J. Morris, 1-2; J. Buttery, 3-4; W. Willson, 5-6; S. Cotton, 7-8; J. S. Needham, 9-10. The local Society laid upon the coffin a wreath of white lilies and roses with a purple bell in the centre. The bells of St. John the Divine paid muffled tributes, when many ringers old and young shewed their sympathy; one touch in particular being rung in which Miss Hilda Willson (aged 13) rang beside Mr. W. P. Cooper (aged 75)—typical of youth and age! Immediately after the funeral the bearers and others rang a quarter-peal from Holt's Original on the bells of St. Saviour's, the following taking part: W. P. Cooper, 1; A. Briggs, 2; W. Willson (conductor), 3; J. S. Needham, 4; J. Morris, 5; E. E. Smith, 6; A. Martin, 7; T. Taylor, 8. On Sunday evening, at St. Martin's church, with bells half-muffled as a token of respect, Mr. Millis being ten years an honorary member of the St. Martin's Society, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1260 changes), in 55 mins. G. Holmes, 1; L. E. Allen, 2; G. Pilmore, 3; A. S. Pettitt, 4; C. H. Fowler, 5; W. J. Sevier, 6; T. L. Allen, 7; F. H. Dexter (composer and conductor) 8; A. Martin, 9; T. Taylor 10. First quarter-peal of Stedman by the treble and 3rd ringers.

Mr. Alfred Millis rang his first peal in 1864, when the first peal of Treble Bob in the *Kent* variation was rung. His first on ten bells was in 1868, when the late Edward Biggs called 5130 Grandsire Caters. In this peal the late Stephen Cooper and also his surviving brother W. P. Cooper made their *debut*. He also called Mr. J. Buttery's first peal in 1869 at Loughborough, and called the first rung upon St. Saviour's bells in 1882. He took part in the first of Stedman Caters rung by the Midland Counties' Association, and rang in Lockwood's 9120 at Quorndon. He once essayed with the writer a peal of 12,000, but unfortunately lost it after 10,400 had been rung. When the Leicester handbell band was at the zenith of its career, the deceased rang 11-12 in the first and only peal of silent Stedman Cinques ever rung. The first attempt for that peal had a dramatic ending, Mr. Millis unfortunately omitting to make the last bob! He made no pretence nor attempted very great things, but what he could do he did well, with very few exceptions, and such exceptions fall to the lot of every man sometime sooner or later. We shall miss his hearty laugh, his cheery countenance, and certainly in local circles, he has left behind him "footprints on the sands of Time" and a good name, which memory will muse o'er in the years that are to come.—R.I.P.

W. W.

NOTES.

Having been asked for the copy of a set of rules, we this week publish those of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild as a guide to those in want of them, and hope they may be useful.

A prayer-book presented to Kew Church in 1770 by Prince Edward, which had, it is believed, been stolen from the church and subsequently sold to a secondhand book-dealer, has been restored to the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Bliss, chaplain-in-ordinary to the King), by Mr. Fred Turner, F.R. Hist. S.

Members of the St. Mary's, Putney, Association of ringers, had their annual outing to the borders of Surrey on Saturday.

H. J. ELSEE (Bolton).—Thanks for your courteous letter pointing out the fact that while our Preston contributor in our last issue is correct in stating that there is at present an ancient bell bearing the inscription A.D. 1296, in service at Claughton, North Lancashire, the location of the village and church is not near Garstang. There are two parishes of the same name within an area of a few miles, and our contributor having referred to a local directory containing only the Claughton near Garstang, reasonably concluded that to be the place where the bell is in use. He now finds, on making enquiries further afield, that the relic is at the parish church of St. Chad's, at Claughton, near Hornby, seven miles from Lancaster, and regrets the mistake. He wishes to add that there are bells at the Catholic Church at Claughton, near Garstang, where an iron belfry was in 1897 erected as a Jubilee *Souvenir*.

The members of the North-Western Division of the Essex Association have held a most successful meeting, some 30 being present, while ten new members were enrolled.

The Chesham band did well at their annual meeting. They were all present, a fact which does them credit, and shows that each one takes a real interest in the business management as well as in ringing. This is a good sign.

Mr. H. G. Rowe was unanimously elected as conductor, still another fact which will make for success.

On the induction of the Rev. Octavius J. Loynes as Rector of Wyverstone, the rural dean (the Rev. F. R. Smith) advised the new Rector not to be discouraged by the shyness of the Suffolk people.

The records of the two ringers whose deaths we record this week are most interesting, and should serve as an example to beginners.

WROUGHTON (Wilts).—On July 6th, at St. John's church, for practice, 240 Grandsire and 240 Bob Doubles. G. Cook, C. J. Gardiner, G. Hacker, M. Goddard, W. Cook (conductor), Tenor 25 cwt.

SWINDON (Wilts).—On Sunday, July 7th, at Christ Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. O. W. Layng, A. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, H. W. L. Wells, T. Robinson, E. Bishop (conductor), C. J. Gardiner, J. M. Brinkworth.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on the 23rd; and at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd, both at 8 p.m. 32, Edgely Road, Clapham, S.W. WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Southern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse, will be held on Saturday, July 20th at All Saints, Islew r.b. The w.r. open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at 8 p.m. All members and friends invited. 86, Gaskarh Road, Balam Hill. F. A. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Finchley on Saturday, July 27th. Bells ready at 3.30. Short service at 5.30, to which all ringers are earnestly invited. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rector, free to those who notify me by the 24th inst. 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow. C. T. COLES, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendlebury on Saturday, July 20th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7.

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Branch Sec.
Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

The Essex Association.—South-West Division.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary, Woodford, on Saturday, July 20th. Short service at 5 o'clock, with an address by the Rector of Woodford, followed by tea at 5.30. H. RUMENS, Hon. Sec.

32, Vernal Avenue, Walthamstow.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, July 20th. 3.0—Bells available (6). 5.15—Service at St. Andrew's church. Preacher—The Rev. Canon Leighton Grane, M.A., Vicar. 6.0—Tea at The Running Mare hotel. Paper by Mr. C. Willshire, "A Journey to Winchester on a Motor Char-a-banc." Canon Grane will be pleased for members and friends to view the vicarage gardens. Tickets 6d. each. Visitors 1s. North Street, Guildford. JOHN J. JONES, Hon. Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ryde, Isle of Wight, on Saturday, July 20th. Bells available from 12 o'clock. Tea at the Victoria Restaurant, High Street, at 5 o'clock. Meeting at vestry after. Fareham. J. W. WHITING, Dis. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom on Saturday, July 20th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.

T. ROLLERSON, Branch Sec.

13, Railway Terrace, Rawtenstall.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, July 27th, (instead of the 20th). Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. with address by the Rev. M. C. Elphinstone, Vicar. Tea will be provided at the Vicarage by the kindness of the Vicar and Mrs. Elphinstone, for those who send their names to me not later than Wednesday, July 24th. Half-rail fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting. T. GROOMSBIDGE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the parish church Blackburn, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 p.m. A committee meeting will be held same date. A good attendance is requested. J. WATSON, Branch Sec.

26 London Road, Blackburn.

The Warwickshire Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, July 27th. Committee meeting at 4.0 p.m. in St. Mary's Vestry. Service at St. Mary's at 4.45 p.m. Preacher—Rev. Canon Baillie, Vicar of St. Michael's, Coventry. Bells available during the afternoon and evening: St. Mary's (10), St. Nicholas (8) All Saints, Emscote, (8) Tea (usual charge), at The Globe hotel, after service. Business meeting to follow. Shottery. Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Overbury on Saturday, July 27th. Service, with an address, at 4.30 p.m. A free tea and business meeting after service. Note—If intending to take tea please let me know by Tuesday, July 23rd. Bells (6) at 3 p.m.

JAMES HEMMING, Hon. Br. Sec.
10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The Summer Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 27th, at Corbridge and Hexham. Bells available all afternoon and evening. Tea at The Tyndale hotel, Corbridge, at 5 p.m. Members intending being present please notify by the 23 d. CHAS. TODD, Hon. Sec.

26, Greenbank Crescent, Darlington.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llanbradach on Saturday, July 27th, at 4.30.

Rev. CONNOP L. PRICE, M.A. } Hon Secs.
JOHN W. JONES.

Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport.

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

Lavenham.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—In order to facilitate the publishing of future reports conductors of peals are requested to send particulars of peals called by them within seven days of such performance to T. HIRVEY BEAMS, Asst. Hon. Sec.

Bradpole, Bridport.

N.B.—Will conductors of peals since January 1st, 1912, also oblige.

Notice.—Shoreditch Bells Fund.—Funds are urgently needed to put this grand old peal in proper repair. £50 wanted before the work can be commenced. Who will help a poor parish? Contributions thankfully received and gratefully acknowledged. Collecting cards also supplied by H. J. Bradley, The Parish Church, Shoreditch, E.

BISHOP RYDER'S, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, July 13th, the ringers of this church journeyed to Droitwich for their annual outing. An excellent tea was provided at The Wagon and Horses, otherwise The Crooked House, to which ample justice was done. Host Kench, in addition to providing an excellent repast, invited the party to his garden to choose a button-hole for themselves, which was greatly appreciated by the ladies, as was also the currants, which seemed to come under the head of flowers on this occasion. The wonders of The Crooked House was also shown by the host. A billiard ball to all appearance rolled uphill; the clock on the wall was out of the perpendicular; the bedsteads had several inches of packing under the feet to make them level; the chandeliers hung from the ceiling all askant, in fact the obliqueness of everything was amazing.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but a late call finished it. A touch of Bob Major was brought round, but illness in the neighbourhood stopped anything further. The usual thanks are accorded to all concerned.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

REDDISH.—On Tuesday, July 16th, for practice at St. Elisabeth's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. Miss E. R. Barnes (first quarter-peal), A. Barnes, H. Gaskell, H. Wilson, W. Garnett, F. Page, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor), J. Barnes.

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CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By JOHN CARTER.

5088.

2345678	5ths	B	IN	M	W	4ths
647532					-	-
372546					-	-
723546	-	-	-	-	-	-
436527					-	-
364527	-	-	-	-	-	-
327564				-	-	-
273564	-	-	-	-	-	-
732564	-	-	-	-	-	-
624537					-	-
246537	-	-	-	-	-	-
462537	-	-	-	-	-	-
437562					-	-
374562	-	-	-	-	-	-
743562	-	-	-	-	-	-
632547					-	-
326547	-	-	-	-	-	-
263547	-	-	-	-	-	-
247563				-	-	-
472563	-	-	-	-	-	-
724563	-	-	-	-	-	-
643527					-	-
342567					-	-
423567	-	-	-	-	-	-
234567	-	-	-	-	-	-

This peal has the full extent of the 5, 6 and 7 at home, with the 5th fixed throughout at the course-ends. First composed on this plan.

BOB MAJOR.

By E. MULLINS, Birmingham.

5024.

23456	W	5	4	M	II
42356					-
26354	-	x			-
32654					-
63254					-
25634	-				-
52534					-
56234					-
23564	-				-
52364					-
32465				-	-
43265					-
26435	-				-
42635					-
64235					-
23645	-				-
62345					-
25346	-	x			-
32546					-
53246					-
24536	-				-
52436					-
45236					-
32456	-				S

Once Repeated.

5216.—By the same Author.

23456	W	5	4	B	H
52364	-				-
35264					-
26354	-				-
32654					-
63254					-
25634	-				-
62534					-
56234					-
64235	-	x			-
26435					-
42635					-
63425	-				-
46325					-
34625					-
62345	-				-
36245					-
23645					-
35642	-	x			-
63542					-
32546	-	x			-
53246					-
25346					-
34256	-				-
32456					S

Once Repeated.

FORWARD MAJOR.

By ERNEST MORRIS, Leicester.

5088.

123456	I	B	O	F
435216	-			-
543216		-		-
134256	-			-
413256				-
315246	-			-
514236	-			-
341256	-			-
145236	-			-
354216	-			-
261435	-			-
126435		-		-
362415	-			-
236415	-			-
163425	-			-
316425				-
631425	-			-
132465	-			-
623415	-			-
321465	-			-
612435	-			-

The last eleven courses three times repeated, omitting F produces—

123645

Repeat the whole twice.

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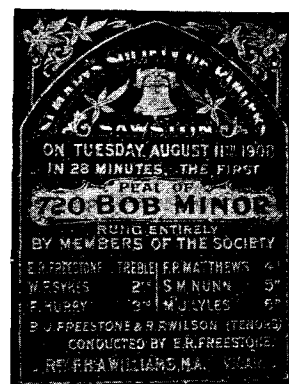
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 1912.

A letter from a correspondent seems to impute to us a charge of unfairness to which we do not plead guilty. The letter in question is from a young member of the ringing exercise, and accuses us of giving a preference to older members in the matter of publishing compositions. This is not the case. We have striven to be fair to everyone, and if someone has not been recognised immediately, it is because his contribution was not suitable; we were pushed for space; or for a similar reason. A newspaper editor is limited by the space at his disposal, and is at all times bound to insert that which is of most importance to the majority of his readers. It sometimes happens that news is scarce, and then we are put to it to find enough to fill up: if a composition happens to come in at such a time, it stands a good chance of insertion at once. On the other hand it may arrive at a time when there is a plethora of other news to insert. In that case the composition has to wait its turn. That is just how we have been situated just lately, and our correspondent's communication, like many others, has had to stand over. There are several others in similar case, but most of them are old stagers, and know the straits to which the poor editor is reduced at times, so have not worried him. All in good time we shall be able to make up arrears. In the meantime we beg our contributors to disabuse their minds of the idea that there are any who can monopolise the columns of this journal as they please. That is not so, and never will be while the present occupant sits in the editorial chair.

The Metropolis.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew, Upper Clapton,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Composed by HENRY DAINE, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

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

The Provinces.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Saturday, July 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

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

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

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

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

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

At the Church of St. John the Evangelist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

W. HOWE Treble.	F. J. MILLFORD 5.
F. DYMOND 2.	A. H. SNOW 6.
J. SKINNER 3.	J. R. HAYMAN 7.
R. SNOW 4.	E. G. STOCKER Tenor.

Conducted by J. R. HAYMAN.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. A. Snow, one of the local ringers, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss R. Deem, of Littleham.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM ROSE Treble.	ALPHARUS J. BEERY 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	LEONARD LAST 5.
WILLIAM CLOVER 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

RUMBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 6-scores each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles, and April Day, and twelve 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 10 cwt.

E. AUSTIN HEAD Treble.	ALFRED BOWELL 3.
FREDK. C. LAMBERT 2.	THOMAS CRANE 5.
LIONEL HAMMOND .. .. ..	.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

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

THELNETHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

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

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR W. REEVE Treble.	WALLACE BENNETT 3.
ARTHUR W. BENNETT 2.	SOLOMON MOULE 4.
JAMES BAKER .. .. ..	.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by S. MOULE.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

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

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

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

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S No. 9.

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

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

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD,

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAULINUS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5.
BETRAM PREWETT 2.	CHARLES T. COLES 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	REUBEN SANDERS 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

ECKINGTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES HOLFORD Treble	THOMAS EDWIN 4.
HARRY COLLEY 2	JAMES HEMMING 5.
HUBERT SALISBURY 3	ERNEST GIBBS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

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

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

J. THORNTON RICKMAN .. Treble	GEORGE ADES 6.
ALBERT D. STONE 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE 7.
HENRY STALHAM 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER 8.
EDMUND H. LINDUP 4.	KEITH HART 9.
JOHN CAPP 5.	JAMES A. HART Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOEF, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

Rang as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. J. Dawe.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

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

AT THE WYCLIFFE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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

Conducted by WALTER MALINS.

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

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

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

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

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

WEST TOFTS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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

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

SHENSTONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN JENNINGS Treble	GEORGE ROBERTS 5.
CHARLES WATMAN 2.	THOMAS BLOORE 6.
BRENAED CLAYDON 3.	BETRAM G. LEEDHAM .. 7.
GEORGE PARSONS 4.	JAMES REYNOLDS Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS BLOORE.

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

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

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

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

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

ISLEWORTH.—On Monday, July 15th, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor. E. Webb, G. A. Ransom, T. Miles, T. Beadle, W. New (conductor), A. Sheard, W. Spencer, H. Beadle. This was rung on hearing of the birth of a son to the Earl and Countess Percy.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 14, 1912, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

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

GEORGE FULLER Treble,	ANDREW MARSHALL 4.
WALTER MARSHALL 2.	HARRY PRICE 5.
ALBERT RELFE 3.	EDWIN LAMBERT Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Harry Price, who was elected a member of the Association at the same time.

ROCKLAND, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Being twenty-one 120's each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

ERNEST FISHER Treble,	WILFRED ALLEN 3.
WM. ADCOCK 2.	EDGAR HUNT 4.
HERBERT MASON Tenor.	

Conducted by H. MASON.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Messrs. Turne and Poppy bail from Eye; Collins from Worlingworth; Betts from Wetheringsett; Whiting from Pulham; Last from Occold; Symonds from Framlingham; Laflin from Debenham.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being seven 720s. Tenor 7 cwt 2 qrs 9 lb.

EDWIN J. PANNETT Treble,	ERNEST E. BISH 4.
JAMES PARSONS 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE 5.
GEORGE PIPER 3.	ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

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

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SWINDON BRANCH)

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

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

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

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

Conducted by ERNEST BISHOP.

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

Handbell Peals.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At "George the Fourth," Brunswick Street, Haggerston,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5067 CHANGES.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 1-2.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE 3-4.	ERNEST PYE 7-8.
ALFRED W. GRIMES 9-10.	

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
Umpire—R. Sanders.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Residence of Mr. W. Horden, Lower Street,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

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

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

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

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Residence of Mr. Geo. Howchin, Wymer Street,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

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

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Umpire—Bertie Fry.

Miscellaneous.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EYE (Suffolk).—On Sunday, July 14th, for morning service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. E. Duntton, E. Younge, W. Clover, F. Day, A. Bowell, W. Rose, H. Moss, E. F. Poppy (conductor). Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Lord Bishop of Thetford to Eye to preach the morning sermon.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

NUNEATON.—On Thursday, July 11th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman, 448 Superlative Surprise Major. E. M. Atkins, *H. Argyle, D. H. Argyle, *J. F. Clark, jun., Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor), T. Chapman, E. H. Stoneley, J. George. *First touch in the method. Also a short touch of Stedman Triples, conducted by J. George.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MAIDS MORETON.—On Thursday, June 20th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. H. Hayden, A. Jones, H. Jones, E. Nichols, H. Jones, A. J. Green (conductor). First 720 of Minor by the ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 5. On Tuesday, June 25th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. A. Jones, E. Nichols, H. Jones, H. Stopp, H. Jones, A. J. Green (conductor).

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD, S.E.—On Sunday, July 7th, at St. John's church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. R. Fosdike, T. Deal, G. R. Simmonds, F. Bacon, F. W. Richardson, J. Law, W. J. Jeffries (conductor), A. G. Bennington.

ON A SUNDAY.

(By G. F. M.)

There is an old theorem "Better the day, better the deed," though I believe it to be an unusual thing to ring a peal of 5000 on a Sunday. At the request to be one of the party in a "George" peal at Hunsdon on Sunday, June 30th, I felt somewhat apprehensive if our Rector at Chigwell Row would consent to my absence on that day in pursuit of pleasure. Having explained to him the object of ringing for the birthdays of several ringers by the name of George as well as for that of the King, he dismissed me by saying "Any excuse seems good enough for you ringers to inaugurate a peal. Go, and the Lord be with you."

Not the least doubt existed in my mind as to observing the day with all due reverence, for I well knew the men chosen would keep the day holy, though the goddess Pleasure might allure us by her tempting offers of cycling to meet our friends in the belfry instead of attending service at our local churches. I felt the force of Cato's advice:

"Marcus, the friendships of this world are oft
Confederacies in vice or leagues of pleasure;
Ours has severest virtue for its basis,
And such a friendship ends not but with life."

The sun had not mounted high in the heavens when the time of departure came. What a glorious morning, and what a charming cycle-spin lay between Chigwell and Hunsdon. Nature once more stepped forth in all her majesty of beauty, holding in her lap abundance of flowers for her admiring children; inspiring joy and gratitude to the author of our being. Between the clusters of the sweet-scented jessamine that partly covered the front room window of our cottage, my wife waved me an adieu. For a mile or two downhill even the swallows seem unable to keep pace with my Pegasus. Through Theydon Bois, on to Waltham Abbey, Broxbourne, and St. Margarets, brought us to a sign-post, "To Hunsdon, 2½ miles." I arrived a good second, for George Lucas, sen., had preceded me, and like a good churchman, was attending Divine Service. The Rector gave the congregation notice of the peal to be attempted, in honour of the King, that afternoon. George Lucas listened, and must have felt almost as delighted as when he heard his banns published.

Following dinner at the village inn, kindly liquidated by G. Black, Esq., to five of us, the other three soon came in sight. There was the remarkable George Pye, with an umbrella ready for a storm or dog-bite; George Dent, mounted in a chaise, and George Carter, that stalwart champion of the King's highway. What a protector he seemed to George Radley and myself. In his company we were sure of civility, which little men do not command.

Though the company included all "Surprise" ringers, we were compelled to ring Stedman Triples, as the bells are sluggish, and good striking is impossible with the tenor to Major, while some of the smaller bells go none too well. It was about 5 o'clock that a second single brought us into rounds after ringing an excellent peal. No sooner had the doors of the church been unlocked, than the Rector appeared to congratulate us on our success, and intimate to us the desire of Lady Montgomerie to entertain us at the hall to tea. Little persuasion induced us to accept such an honour at this noble mansion. Speaking for myself, I felt a little embarrassed in being presented to her ladyship and friends and when I entered the hall amidst marble pillars beneath the cloud-capped towers, treading on soft and

luxurious carpets, I experienced a sensation that reminded me of Diogenes visiting the rich apartments of Plato, though I took care not to be so rude as to make any cynical observations, as Diogenes did, upon Plato's pride and vanity.

A snapshot of the "George" ringers as they moved beneath the dome of this handsome building, would have been exceedingly interesting. Four of us were attired in knickerbockers, and I having inherited from my Norfolk ancestors their shape of leg, on passing a mirror, gave an impression that my appearance resembled those little wooden soldiers that are sold as toys for children.

With trembling limbs I held a little back
Leaving the introduction to George Black;
While tete-a-tete the Rector of degree
Told all the ladies who had come to tea,
And should they for our qualms rebuke us,
George Radley crept behind George Lucas.
That lambent flame which lights the genius eye,
Sparkled beneath the brow of G. R. Pye.
Could there be skill, unknown to wealth or fame,
Concealed in him, denied to wit and name—
In him, whose silent charm and sweet content
Stood cap-a-pie beside our friend George Dent?
We Georges cannot boast of star or garter,
At least so I am told by Faulkner and by Carter.

As I contemplated the beautiful residence of Lady Montgomerie, I reflected upon the tombs of her family we had just seen in the church that stands upon this noble demesne. How many of them had left these grounds and stately mansion after the few years of their brief possession!

Lady Montgomerie presided at tea under the portico where our tables were laid with the choicest assortment of delicacies. Rosy-faced cherries peeped between the handsome china as she courteously and bountifully supplied our needs. Now and then the lady appeared to be upon the verge of saying "Won't you take another cake, George?" for she seemed more interested in the novelty of all our names being identical than of the performance we had undergone in the belfry.

Mr. Black having kindly thanked her ladyship for so much hospitality, we withdrew to the church, when the Rector took the tenor to Bob Major, Mr. Dent conducting a touch which kept the congregation waiting beyond the time for commencement of service, but in a few minutes the Rector had clothed himself in clerical attire, no doubt just as satisfied and pleased as everyone of the "Georges," who now separated, and departed on their way.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHEBHUNT (Herts).—On Sunday, May 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Andrews, F. Jelf, S. Knight, G. Maxim, H. Cornwell, R. Smith, H. G. Rowe (composer and conductor), H. Simmons. On Sunday, June 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Andrews, H. Cornwell, W. G. Darlington, F. Jelf, G. Maxim, R. Smith, H. G. Rowe (conductor), H. Simmons. On Thursday, June 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Simmons, G. Andrews, G. Maxim, L. G. Thurgood, G. Radley (conductor), H. Cornwell, W. Saban, C. Dilley. On Sunday, July 7th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Andrews, H. Cornwell, W. G. Darlington, G. Maxim, F. Jelf, H. G. Rowe (conductor), A. Darlington, H. Simmons. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. H. G. Rowe (conductor), H. Cornwell, F. Jelf, G. Maxim, A. Darlington, R. Smith, H. S. Reeves, D. Tucker. And 168, conducted by H. Reeves. A. Darlington hails from London; H. S. Reeves from Hatfield.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A SUCCESSFUL GATHERING.

On Saturday, July 6th, one of the most successful meetings of the North-Western division of the above Association was held at the pretty little village of Wenden Ambo, about thirty members being present from Saffron Walden, Stansted, Rickling, Littlebury, Harlow Common, Bishops Stortford, Braintree, Great Totham, Elsenham, and Stapleford, with the local company, the Vicar being a change-ringer. The members were entertained to tea by the Vicar of Wenden (Rev. F. Berry), the party of about thirty sitting down to a bountiful repast served on the lawn. The business meeting was held immediately after tea, Mr. F. Pitstow (District Master), presiding, and was supported by Mr. C. Howard (Master of the Association), Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (Secretary), and W. Watts (District Secretary). New ringing members were enrolled as follows: Mr. F. Potter (Stansted); Messrs. F. Bonfield, D. Jolly, and C. Law (Rickling); Messrs. C. Cain, H. Reeve, A. Farnham, W. Pledger, and W. Gilbey (Wenden); Harold J. Pitstow (Probationer, Saffron Walden).

It was proposed by Mr. N. J. Pitstow, seconded by Mr. G. Jordan, that the next meeting be held at Bishops Stortford.

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for kindly providing tea, and for the use of the bells. He said they were all very pleased to come to Wenden, this corner of the county.

Mr. Howard seconded. A vote of thanks was also passed to the Vicars of Clavering, Rickling, and Littlebury. In the afternoon and evening a party of the members visited Rickling, Clavering, and Littlebury, and touches of Stedman, Old Doubles, Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung.

BELLES-LETTRES

By W. H.

A BELL OF NEARLY 200 TONS IN RUSSIA.

The sturdy members of England's church spires and belfries will find food for reflection in the story of this colossal bell. It will, perhaps, be best related in the parlance of a traveller who saw and sketched it. He says:—"On a granite pedestal at the foot of the belfry tower of Ivan the Great, in the Kremlin, stands the 'Tsar Kolokol,' the king of the world's bells. In the 16th century the art of casting bells was brought to perfection in Russia, and Olearius, secretary to a Dutch Embassy to Moscow, in A.D. 1636, asserts that the great bell was cast in the reign of Boris Godunof. During a fire in the reign of Alexis this bell fell to the ground and was broken. In 1654 it was recast, and weighed 288,000 pounds. Then, in 1674, it was suspended from a wooden beam at the foot of the tower, from whence it fell on June 19th, 1716, during a fire. Its fragments lay on the ground until the reign of the Empress Anna, by whose orders it was recast in the year 1733 by the bell-founder Ivan Matorine. Owing to the falling of some heavy rafters during yet another fire, in 1737, the bell fell a height of fifteen feet, buried itself deep in the ground, and a piece was knocked out of its side. This was owing to an imperfection in the metal caused by the jewels and other treasures thrown into the liquid metal by the ladies of Moscow.

During the reign of Nicholas I, in the year 1839, the architect of St. Ivan's Cathedral, at St. Petersburg, M. de Montferrand, took upon himself the duty of raising the bell, and did so most efficiently. Its present weight (1912) is 444,000 pounds, or 198 tons 4 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs. Its height to the top of the ball and cross is 26 ft. 4 ins., its circumference 67 ft. 11 ins. Thickness 2 ft. The broken piece weighs 11 tons. There is on its side an inscription in Russian."

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.

Established 1890.

Patron: The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Liverpool.

Exceptional progress is being made by the above. A report sent to our local representative by the Rev. W. T. Bulpit gives much interesting information. Further ringing details will be published in due course. The following is copied from the rules of the Guild, of which Mr. Bulpit is the Master.

The Society shall be called "The Liverpool Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers," having for its object the cultivation of Change Ringing and the promotion of belfry reform, and it shall consist of honorary and performing members.

Persons shall be admitted as members of the Guild at any meeting if proposed by a member and approved by the committee; but no person shall be admitted as a performing member until he has satisfied the Committee that he is capable of ringing 120 changes on tower or hand bells.

Life members shall pay one guinea, honorary members shall subscribe annually half-a-crown, and performing members shall subscribe annually one shilling and pay also an entrance fee of one shilling.

All subscriptions shall be due at Easter, and shall be paid in advance, and no member shall be entitled to the annual report of the Guild till he has paid his subscription. Any member owing two years' subscription shall have his name erased from the list of members.

The management of the Guild and control of its funds shall be entrusted to a committee elected annually at the general meeting.

The committee shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurer, and representative members from towers in union with the Guild, of whom four shall form a quorum. If a vacancy occur, the committee may appoint an eligible member to the office.

A general meeting of the Guild shall be held annually in the month of April, to receive the committee's report and treasurer's account, to elect the committee and auditors, and to transact the general business of the Guild.

Monthly meetings of the Guild shall be held for practice, and the committee shall meet quarterly and fix the time and place of all meetings.

Ringers non-resident in the county may become visiting members on payment of a life subscription of three shillings and sixpence, but do not become thereby entitled to the annual report.

No alteration or addition to these rules shall be made except at the general meeting, and a month's notice of the proposed alteration or addition must previously be given, in writing to the corresponding secretary.

Correspondence.

To the Editor.

THE LONGEST PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH.

SIR,—The Kidlington advertisement is still incorrect. The time was 11 hrs. 12 mins., not 11 15 (see "BELL NEWS" for May 27th, 1899). If those responsible for the advt. were to claim the longest time yet rung on eight bells they would be perfectly correct, and I think (and hope) it would do them as much good; but the longest peal of Double Norwich was rung at South Wigston, December 27, 1904, viz., 17,104. Your weight of Loughborough tenor is also singularly incorrect. You give it as 26½ cwt., whereas the bell is 3 ½ nett bell metal, not to mention her iron stock. W.W.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, July 14th, for evening service at St. Mary Magdalene, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. H. Hughes, W. J. Smith (conductor), R. W. Green, T. H. Taffender, F. Hedges, F. J. Hardy.

"THE BELL NEWS," post free, 1s. 8d. per quarter, or 6s. 6d. per year.

HOLIDAY SEA TRIPS.

The summer sailing season is now in full swing, and the ever-popular Belle Steamers are making daily trips to the favourite resorts on our bracing East Coast. A fast saloon steamer leaves Fresh Wharf, London Bridge, at 8.55 daily (Sundays 9.10), for Southend, Clacton, Walton, and back the same day; whilst the trip can be extended to Felixstowe, Southwold, Lowestoft, Gorleston, and Yarmouth by changing at Walton. There is also a daily service to Margate and Ramsgate at 9.10 a.m., calling at Herne Bay on Wednesdays; the "Husbands' Boat" on Saturdays at 2 p.m., and the favourite Nore trip on Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets are available for the season, and luggage is conveyed at most reasonable rates. Fares are moderate, and the catering, at popular prices, is first-class. All particulars of the above and many other trips, as well as convenient connections with the railway systems, may be obtained from the Coast Development Corporation, Belle House, Fish-street-hill, London, E.C.

The General Steam Navigation Company are affording every facility to holiday-makers for reaching the various popular resorts on the East Coast. The fast new saloon steamer Golden

Eagle leaves Fresh Wharf daily at 8.40 a.m. (Sundays 9.10) for Southend, Margate, and Ramsgate, whilst a special train from Fenchurch-street at 9.12 (Sundays 10.15) enables passengers to join the boat at Tilbury. The Company have also a second Service, via Tilbury, to Southend, Margate, Ramsgate, and Dover. Special trains over the Midland and Tilbury Railways run in connection with these Services. On Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays leaving St. Pancras at 7.45 a.m., Kentish Town 8.3, and Fenchurch-street 8.28 a.m. Sundays: St. Pancras 9 a.m., Kentish Town 9.5, and Fenchurch-street 9.25 a.m. On Saturdays the boat makes two trips to Margate, the first leaving St. Pancras 7.45, Kentish Town 8.3, Fenchurch-street 8.28 a.m.; the second, known as the Husbands' Boat, leaving St. Pancras 2.12 p.m., Kentish Town 2.30, Fenchurch-street 2.40. Full particulars of the above trips, as well as the Continental services of the Company, may be obtained at the offices, 15, Trinity-square, E.C.

At Clacton-on-Sea it is proposed to begin the building of the first section of a new permanent church of St. James, on a site

given by the Right Hon. James Round. The architect is Mr. Temple Moore, and the completed edifice will seat 1200 persons, at an estimated cost of £10,000.

Members of the St. Mary's, Putney, Association of Church Bell-ringers had their annual outing to the borders of Surrey on Saturday.

A fund has been opened for the erection of a church at Twickenham for the residents in the Gould Road district to take the place of the mission church.

A new bell has been given to Warming-ton (North Hampshire) church by the Countess of Carysfort, in memory of the fifth Earl of Carysfort, who restored the church in 1876.

A rood screen has been erected at St. John the Baptist's church, Risca Road, Newport, Mon., as a memorial to the late King Edward VII. The architect is Mr. F. R. Kempson, of Cardiff.

The restoration of the splendid ceiling of the Church of Ara Cœli at Rome, commemorative of the victory over the Turks at Lepanto in 1571, has just been accomplished, and will shortly be visible to the public.

For the proposed new tower and spire for St. Mary's church, Southampton, long associated with the name of Wilberforce, £2,526 has now been raised, exclusive of the £1000 promised for a peal of bells.

Messrs. J. B. Joyee and Co. Ltd., Whitchurch, Salop, have received instructions to make a large clock and bell for Mr. E. H. M. Luckock, Brynderwen, Usk, and another for St. Julians Brick and Tile Co., Newport, Mon. They have also in hand a large order for railway clocks for Newfoundland. The same firm have just fixed a new striking clock with two dials at Sandiway church, Cheshire.

The Archbishop of York reopened the parish church of St. Hilda at Sherburn after restorations and additions which have occupied a period of three years and cost £20,000, the whole of which sum has been given by Sir Tatton Sykes.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By GEO. CROSS.

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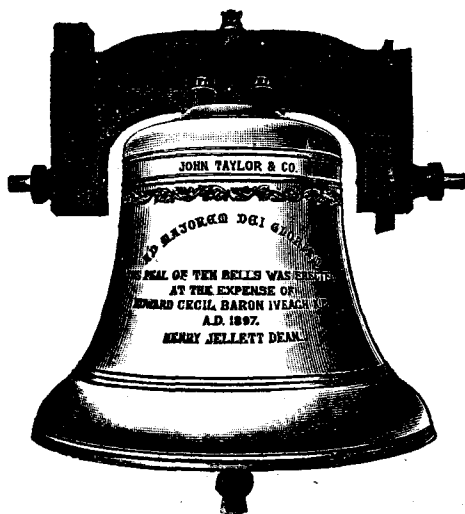
Repeat three times. Bob for single in second and fourth parts. Add three bobs at 6 where marked * in second part.

JOHN TAYLOR & CO., Bell Founders & Bell Hangers, LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.

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the Heaviest Peal of 12 Ringing Bells in the World

"This is unquestionably the grandest ringing peal in England, and therefore in the world." The late Lord Grimthorpe, K.C.—*Times*, Nov. 20, 1878.

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The Tenser Bell, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

Also Founders of the peals of Bells at the Cathedrals of Worcester, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Edinburgh (St. Mary's), Dublin (St. Patrick's), Christ Church, N.Z. Singapore.

Also "Great John" and the ring of Ten at Beverley Minster; and the ring of Ten at the Imperial Institute.

Also the bells of Dundalk R.C. Cathedral, and "Great Bede" of Downside Abbey, Also for the town halls of Manchester, Preston, Bradford, Halifax, Rochdale, Wakefield, Middlesbrough, Kendal, and Londonderry; and the Sydney and Adelaide Post Offices in Australia.

Also the chime of bells at Ames College, Iowa, U.S.A. and the great "Grandison," of Exeter Cathedral.

CHURCH ITEMS.

It is now definitely decided that the base of the ancient font of St. Michael's church, Honiton, presented some years ago to the workhouse chapel, is to be returned to St. Michael's church, which is now being restored after the disastrous fire of March, 1911, and is to be rededicated by the Bishop of Exeter a few weeks hence.

The new chancel screen in St. Peter's church, Bristol, which the Bishop dedicated on St. Peter's Day, is beautifully designed, and is part of a scheme which has gradually been coming to completion during the past few years for refurnishing the historic church in such a way as to harmonize with its original design.

The Bishop of Southwark dedicated the font in the chapel of Lewisham Workhouse which has been made by two of the inmates. The Mayor and Mayoress of Lewisham, the Guardians, and many clergy of the neighbourhood were present, as well as other visitors. The font-cover was carved in wood by Henry Armfield, aged 75, a cripple, and the stonework, from the design of the Master of the workhouse, by Louis Holdsworth, aged 57, who is a sufferer from the disease known as "stonemason's chest." Both craftsmen were presented to the Bishop, who expressed admiration of their work.

The Bishop of St. Albans, in a "foreword" to the Annual Report of the Melanesian Mission for 1911, just issued, announces his retirement from the position of president of the Mission, which he has so long held, "in deference to clear medical advice to withdraw from much work both central and diocesan which I have been in the habit of doing." The Bishop of Rochester succeeds him, and his first message as president contains a vigorous protest against the "shameful under-manning" of the Mission as a consequence of which five priests have laid down their lives in the last six years.

The Rev. Sir Charles J. M. Shaw preached on Sunday week his final sermon as Vicar of St. John the Baptist, Margate, which benefice he has just resigned, having recently withdrawn his acceptance of the living of Adisham, offered him by the Archbishop of Canterbury. He is one of the few baronets in Holy Orders, having inherited the title from his uncle in 1900. The title was first bestowed in 1665 on his ancestor, Sir John Shaw, who had advanced money to Charles II. during his exile, and had been appointed a farmer of the Customs on his Restoration. The family can be traced back to William Shaw, who lived in the reign of Henry VI.

The General Purposes Committee of Christ Church, Swindon, Wilts., have decided to purchase a site for a Parochial Hall, and at a recent meeting the members of the congregation passed a resolution pledging themselves to support every effort of the committee to raise funds as quickly as possible for the erection of the Hall, which will cost about £2000. Many kind friends have promised to help, and, including the balance from a Garden Fete held last year, the subscription list totals up to £445. An anonymous donor has also promised £100 on condition that three-quarters of the money is in hand or promised by the time the building is completed. The Vicar, the Rev. C. A. Mayall, writing in the Parish Magazine, has explained the absolute necessity for a Parochial Hall in a large parish like this. It is required for a threefold purpose: (1) Mission Services on Sunday evenings; (2) Sunday School purposes; and (3) Parochial Gatherings

during the week. He earnestly appeals for subscriptions large or small, from all interested in the spiritual welfare of the parish.

A window representing St. Chad, in cope and mitre, preaching to the Mercians who had come to him from various parts, has been placed in St. Chad's church, Over, near Winsford, Cheshire. This is the second of a series of "Kempe" windows, illustrating the life and episcopate of St. Chad which has been designed for Over church. The original diocese of Lichfield included, until 1541, Cheshire and South Lancashire, which were then transferred to the Province of Canterbury from that of York. In 1836, on the contrary, when Nottinghamshire (now in the diocese of Southwell) was transferred from the See of York to that of Lincoln, it was somewhat needlessly placed in the Province of Canterbury. St. Chad's connection with Cheshire is still indicated by many ancient church dedications.

The Rev. W. H. M. Bagley, rural dean of Barnstaple, and Vicar of Pilton, preached at the jubilee festival of the North Devon Choral Union in the parish church of SS. Peter and Paul, Barnstaple, more than 400 choristers being present. Mr. Bagley alluded to the somewhat sad conditions in which the festival was held. The Rev. Richard Turner, Vicar of Barnstaple, was to have been the preacher, but had been suddenly called away. His memory still lived with them as a hymn-writer and a faithful pastor, and they would shortly hear his words in his Coronation hymn,

King of Kings eternal, bear us while we sing,
And accept the tribute of the praise we bring.

Prebendary Pigot, who originated the Choral Union fifty years ago, had also passed away on the previous Sunday.

The foundation-stone of St. Stephen, Upton Park, the new permanent mission church of St. Michael and All Angels, was laid by Mrs. Hartley Maud. A procession from the parish church to the site of the new church opened the proceedings. On its arrival at the old St. Michael's it was joined by the choirs of the two mission churches of St. Michael's and St. Cuthbert's. The service was sung by the priest-in-charge of St. Michael's, the Rev. H. F. Elgood, the stone being solemnly blessed by the Vicar, the Rev. C. E. Butterfield. Mrs. Hartley Maud, who was accompanied by her husband, Captain Hartley Maud, spoke a few kind words of encouragement. A guard of honour was formed by the Church Lads' Brigade and the Incorporated Church Scouts, and the hymns were played by the Brigade band. The architect is Mr. E. D. Hoyland. It is hoped that the new church will be completed by Michaelmas, and thus another page will have been turned in the history of Church life in London-over-the-border.

Bishop Ryle, Dean of Westminster, and formerly Bishop of the Diocese of Winchester, was the recipient of a presentation at Wolvesey Church House, Winchester, from his friends in the diocese. The gift was a portrait of the Bishop wearing his robes, with the blue riband of the Order of the Garter, painted by Mr. Rimington. To Mrs. Ryle was given a painting, by Mr. William Carter, of the Cathedral from the south-east aspect. The Bishop of Southampton mentioned that the diocese desired to transfer to posterity in outward form the personality of Bishop Ryle, one of the distinguished occupants of the See, whose office of eight years had seen progress and steady development throughout the diocese. The portrait, he said, would adorn the walls of Farnborough Castle at a subsequent date. Canon Blount made the presentation on behalf of the diocese. Mr. W. H. Myers, as representing the laity, made the presentation to Mrs. Ryle.

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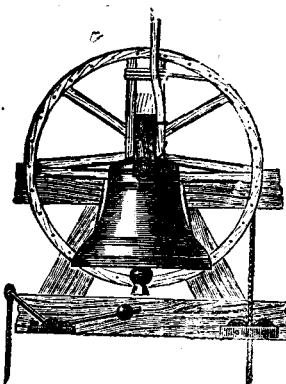
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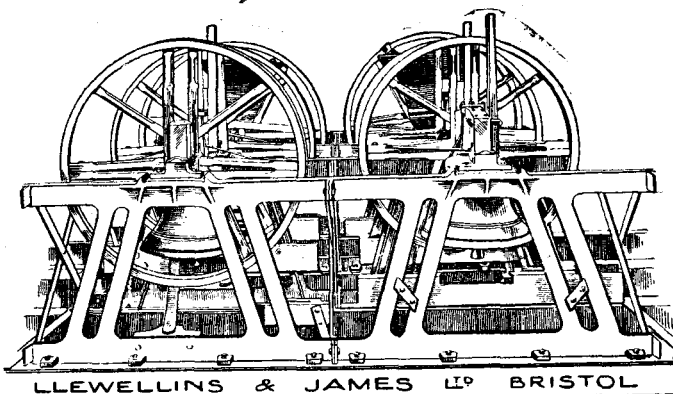
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ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT OXFORD.

Oxford was visited on Saturday, July 13th, by a large number of bellringers, and all the afternoon from the principal towers and steeples sweet carillons were carried over the city. It was the festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and for the third time during the somewhat lengthy existence of the Guild, the annual fixture was held at Oxford. Everything went well, and it was one of the most successful festivals on record. Rain fell heavily during some periods of the day, but happily it cleared up by the time the indoor festivities had concluded. Some 500 members of the Guild came to Oxford, and they arrived from all parts of the diocese. As is customary, the day's proceedings were prefaced by a service, which was held at the Cathedral at 11.30. The feature of this was the striking address of the Bishop of Oxford. The business meeting was then held, and the festival dinner in Christ Church Hall followed. It is interesting to note that all parts of the diocese were represented by the gathering.

THE SERVICE.

The Rev. R. M. Reeves conducted the service at Christ Church Cathedral, in conjunction with the Archdeacon of Oxford. It commenced very appropriately with a hymn, "Unchanging God," specially composed by the Rev. H. C. Wilder, M.A., of Sulham, set to the familiar tune of the Church bells. The Master of the Guild (Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn), of Caversham, read the lesson. After the Bidding Prayer had been rendered from the pulpit, the Bishop delivered his sermon.

BELL-RINGERS AMONGST THE CHURCH WORKERS.

Taking as his text "I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also" (I Corinthians xiv. 15), he remarked that first of all he wished to be allowed to say that he was not able to resist the invitation that was given him to come and speak to that gathering of bell-ringers, and the representatives of many other bell-ringers of their diocese. It had been, and it remained still, a question of his that those who held that office and exercised that art of bell-ringing in the old towers of their churches should be regarded by everyone, and should regard themselves, as properly and truly among the Church workers of the diocese. They knew that we were feeling it increasingly now that the Church and the ministry of the Church did not belong only to the clergy. The clergy had their special ministry, which they were bound jealously to guard, and that was the ministry of the Word and Sacrament. But that, as St. Paul taught them, was only one of the great many ministries which belonged to the body of Christ—ministries that had to deal with healing, with finance, and with, as they all knew very well, the musical rendering of the praises of God. Amongst those many ministris of healing and teaching, of singing and playing, of financial administration, and others—amongst those many ministries it was his most earnest desire that their holy, venerable, and traditional art should be regarded as one of the ministries of the Church, and amongst those many ministries which made for the glory of God and for the good of His people. The speaker heartily welcomed them to the Cathedral, and would do all that lay in his power to bring it about that they and all those who exercised that traditional art of theirs should regard themselves and be regarded as properly amongst the Church workers of the diocese.

THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF ENGLAND.

He spoke just now about their exercising their traditional art, and he would like them to feel, if indeed it was necessary that he should say a word in that direction—he would like them to feel what a very characteristic place in life of England their art had held, and, please God, would hold. They did not feel it so long as they simply lived in their own country, but every man when he went abroad, and every Englishman when he emigrated to Canada, every Englishman who ever travelled in other countries for any length of time, began to feel that he was missing something, that there were certain characteristic sights and sounds of England that he was missing. Among these he would be disposed to put almost first amongst the sights the green fields of England. Side by side with that memory of the green fields there was the memory of what lay in the heart of that greenness, that was the old village churches. As for their great town churches and cathedrals, they might go to many countries and find their rivals, their equals, and perhaps their superiors. But he did not believe there was any country in the world which could compare to England for its village churches. He did not think there was any sight, anything which appealed to the sight, which was so characteristic of our country.

NO SOUND LIKE THE ENGLISH CHURCH BELLS.

Then when they passed from the sights to the sounds, he would put among the most characteristic sounds of England the sound of our church bells, rung in the traditional, and, as far as he knew, unique English manner, with its venerable and traditional art, handed down from generation to generation. So they would note those most characteristic sights and sounds of England hung together, and they saw them and heard them together round about our village churches, standing amid green fields. The songs of birds and the ringing of the bells were the most characteristic sounds of England, and there was no other place where you could hear them like it. Other countries had their bells; but English bell-ringing was totally distinct and unique, and to a degree, at which hardly any other could rival, characteristic of England and our English scenery. He would like to congratulate them because of the great and marked improvements which everyone would recognise had taken place in the belfries of England. He daresay they would remember how in Dickens's novels they got a glimpse of what was thought about the belfries and the conduct of the men in the belfries fifty to eighty years ago. The belfries were associated with very uncreditable scenes, with drunkenness, and with everything most unspiritual and irreligious. That had all been changed. No one now would associate that with our belfries; the conduct in the belfries, the conduct of our ringers had over the whole area of our country been improved, so that that sort of language would be no more applicable to-day than similar language which Dickens used about the profession of nurses would, and the scenes which Dickens described no truer to-day than those would be which he described when he was talking about those who were the nurses of the sick. There had undoubtedly been a great improvement. We hear a good deal of gloomy things about the prospect of our country, but he thought we did well on that point to thank God for what had been given us in the way of marked and indisputable improvements. Among the elements, the signs of marked and indisputable improvements in our country, he was entitled to rank improvements in the conduct of our belfries and of those who rang our bells, and for that he thanked many who had laboured for that end and aim. He prayed them all to maintain all that was best in the traditions of good conduct and reverent behaviour in the belfries, which were part of our consecrated buildings, and, as he had said, held so great a place in the consecrated memories of our country.

AN INJUNCTION TO RETREATING RINGERS.

He fancied there was a great deal of improvement to be made in the occupation of the bell-ringer—that was to make it an occupation into which the minds and wills of men were brought. He would put it in this way. They would realise that it was by their holy and traditional art that people were summoned to worship. They who rang the bells which scattered that summons over the surface of the countryside—well, they must be worshippers themselves. That was what St. Paul meant when he said they must sing with the understanding also. They must feel that it was not proper or seemly or commendable that they should be ringing people to worship if they were not worshippers themselves. They would realise how unpleasant it was when the beautiful peal was over and the congregation had gathered for worship, to hear the stamping upon the belfry stairs, and then, perhaps, the trooping out of the whole body of ringers—out, it may be, from the church, without taking part in the worship themselves. He would ask everyone of them to feel that they could not fulfil St. Paul's injunction, they could not ring with the understanding also, unless they were worshippers themselves. He would put it more broadly. What was it that the bells did? They represented a great voice, and they all knew what that voice was intended to represent. It was intended to represent the voice of praise. So all the inscriptions on the old bells told them. It was to utter the praise of God that those beaten tongues hung there, and they did it melodiously indeed, carolling over the whole surface of the land. Or again, it was in commemoration of the dying and dead, perhaps in solemn muffled peal, speaking out of the depths of sorrow. So it was his bearers pealed out on behalf of the dying and the dead. When they looked at the inscriptions on their bells they could see the records of days passed. Well, we live in the times of chances. He would say in conclusion, let their great traditional art be a symbol of Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, to-day, and for all time.

THE LUNCHEON.

Luncheon was served in the hall of Christ Church, and a large number sat down to the repast. The Archdeacon of Oxford was in the chair, and among those who were present were the Bishop of Oxford, the Master of the Guild, the Revs. R. H. Hart-Davis, G. F. Coleridge, W. C. Carter, R. W. Carew Hunt, J. B. Kirby, H. C. Wilder, G. A. Littledale, W. J. Palmer, A. C. R. Freeborn, W. H. George, B. Long, and S. M. Winter, Messrs. A. W. Pike, R. Buckland, F. Dentry, F. W. Hopgood, W. Pole Routh, F. Webb, J. W. Wilkins, W. J. Smith, and the Secretary (Mr. A. E. Reeves).

The loyal toast having been duly honoured,

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge said it was a great honour which had been entrusted to him that afternoon, that of giving them the toast of the Bishop, the Archdeacon, and the organist. They were not only pleased to see the Bishop at the luncheon, but they were extremely grateful to him that in his very busy and varied life, he had come and addressed them. As he reminded them that morning, there were two sounds which were dear to the Englishman, the song of the birds, and sound of the bells. But what he believed they liked most of all was the sound of their Bishop's voice at their annual festival (laughter and cheers). Then they had the Archdeacon of Oxford as their chairman. They had also to toast the organist.

The toast was cordially received, and Bishop Gore, in replying, said that any service that he could do for the promotion of bellringing, he would most gladly do. He was heartily glad to be amongst them that afternoon (cheers).

The Archdeacon of Oxford, in rising to propose the toast of "The Guild," said he came to the toast of the day. He should say that they were going to drink to their noble selves. He supposed everyone almost who was

there, was a member of the Guild, so they were therefore going to drink their own health, and he proposed the toast with the greatest possible pleasure. What he had to do was to propose the toast of the Guild, embodied as it was in the Master. They all knew Mr. Jenkyn better than the speaker, though the latter was a neighbour of his in Berkshire. They knew the zeal which he put into the work, and the skill which he brought to bear on the science of ringing. The speaker noticed the Bishop call bell-ringing an art all through that beautiful sermon which he preached that morning. He referred to it as an art, which indeed it was. But it was also a science, and a most intricate science, too. Their Master gave his mind, his muscle, his brain, his heart to bell-ringing, and no one could do more than that (Cheers).

The toast was received with enthusiasm.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, in responding, thanked them very much for the way they had drunk his health, and also for the way they had drunk to the health of the Guild. As Master of the Guild he looked upon himself as the Guild's chief servant, and he wished members to look upon him in that light. He was always ready to receive any suggestions by which he could promote the welfare of the Guild, and he would endeavour to carry them out to the best of his ability. One might like on an occasion like that, to give a sort of resume of what the Guild was doing throughout the diocese. That would take too long, and perhaps such matters were more properly kept on their annual printed report. But he would like especially to mention the work that was being done throughout the Guild in different places by their lady members. (Cheers). It was a very quiet, unostentatious work. He did not want the best of them to be contented with the way they saw the Church in their parish. He really wanted them to ring their bells better, and feel that they were working a musical instrument. (Hear, hear). If they were not capable of ringing a touch on Sunday mornings, they should ring a round, and ring that well.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis said he thought they should express their thanks to Mr. Reeves, "the modest man behind the scenes," who had been responsible for the work of that festival. Some of them had been to Oxford three times in the life of the Guild—in 1882 when the Rev. Walton Hook was the preacher; in 1900, when Canon Ince preached to them; and lastly, that day. He asked them to drink to the health of the Chairman, who for so long had been a friend to the Guild. (Applause).

The toast was heartily drunk.

The Archdeacon briefly responded, and eulogised the work of Mr. Hart-Davis, and in this way prepared the way for the presentation which followed. He handed him a handsome silver inkstand, which, with an armchair, the Guild had been pleased to give him in recognition of his long and faithful service to the Guild, extending over twenty-two years.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, in thanking them, said there was no work which he had done in his life, next to his work as parson, that he had more thoroughly thrown his heart into, than into the work which he had been able to attempt for the Guild. (Cheers). He must say two or three words of very hearty thanks to them for what they had given him. If they would allow him to go on as their hon. treasurer, that work would give him a use for that beautiful inkstand which they had handed to him through their chairman, and whenever he had any writing to do for the Guild it would be done by the use of that inkstand.

The gathering then broke up. During the afternoon the

ringers visited the following towers, which had been placed at their disposal: Christ Church Cathedral, New College, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Aldate's, St. Giles's, All Saints, Holywell St. Cross, St. Ebbe, and Iffley.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

EIGHT-BELL TOWERS IN OXFORD.

The business meeting was held in the Chapter House of the Cathedral after the service. The Master of the Guild presided, and he was supported by the Revs. W. J. Palmer, J. B. Kirby, R. H. Hart-Davis, G. F. Coleridge, W. C. Carter, and Mr. A. E. Reeves (Secretary). Letters of apology for absence were received from the Revs. S. C. F. Angel Smith, R. P. Newhouse, E. B. Cox, Canon Drummond, and Mr. W. Newell.

The officers were re-elected.

It was announced that the festival in 1913 would be held at Wokingham.

The committee recommended the following grants, viz., Twyford (Berks) £4 4s., and Checkendon £2 2s.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, in presenting the Robinson Memorial Committee report, stated they had accepted the tender of Mr. Reeves for the erection of a screen in the belfry of Drayton (Berks) Church. They also proposed to put a tablet to cost £10, in Drayton Church. There was £46 not expended, and they had several questions before them as to how to spend the residue. It would be left to the committee, and they would probably spend it on a tablet in the cloisters or for a communion plate.

The Chairman remarked that the special committee appointed to draw up forms of service for the Guild had been going on with the work, and had submitted several ideas for services to the Bishop, and none of these had been entirely satisfactory up to the present. He had their last attempt in his hands at that moment, and they would get his report on it before very long. Therefore he asked that the matter be left in the hands of the committee for a little while longer.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge presented the report of the Central Council meeting for 1912.

Mr. King said he wished to bring before their notice the fact that there was no eight-bell tower in Oxford, and he was wondering whether something could be done to get an eight-bell tower in the city. They had many six-bell towers, as they knew.

The Chairman said he was very glad Mr. King had brought the matter forward. It had been on their minds for a very long time. He approached the Vicar of St. Peter-in-the-East on the matter, and also the Vicar of St. Giles, but nothing had been decided. They wanted an Oxford man to give them a lead, and make a suggestion, and he was perfectly certain they would do their best to see the matter through.

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The Chairman said he would write to the Vicar, and the meeting terminated.

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The above society held their fourteenth annual outing on July 6th and 7th, Bury St. Edmunds being visited for the third time. Coming from different branches on the Great Eastern Railway, eleven members met at Liverpool Street in time to board the 5.5 a.m. train for East Anglia. Arriving at Bury at 8.16, we made our way to The Britannia hotel which we made our headquarters. Our hostess had breakfast waiting for us, and needless to say, we quickly disposed of it. At 9 o'clock we found a smart pair-horse brake, with no other than Mr. H. Turner (who is Master of the ringers at the Norman Tower), reins in hand, ready to convey us on our usual Saturday tour. Soon we were driving through country lanes with fields on either side looking gay in their scarlet, yellow, and green. Four miles of this delightful pleasure brought us to the parish church of St. Mary Rougham where the peal of six, tenor 16 cwt., was soon raised and going to Ipswich Surprise, a good 720 being the result. A touch of Plain Bob for the younger members of the band, concluded the ringing, and as we had to keep to time and programme, we were soon on our way to Drinkstone (All Saints), where we were met by the Rector, the Rev. — Horne, who very kindly accompanied some of us round the building, explaining the various items of interest which this church contains, while others were ringing a 720 of Durham Surprise. The rev. gentleman did a great deal towards rehanging his own bells, which are a pleasant ring, tenor about 12 cwt. A short touch of Plain Bob, and we were on the road again, Woolpit St. Mary being the next on the list. This was reached after a short drive. Here we found a very beautiful church, the carved oak ceiling alone being worth a visit. The bells (6) were soon going to Lincoln Surprise, which, after a second attempt was successful. By this time the inner man required attention, and we adjourned to The Swan hotel, where a splendid repast awaited us in the good old Suffolk style. This over, we were in our brake again, and after a drive of four miles, came to St. Mary's church, Wetherden. A 720 of Wells Surprise was rung on the not too easy ring of six.

Another drive of between six and seven miles brought us to Walsham-le-Willows, where we were met by the Vicar, the Rev. C. S. Ward, who kindly invited us to tea. Mounting the tower, where hangs a good ring of six, tenor 13 cwt. A good 720 of London Surprise was rung, followed by a short touch of Plain Bob. By this time tea was ready, and we were soon taking advantage of the Vicar's hospitality. During tea the rev. gentleman related an interesting tale concerning the carved oak angels that are missing from the beautiful ceiling of the chancel. Time did not allow us to stay long, and after thanking the Vicar, we proceeded to Ixworth, where our Master was anxious to ring a 720 of London Surprise on the bells of his native town. This proved successful, but was rather a big job, as the bells (which are a melodious ring of six, tenor 16 cwt.), sadly require the attention of a bell-hanger. A movement is on foot to rehang them, with a frame to carry two trebles. They would make a splendoctave if two new bells were added. The Vicar (Rev. — Harrison), gave us a very kindly welcome to Ixworth.

Our last place of call on Saturday was Great Barton, where, at the church of The Holy Innocents, a good 720 of York Surprise was rung. A new treble was added to the old ring of five a short time ago, but is a very weak one. All this time the clerk of the weather had been extremely kind, but now rain commenced to fall, and those members whom experience had taught to bring

overcoats and umbrellar, reaped the benefit of their forethought during our short drive to Bury, which was reached about 9.30 a.m. Some of our members ventured out shopping, but were driven back by the heavy down-pour of rain. Supper over, we retired to bed, glad to rest after the exertions of the day. Six o'clock on Sunday morning, saw us astir, as Mr. Turner had arranged for us to ring for the early service at the Norman Tower. Through drenching rain we made our way, and just before 7 o'clock the beautiful peal of ten bells was ringing to a few rounds to let ril our band have a pull on them. These are a melodious ring, tenor 30 cwt., worthy of the noble tower they hang in, which is said to be the most perfect example of Norman architecture in Europe. Stedman Caters was next on the list, but was unfortunately lost in the last couase-and. Treble Ten was tried, also Grandsire Caters, but time did not allow of the last named being finished. Breakfast over, a visit was paid to the grand old church of St. Mary, where Mr. Lomax had the bells ready, and Superlative and Double Norwich were tried, but the touches were both lost after some good striking. The bells here are a grand ring of eight, tenor 28 cwt. Some of our members decided to stop for service, while others had a three-mile walk to Horringer, whers some touches of Plain and Treble Minor were rung on the light ring at the church of St. Leonard.

A sharp walk back gave us a good appetite for dinner, and then for our last place of call on our tour, viz., Fornham St. Martin. This was a delightful Sunday afternoon walk, the sunshine adding glories to the scene. Reaching the church we found a very light ring of six, tenor 6½ cwt. Soon they were going to the tune of Norwich Surprise, a 720 being completed in twenty-two minutes. Plain Bob and Treble Bob were rung, and then we walked back to tea. This over, we had to say good-bye to old and new friends, and made our way to the railway station to catch the 6.14 p.m. train for London, which was reached at 9.10. Before parting we all concluded we hed spent another successful outing.

The company wish thryugh the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the various clergy for granting the use of their bells, and the local ringers for meeting us and making us so welcome; and last, but not least, Mr. H. Turner for making arrangements and driving round on the Saturday, and giving the young hands such fatherly advice.

G. D.

The following is a summary of the ringing done by the company on their tour:

ROUGHAM.—At St. Mary's church, 720 Ipswich Surprise. G. A. Black, S. Goodenough, G. Dawson, W. Theobald, W. Miller (conductor), H. Torble.

DRINKSTONE.—At All Saints' church, 720 Durham Surprise. W. Theobald, G. Dawson, W. Doran, G. A. Black, J. Moule (conductor), H. Torble.

WOOLPIT.—At St. Mary's church, 720 Lincoln Surprise. S. Goodenough (conductor), G. A. Black, H. Torble, W. Theobald, W. Miller, J. Moule.

WETHERDEN.—At St. Mary's church, 720 Wells Surprise. W. Doran, S. Goodenough, G. Dawson, W. Theobald, W. Miller (conductor), J. Moule.

WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS.—At St. Mary's church, 720 London Surprise. S. Goodenough, G. A. Black (conductor), W. Doran, W. Miller, J. Moule, H. Torble.

IXWORTH.—At St. Mary's church, 720 London Surprise. G.

A. Black, W. Theobald, J. Moule, G. Dawson, W. Miller (conductor), H. Torble.

BARTON.—At the church of the Holy Innocents, 720 York Surprise. H. Torble, S. Goodenough, G. Dawson, W. Theobald, W. Miller (conductor), J. Moule.

FORNHAM.—At St. Martin's church, 720 Norwich Surprise. W. Doran, W. Miller (conductor), G. A. Black, G. Dawson, J. Moule, H. Torble.

F. Doran, A. Fiddis and A. Prior rang in touches of Plain and Treble Bob at all the above-mentioned places.

Notices.

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The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Finchley on Saturday, July 27th. Bells ready at 3.30. Short service at 5.30, to which all ringers are earnestly invited.

173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow. C. T. COLES, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, July 27th, (instead of the 20th). Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. with address by the Rev. M. C. Elphinstone, Vicar. Tea will be provided at the Vicarage by the kindness of the Vicar and Mrs. Elphinstone. Half-rail fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the parish church, Blackburn, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 p.m. A committee meeting will be held same date. A good attendance is requested.

J. WATSON, Branch Sec.

26, London Road, Blackburn.

The Warwickshire Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, July 27th. Committee meeting at 4.0 p.m. in St. Mary's Vestry. Service at St. Mary's at 4.45 p.m. Preacher—Rev. Canon Baillie, Vicar of St. Michael's, Coventry. Bells available during the afternoon and evening: St. Mary's (10), St. Nicholas (8) All Saints, Emscote, (8) Tea (usual charge), at The Globe hotel, after service. Business meeting to follow.

Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Sec.

Shottery.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Overbury on Saturday, July 27th. Service, with an address, at 4.30 p.m. A free tea and business meeting after service. Bells (6), at 3 p.m.

JAMES HEMMING, Hon. Br. Sec.

10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The Summer Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 27th, at Corbridge and Hexham. Bells available all afternoon and evening. Tea at The Tyndale hotel, Corbridge, at 5 p.m.

CHAS. TODD, Hon. Sec.

26, Greenbank Crescent, Darlington.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llanbradach on Saturday, July 27th, at 4.30.

Rev. CONNOP L. PRICE, M.A. } Hon Secs.
JOHN W. JONES.

Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport.

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

R. L. GARDNER, District Secretary.

Lavenham.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—East Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Swanage on Saturday, July 27th. Ringing from 3. Service at 4.45. Address by the Rector—Rev. H. E. Eardley. Tea in school at 5.15, followed by business meeting. The towers at Wareham, and St. James's, Poole, will be open in the evening.

C. A. PHILLIPS, Hon. Br. Sec.

Peterborough and District Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Monday, August 5th. Bells available—Cathedral (5), St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6). Service at St. Mary's church at 4.30. Tea at Fitzwilliam Temperance hotel.

Meeting after. Will those who intend to be present at tea please notify me not later than August 1st. F. T. COOKE, Hon. Sec.
195, Gladstone Road, Peterborough.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—In order to facilitate the publishing of future reports, conductors of peals are requested to send particulars of peals called by them within seven days of such performance to T. HERVEY BEAMS, Asst. Hon. Sec.

Bradpole, Bridport.

N.B.—Will conductors of peals since January 1st, 1912, also oblige.

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ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PUTNEY.

ANNUAL OUTING.

The annual outing of the Association of Church Bell Ringers at St. Mary the Virgin, Putney, took place on Saturday, July 20th, when thirteen members paid visits to the churches of Haslemere and Farnham, Surrey. Leaving Putney shortly after eight o'clock Farnham was reached just before eleven. Here a move was made to the church, where the captain of the local band and one or two other members were in waiting. After inspecting the tower and belfry, which was found to be kept in as good a condition as one could wish, the beautiful peal of eight bells were set going to Grandsire, and with this and Plain Bob were kept moving till half-past twelve, when a halt was called for dinner. Before leaving the thanks of the party were tendered to the local members who had put everything in readiness, and satisfaction was expressed at the easy "go" of the bells and the manner in which everything was kept. Regret was felt that the time had come to leave so fine a ring. After dinner the party returned to the L. and S.W.R. station, where a motor bus was boarded, and a glorious run over Hindhead landed us in Haslemere, a very sharp thunderstorm being passed through on the way. Here an hearty welcome was met with from the local band, who had made every preparation, and the bells, from the time of arrival till half-past six, and again after tea till half-past eight, rang out in touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Treble Bob. Here again the "going" was good. Altogether a most enjoyable day was spent, and about nine o'clock the party left Haslemere for home, which was reached about half-past eleven.

DOVER (Kent).—On Sunday, July 21st, for evening service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. R. Stevens, G. Saunders, A. Roberts, H. C. Saywell, S. Carter, C. Turner (conductor), H. J. Saunders, G. Godfrey. Composed by L. Head, of Lyminge, Kent. Rung as a compliment to Mr. S. Carter, of Hounslow, Middlesex, who was on a visit to Dover.

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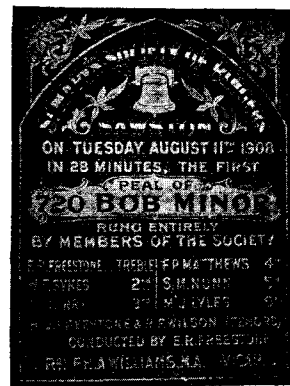
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 27, 1912.

THE LADIES' PEAL.

ON another page will be found the record of a peal rung entirely by girls. Such a peal ought to make the Exercise throughout the kingdom feel prouder. To think that a band could be got together from all parts and to successfully accomplish that which we men practice regularly together seems almost incredible. But one by one the lady ringers have made their presence felt in various Associations, and if in some Societies they have not been acknowledged—well, more's the pity for the men. This peal ought to shew the outside world what a fascination ringing possesses for its votaries. We went down to Cubitt Town and heard over two hours of the peal, including the finish, and it goes without saying that those who remained gave the girls an ovation. We may say that altogether the ladies were in the tower about five hours, and had any of them at the back end been compelled by fatigue or dry-running of the bells to give up before the finish, no one could have blamed them; but they did not. Although fatigue was there—occasional trips shewed that—the desire for success prevailed to the end, and the result is that the Ladies' Guild can hand on to posterity something to be proud of. To Miss Parker come the double honour. This was her 50th peal, a record no girl has hitherto achieved. Those who doubted the wisdom of girls ringing with the opposite sex need doubt no more. Just as Ringing Associations raised ringing from its squalid environment, so the presence of a girl or woman in the belfry to-day brings with it a purer atmosphere—where it is necessary. Those of us who mix regularly with them have no doubt at all—we know. The consummation of this peal was, in the words of Hamlet, "devoutly to be wished," and having seen it, or rather heard it done, we lift our glass, as in the olden time, to the toast and say—"The Ladies: God bless 'em."

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD,

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

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

Composed by A. CRAYEN. and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

*First peal of Major. Mr. Grimes' 50th peal this year.

PRITTLEWELL.—On Sunday, July 21st, at St. Mary's church, in honour of the wedding of a chorister—Mr. C. Osborne to Miss Horner, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. Messrs. Kebby, Chalk, Bedwell, Wilson, Wilson, Judd. With the ringers' best wishes.

A DIAGRAM OF UNION TRIPLES (1893), may be had gratis, on application by letter to W. H. THOMPSON, 5, Sillwood Street, Brighton, to whom the unsold remainder has been returned by the publishers.

POPLAR, LONDON, E.

THE LADIES' NATIONAL GUILD OF RINGERS.

On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN,

A PEAL OF ORANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

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

Conducted by Miss E. K. PARKER.

*First peal in the method. †First peal with a bob bell. ‡First peal. Miss Parker's fiftieth peal. The band wish to thank the Vicar and ringers of Cubitt Town for their kindness; Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for kindly entertaining some of the band; and Mr. J. Thomas for sitting in the tower during the peal in case of emergency.

The Provinces.

BROMLEY, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE DUBLING Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
EDWIN BARNEKT, JUN. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 6.
FRANK I. HAIRS 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
ISAAC EMERY 4.	ALFRED W. GRIMES .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

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

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

*First peal in the method.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK G. BLOW* .. Treble.	GEO. H. HOWSE 5.
JOSEPH F. CHALLEY* .. 2.	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH .. 6.
CHARLES JEFFES* 3.	EDWARD WHITEREAD .. 7.
ERNEST RANDALL† 4.	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH Tenor.

Conducted by E. WHITEREAD.

*First peal. †First peal on eight bells.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX,

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

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

Conducted by A. D. STONE.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

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

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

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

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Conducted by KEITH HART.

KELSEA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

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

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

*First peal of Oxford.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lbs.

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

Composed by WILLIAM PYE, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

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

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

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

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

*First peal of Cambridge.

EAST MOLESEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;
TROLLOPE'S ONE-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

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

Conducted by JOHN HOWES.

First peal of Major on the bells. This composition is now rung for the first time. For calling see C.C. Collection of peals, No. 180. The band wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. E. G. Ireland, for the use of the bells; also Mr. F. Baown for having everything in readiness.

MANCHESTER—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, WEST DIDSBUY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 18½ cwt.

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

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

Rung to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the church; also a birthday compliment to R. Davies, the conductor of the above tower, and in honour of P.C. Rd. Newton being one of 50 members of the Manchester City Police awarded the King's medal for long service and good conduct.

SONNING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD,
(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt. in D.

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

Conducted by the REV. CYRIL JENKYN.

The first peal on the bells since their restoration. The treble, 2nd, and 3rd have been recast, the whole peal tuned and hung in a new steel frame. The work has been excellently carried out by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

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

PONSONBY, AUCKLAND (New Zealand).—For evening service at the parish church, on June 16th, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. Heather, A. J. White, O. Throssell, F. Guppy, E. Hamblin, C. Hamblin (conductor).

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

JOSEPH J. ALLKN Treble.	BERTHAM PREWETT 5.
THOMAS R. SCOTT 2.	FREDERICK EDWARDS 6.
THOMAS L. SIMMONS 3.	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 7.
FRANCIS A. SMITH 4.	*FREDE. G. GEORGE Tenor.

Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

*First peal and first attempt.

DEANE, BOLTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt

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

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

*First peal in the method.

OLDBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

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

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

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

Conducted by W. D. JAMES.

This is the conductor's fiftieth peal.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

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

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

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

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

Handbell Peals.

NEW CROSS, LONDON, S.E.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 18, 1912, in Three Hours,

At 3, Margaret Terrace, Harts Lane,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

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

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and
Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

Umpire—Mr. J. F. Davis.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

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

At the Foresters Hall, George Street,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S SIX-PART.

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

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR

Umpires—S. E. Mears, A. Taylor, and W. H. Proctor. *First peal on handbells †First peal of Triples in hand. First peal of Triples in hand in the county by a local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. A. C. Darnell and H. Thorpe.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST JAMES'S SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.)

On Sunday, July 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. Robert Moore, Cemetery Road,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

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

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

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

*Miscellaneous.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, July 20th, for evening service at Bishop Ryder's church, on the occasion of the visit of the Lord Bishop, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 51 mins. S. Coley, A. T. Scrivens, J. Porter, J. T. Perry, G. A. Taylor, W. H. Carrod, W. Ellis, J. B. Collett (first quarter-peal as conductor).

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGH WYCOMBE (Bucks).—On Sunday, July 7th, for evening service, 1008 Stedman Triples. S. Goodchild, R. Coles, A. Ashman, J. Gransbury, M. Phipps, B. Page, J. W. Wilkins (conductor), R. Hoing. On the occasion of the marriage of Miss H. M. Peachell and Mr. H. Lowndes, which was celebrated on Thursday, July 18th, 840 Stedman Triples. W. Phipps, S. Goodchild, E. Markham, J. Gransbury, R. Coles, B. Page, J. W. Wilkins (conductor), R. Hoing. Both bride and bridegroom are prominently connected with the church and town.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OLDHAM.—On Saturday, July 13th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original), in 53 mins. H. Wright, J. Priestly, M. Newton, A. Waites, S. Stott (conductor), H. E. Fielding, S. M. Buttoworth, I. Schofield. Rung on the occasion of the induction of the new Vicar.

HORWICH (Lancashire).—On July 14th, at the parish church, when the "Anne's Sermons" were preached, 1080 Plain Bob, the ringers standing as follows: F. Abbott, J. T. Allred, T. Worsley, H. Allred, T. Barlow, R. Allred (conductor).

TYLDESLEY (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, July 16th, for practice, six members rang 720 Plain Bob, after meeting short for Major. H. Watts B. Allred (first 720), W. Hindley, H. Allred, Herbert Allred (conductor), R. Allred. On Sunday, July 21st, for Divine Service in the morning, 896 Bob Major was rung in 32 mins., by the following members of the local band, viz: H. Watts, J. Allred, J. T. Allred, H. Worthington, W. Hindley, H. Allred (conductor), Harry Allred, R. Allred.

WANTED.—Clean copy of "CHURCH BELLS OF CORNWALL," by E. H. Dunkin; published at 5s. in 1878.—REV. W. PEARSON, Henley Vicarage, Ipswich.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Guildford District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild was held at Cobham on Saturday, July 20th, and was attended by members from Clandon, Woking, Guildford, Shalford and Ewhurst. Service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon Grane) who gave a most interesting account of the bells and their uses in various parts of the world from the earliest times, and drew some very practical inferences for the edification of his hearers. The Rev. A. E. Cartwright presided at the tea, held at The Running Mare hotel, and in opening the meeting said he was glad to renew his acquaintance with the visiting members, to whom he extended a hearty welcome. Five new members were elected. It was decided to hold a combined practice at Woking in the course of the next month. The Secretary announced that Mr. Willshire, who was to have read a paper on "A Motor Char-a-Banc Journey to Winchester," was unable to be present owing to the serious illness of his wife, but Mr. Whittington had kindly offered to give them a short account of a fortnight's tandem tour. Mr. Whittington then gave a very interesting summary of a trip extending to about 600 miles among the churches of Sussex, Kent, Essex, Norfolk, Beds., etc., and the hearty reception he and Mrs. Whittington everywhere received.

A visit was then paid to the beautiful Vicarage gardens, which was greatly enjoyed. A course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells was rung on the lawn as a slight appreciation of the welcome extended to the members by Canon and Mrs. Grane.

Correspondence.

To the Editor.

THE PRESENTATION TO THE
REV R. H. HART-DAVIS.

DEAR SIR,—Will you allow me through your columns to convey my thanks to those members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers who were kind enough to combine together to make me a presentation in the Hall of Christ Church, Oxford, on the occasion of the Festival. It has been, and is, a great pleasure to serve the Guild, and I am very grateful for this expression of goodwill and regard.

Yours, &c.,

R. H. HART-DAVIS,

The Ridge Field,
Caversham, Reading,
July 21st, 1912.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

SIR,—The foot-note to the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, rung on July 13th at Erdington, Warwickshire, stating the composition to be the first ever rung, other than C. Middleton's is not correct, as I composed and conducted the first 5024 of Cambridge Major at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on August 24th, 1901. This was the foundation of the 12896 in the same method.

Yours, &c.,

F. DENCH.

10, Peak Hill Gardens,
Sydenham, S.E.,
July 23rd, 1912.

THE LADIES' PEAL.

JULY 20th, 1912.

Last Saturday a bevy of young ladies, captained by Miss E. K. Parker, gathered at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, and rang a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes. This the first peal to be rung by a band of ladies, has moved a correspondent to poetry.

Like a breath of Summer laden, like a cheery ray of Hope,
Is the sight of gentle maiden deftly bandling of a rope;
Welcome girlhood to our Science, sunshine o'er our pathway
cross,
You can win, by the alliance, all the silver from our dross.

* * *

You have heard of Boadicea, you have read of Joan of Arc,
You have known both Sage and Seer who have tried to make
their mark;
But I sing the Art of Ringing to my harp, ah! hand it down,
Tribute paid is to the ladies for their peal at Cubitt Town.

Years ago the bells of Britain called for men of muscle strong,
Hangings vile made many a "Titan" toil through weary peal
and long;
But at length there came a guerdon, Engineering Science led,
From our shoulders dropped the burden—Woman took it up
instead.

One by one their ranks grew stronger, and perchance the thought
would steal
O'er their minds, that, ere much longer, one day they would ring
a peal;
Aye, would ring it all together as their brother-ringers stood,
Shew the world outside them whether theirs was test of
womanhood.

And at last that day had broken, now had come the fateful hour!
Eight young women by a token, climbed within the belfry tower;
Bared were arms and bared to shoulder ready for the Captain's
call,
Hoping as the day grew older for the welcome "This is all."

Sarah Pigott took the treble, representing Worcester's Guild;
Eva Belcher on the 2nd, bonnie girl of sturdy build;
Lillian Willson came from Leicester; rang the 3rd and struck it
true;
Mary Jukes—a true "Son'-Wester"—rang as good Bristolians do.

Next stood Portishead's fair daughter, Nellie Gillingham her
name,
Sweet bell music sought and caught her and it brought her into
fame;
From the place where once the author of "Pilgrim's Progress"
scorned a peal.

Came to ring the 6th in honour—Bedford's delegate—Eva Steel,
Edith Parker, aye, "The Peerless," at the 7th she took her stand,
History will tell how fearless a conductress led the band
Through the ripples of their Triples, on its consummation bent,
With Clara Beasley ringing easily at the tenor, on they went.

Everyone now knows the story, how through three long hours
or more
They had rung till theirs the glory as they left the belfry floor.
Tell it out and tell it ever how the ladies brought renown
To our Art by their endeavours in the peal at Cubitt Town.

* * *

Like a breath of Summer laden, like a cheery ray of Hope,
Is the sight of gentle maiden deftly bandling of a rope;
Welcome Girlhood to our Science, sunshine sweet our pathway
cross,
You may win by the alliance, all the silver from the dross.

W. W.

BOB MAJOR.

SIR,—In my hurry last week I sent you the wrong figures. I am very sorry indeed, and I would be very glad if you would allow me to set this matter right. These are the right figures, and should read 5184, not 5024.

Yours etc.,

79, Abbey Street, Birmingham.

E. MULLINS.

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5 88 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

By C. J. SEDGLEY, Ipswich.

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Has 6th extent at home.

May, 1911.

5152.

By the same Author.

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6th extent at home.

July, 1911.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

5280

By F. DENCH, College Youth.

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5024 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By GEO. CROSS.

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Repeat three times. Single for last bob at 1 in second and fourth parts. Add three bobs at 6 where marked * in any part.

The Bishop of Salisbury dedicated the new church of St. Mary, West Fordington, a growing suburb of Dorchester, Dorset, which has been erected at a cost of £11,500. The Bishop wore a cope and mitre richly embroidered in cloth of gold, and the Vicar, the Rev. J. M. Collard, celebrated with full Eucharistic vestments. Incense was used during the procession. At the lunch which followed the Bishop said he doubted if it would be possible in his lifetime to divide the diocese of Salisbury and revive the ancient bishopric of Dorsetshire.

Six beautiful stall canopies were dedicated in the choir of Truro Cathedral, in memory of Archbishop Benson, Bishop Wilkinson, and Archdeacon Bourke, who had formerly been Sub-dean and Rector of Truro. Chancellor Worledge and Sub-Dean Hassard took the principal part in the dedication ceremony, and the Bishop

of St. Germans, in an address, alluded to the "three men through whom God had guided them. First, there was a tender, wise, and strong giant, guiding as God, not with bit and bridle, but with his eye." Cornwall's second Bishop was "the true man of devotion and prayer, intellect and knowledge, with his wise and wonderful personal influence." To enrich and multiply what they had done came a man "who manifested in a special and peculiar way the real meaning of spiritual force." The annual meeting also took place on Monday of the Truro Cathedral Fund, at which it was proposed that a statue of the late Bishop Stubbs should be erected. A medallion of the late Mr. Carlyon, one of the generous benefactors of the Cathedral, is to be placed within it.

The Bishop of Crediton dedicated the new church of St. Paul, Yelverton, a Dartmouth health resort in the moorland parish

of Buckland Monachorm, which derives its name from the historic Abbey of Buckland. The church, which has chancel, nave, north and south aisles, and a tower 65 feet in height, is built of local stone, and has been designed by Sir Charles Nicholson. The preacher at Evensong was the Rev. G. S. Thorpe, formerly priest-in-charge of Yelverton, and since 1901 Rector of the extensive Dartmoor parish of Lydford, which contains 56,000 acres, and has three distant chapels-of-ease.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, in his sermon at the re-opening of Winchester Cathedral, foretold that, in days to come, when men are talking of Walkelyn and de Lucy, and Wykeham and Fox, there will be more to add:—"The names of Ryle and Furneaux, with the trio of redoubtable men—the great architect, Thomas Graham Jackson; the resourceful engineer, Grandis Fox; and—for it must be added—the working diver, William Robert Walker, will hold place for good in the annals of our century's beginning."

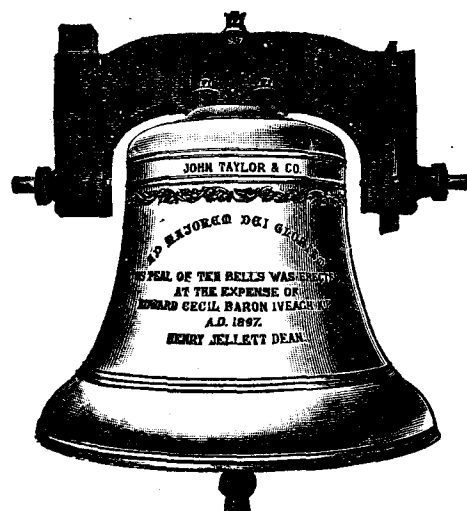
The financial result of the recent Missionary Exhibition at the Church House, Westminster, is a net profit of £800, which will be handed over to S.P.G. Meetings in continuation of the Exhibition will be held at the Church House, Westminster, on October 31.

JOHN TAYLOR & CO., Bell Founders & Bell Hangers, LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.

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the Heaviest Peal of 12 Ringing Bells in the World

"This is unquestionably the grandest ringing peal in England, and therefore in the world." The late Lord Grimthorpe, K.C.—*Times*, Nov. 20, 1878.

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The Tenor Bell, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

Also Founders of the peals of Bells at the Cathedrals of Worcester, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Edinburgh (St. Mary's), Dublin (St. Patrick's), Christ Church, N.Z. Singapore.

Also "Great John" and the ring of Ten at Beverley Minster; and the ring of Ten at the Imperial Institute.

Also the bells of Dundalk R.C. Cathedral, and "Great Bede" of Downside Abbey, Also for the town halls of Manchester, Preston, Bradford, Halifax, Rochdale, Wakefield, Middlesbrough, Kendal, and Londonderry; and the Sydney and Adelaide Post Offices in Australia.

Also the chime of bells at Ames College, Iowa, U.S.A.
And the recent "Grandison," of Exeter Cathedral

J. HINTON MEMORIAL FUND.

The following contributions have been received for the above fund:—

	£	s.	d.
Rev. Tilney Bassett ...	0	5	0
Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower ...	0	5	0
Mr. W. A. Cave ...	0	5	0
Rev. C. D. P. Davies ...	0	2	6
Mr. W. W. Gifford ...	0	5	0
Per Mr. J. Holman ...	0	5	0
Mr. G. Iles ...	0	1	6
Mr. T. King ...	0	2	0
Mr. J. D. Matthews ...	0	2	6
Per Mr. H. Middleton ...	0	10	0
Mr. F. Price ...	0	1	0
Mr. J. H. Shepherd ...	0	5	0
Mr. A. Thomas ...	0	1	0
Mrs. Walker ...	0	5	0

Birmingham:—

Messrs. J. Bradley, J. Carter, W. H. Godden, J. E. Groves and J. Jones ...	0	6	6
St. Nicolas' Guild, Bristol ...	1	1	0
St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol ...	2	0	0
St. Stephen's Vestry, Bristol ...	1	1	0
Bridgend Ringers ...	0	2	0
Cardiff (St. John's) ...	0	5	0
St. Michael's Juniors, Glos. ...	0	10	0
Llandaff Cathedral ...	0	5	0

Minehead:—

Messrs. J. R. Jones and J. Passmore ...	0	4	0
Newport (All Saints) ...	0	3	6
Painswick Youths ...	0	5	0
Worcester Cathedral ...	0	10	6

Total ... £9 9 0

Funds are still needed to complete the Memorial, and further contributions would be gratefully received by the Treasurer, Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, 30, Broad Street, Bristol.

CHURCH ITEMS.

"Ealing really ought to have a Bishop all to itself," the Bishop of Kensington declares.

Acting upon medical advice, the Bishop of Norwich is leaving his diocese for a change of air.

The Bishop of Winchester gave an address at an open-air service in a street at Farnham on Sunday night.

A new parish hall has been erected at Groombridge, near Tunbridge Wells, as a memorial to King Edward VII.

At Finedon, Northamptonshire, the foundations of the parish church have been weakened by the roots of two large yew trees.

The Rev. J. B. Parker, curate of All Hallows Church, Lombard Street, has been appointed to the living of St. Jude's, Whitechapel.

The King has approved the appointment of the Rev. Francis Rosslyn Courtney Bruce, D.D. to the living of St. Augustine's, Edgbaston.

The Bishop of Winchester has appointed the Rev. E. C. Kirwan, rector of Holy Trinity and St. Mary, Guildford, to be Rural Dean of Guildford.

Owing to robberies at St Cyprian's, Brockley, a band of voluntary watchers now take turns on duty, to enable the church to be kept open until evensong.

At a diocesan conference of lay readers at St. Asaph, arrangements were made for readers to attend a special training course at Keble College, Oxford.

Canon Beaumont, who has just retired from the vicariate of Holy Trinity, Coventry, after 40 years' service, has been presented with a cheque for £330.

The Bishop of St. David's has appointed his eldest son, Mr. Griffith E. Owen, B.A., to the registrar of the diocese of St. David's, in succession to the late Mr. T. W. Barker.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has unveiled the window erected in the church at Eastchurch, Isle of Sheppey, in memory of the late Hon. C. S. Rolls and Mr. Cecil S. Grace.

A beautiful stained-glass window has been placed in the chancel of Finedon, Northants parish church, in memory of the late Canon Paul, who was for 63 years vicar of Finedon.

A series of Sunday open-air services is being conducted on Ealing Common by the various Ealing churches, under the auspices of the Bishop of London's Evangelistic Council.

Mrs. Richard Foster, of Holmwood, Chislehurst, has sent £100 to the rector of West Hackney (Rev. A. M. Batty) for the Restoration Fund. Over £1100 has been raised towards the £1500 required.

The Rev. Sidney Bott, M.A., has been presented by his parishioners with a purse containing £50, in recognition of his services for 35 years as vicar of St. Jude's Church, Kensal Rise, Paddington.

St. James's Church, Hatcham, is to be beautified by the addition of a mosaic, depicting the Lord's Supper, and a bronze tablet to the reredos as a memorial to the late Rev. James Arthur Sowter, vicar of the parish from 1901 to 1911.

A faculty has been granted authorising the erection in Dacre Church, Cumberland, of memorials to the Rev. Dr. John Troutbeck, Precentor of Westminster Abbey, who died in 1899, and his son, Mr. John Troutbeck, late coroner for South-West London, who died in February.

After having been vicar of Harrow Weald for 33 years, the Rev. W. H. Peers has resigned, owing to the illness of his wife. Mr. Peers 30 years ago became chairman of the Harrow School Board, and is to-day chairman of its successor, the Harrow School District Managers.

Lady Pelly, step-daughter of the late Sir Rutherford Alcock, and widow of the late Lt.-General Sir Lewis Pelly, will present the prizes to successful plot-holders, at the Church Army's "City" Garden, in Elverton Street, Horseferry Road, S.W., on Saturday afternoon.

The bells at Lavenham, Suffolk, have been dedicated by Bishop Harrison. The peal is a noted one, containing a magnificent tenor, considered by all experts to be the masterpiece of Miles Grave. It weighs 23 cwt., and is 52 inches across the mouth, a remarkable feature being its thinness. The ringers celebrate its birthday each June 21.

The Secretary of the Royal Naval Ports Church Building Fund, Church House, Westminster, has received £250 from Mrs. Elizabeth Crossley, £250 from Mr. Harry Lloyd, £100 from Miss Stancomb-Wills, £100 from Mrs. William Milburn, £50 from Mr. F. W. Harris, and £50 from "H. K." in response to the appeal of the Bishops of Winchester, Exeter, Rochester, and Southampton for help to build churches for the men who build and man the ships of the Royal Navy.

The dedication in ancient times of a number of churches in the country round London, in honour of St. Mary, necessitated the addition in each case of a distinguishing suffix—as St. Mary at Iselton or Islington; St. Mary, Whitechapel; St. Mary, Newington; St. Mary-le-Bourne, on the Tyburn Stream; and St. Mary Abbots, Kensington. Probably many people, if asked the meaning of the peculiar name given to the parish church of Kensington—St. Mary Abbots—would connect it with the Abbey of Westminster, whose landed property extended very far west and north. But, according to Lyson's "Environs," "the Manor of Abbot's, Kensington, was granted about the year 1100, by Godfrey de Vere, to the Abbot and Convent of Abingdon." Newcourt, in his "Repetitorium," explains that "Faricius, then Abbot of Abingdon, had cured Godfrey de Vere of a former sickness."

An interesting, if wholly subordinate, incident in the Winchester ceremony was the presence of four soldiers among the stewards—two corporals-of-horse representing the Blues, and a sergeant and a private of the Coldstream Guards. In the history of these regiments is to be found the reason why they were so represented on this occasion. The Blues, though embodied in 1661, were the lineal successors of a Roundhead regiment of horse; while the Coldstream Guards have maintained an unbroken existence from their first raising under Cromwell. It was thought not unfitting that the modern representatives of the Parliamentary forces who in an evil time grossly desecrated the cathedral, should join in celebrating the entry of the great church on a new chapter in its history. The Coldstream sergeant remarked to one of the Winchester scholars, "We have come to make an act of reparation"; to which the lad replied, "Oh, how jolly!"

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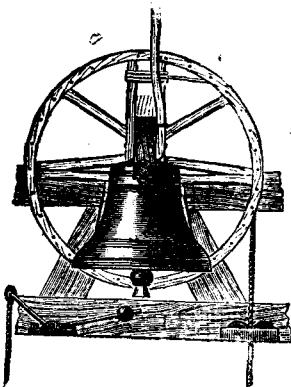
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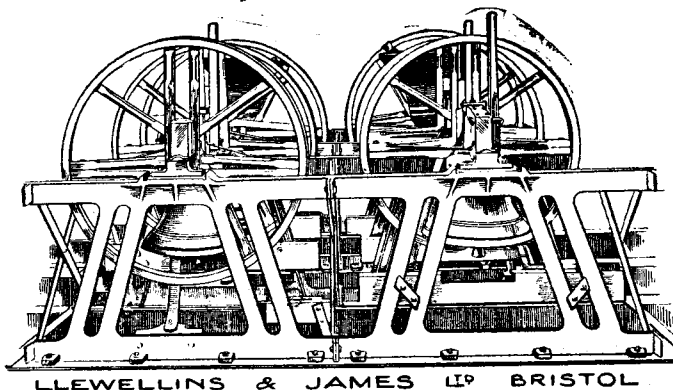
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NEW BELLS AT FOXTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

The village of Foxton, near Market Harborough, was *en fete* on Thursday, July 25th, the day set apart for the dedication of the new ring of six bells. For more than 250 years the old ring of five had done duty, and the worn-out frames were becoming a menace to the tower. Various estimates were asked for, and the work was finally entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who have put in a six-bell frame of iron upright H pattern, mounted on steel girders. At the same time it was decided to recast the old bells into a ring of six, with a tenor of 14 cwt., and tuned on the Simpson harmonic principle. This has been faithfully carried out by the founders, who have also re-produced on the new bells all the original inscriptions on the old. Five bells have been recast, and a new one added.

Thus on the opening day a large congregation assembled in the parish church to witness the dedication of the newly-hung bells by the Bishop of Leicester (Dr. Clayton).

The Vicar (the Rev. E. S. Edmonds, took the first part of the service, and the choir sang Smart's Te Deum in F. His lordship after the dedication, based an interesting address on the text, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that My House may be filled," observing that in nearly every hamlet and village throughout England there was a church, and this diocese was particularly noted for its very beautiful specimens, which suggested to him two thoughts—a common home: a house the common property of everyone. He deprecated the fact that the morning services were not what they were when he was a young man. Then the morning service was always the best and most largely attended, and he believed that in the fore-part of the day, the mind was clearer, and the heart more ready to enter into communion with God, and he hoped that the message of the bells would be fulfilled in the text he had quoted.

The new bell just added is inscribed:—"In memory of Thomas Widdowson, B.A., Vicar, Foxton, 1897-1903. Cast by Gillett and Johnston, 1912."

Subsequently a tea was held on the lawn of the Vicarage, and in the evening a band of the Midland Counties Association ringers were successful in ringing the first peal upon the bells in 3 hrs. 2 mins.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING AT WARWICK.

The ringers of the county were well represented in the county town on Saturday last, members attending from Allesley, Berkswell, Coventry, Lutterworth, Nuneaton, Rugby, Stoke Golding, Stratford-on-Avon, Sutton Coldfield, Tamworth, and Warwick, with Messrs. Parsons and Butler from Old Hill and Gainsborough respectively. The ten bells at St. Mary's, and the eight at All Saints were much in request during the afternoon and evening. Shortened evensong was said in St. Mary's church at 4.45 p.m., and Canon Baillie, of Rugby, had promised to

address the Guild. Unfortunately, however, he was prevented from attending, and sent as his substitute the Rev. P. M. Herbert, who delivered a very able address on the privileges and duties of ringers and Churchworkers, taking as his text Exodus xxxi, 1-6.

There was a large gathering at tea, which was partaken of at The Globe hotel, and subsequently

THE BUSINESS MEETING

was held. The Rev. Alan Williams (President of the Guild), occupied the chair, and was supported by the Misses Williams, Mr. James George (Master), Rev. C. Carew Cox (Hon. Secretary), Mr. W. G. Dickins (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. A. C. Coleman, of North Walsham (late Hon. Secretary), and about fifty members. Apologies were received from the Revs. Canon Blyth and H. C. Bell, Messrs. G. Martineau and J. Ambrose.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed,

The Hon. Secretary read the Committee's report for the year, which showed steady growth and improvement in the work of the Guild. The number of peals rung, viz., 25, constituted a record for the Guild.

NOTEWORTHY PERFORMANCES

are a peal of London Surprise Major by the Rugby company: a peal of Double Norwich Major by the local band at Stoke-in-Coventry; and a peal of Minor in eight Treble Bob methods by the Stoke Golding men. The number of members, after deducting 17 who have been struck off the register by the Committee, now stands at 174, as against 155 last year.

The Hon. Treasurer read the statement of accounts, which showed a balance brought forward of £12 os. 8d., and a balance in hand of £9 12s. 10d. This was considered very satisfactory.

The President (Rev. Alan Williams, and the Vice-presidents of the Guild, were unanimously re-elected. Mr. James George was re-elected as Ringing-Master; the Rev. C. Carew Cox as Hon. Secretary; Mr. W. G. Dickins as Hon. Treasurer; and Mr. J. Ambrose as Hon. Auditor. The following members were elected to serve on the Committee: Messrs. E. H. Adams (Warwick); T. W. Chapman (Nuneaton); T. Bloore (Sutton Coldfield); A. James (Berkswell); G. A. Martineau (Solihull); A. Roberts (Stoke-in-Coventry).

The names of twenty-one new members were brought forward for ratification, and election, including Mr. F. S. W. Butler, of Gainsborough.

Monthly meetings were arranged for August and September at Monks Kirby and Allesley respectively.

Mr. T. Bloore, of Sutton Coldfield, introduced the subject of

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING,

and suggested that some scheme be put into operation for allotting marks according to attendance, and the amount of ringing done. He asked that the Guild should consider the desirability of awarding a framed certificate, to be

held by the tower gaining the greatest number of marks during a period of twelve months, and if won by the same tower three years in succession, to become the absolute property of such tower.

Mr. Coleman supported, and pointed out that a similar scheme was already in operation in the Durham and Newcastle Association.

The Rev. C. Carew Cox also supported, while, at the same time he did not think the ringers present needed reminding that Sunday service ringing was their first duty. Still even if the duty was recognised, the scheme would offer some encouragement to carry out the duty in the best possible way. He thought it would be better not to be too hurried in the matter, as the details would require to be well discussed in order to prove absolutely fair to all towers.

On the suggestion of Mr. Dickins, a vote was taken as to whether the principle should be accepted, and the details left to be worked out by the Committee. This was carried with one dissentient.

A hearty vote of thanks to the incumbents of the various churches for the use of their bells, to the organist of St. Mary's, to the Rev. P. M. Herbert for his address, and to the Rev. Alan Williams for presiding at the meeting, concluded the business.

Members then adjourned to St. Mary's tower, and ringing was indulged in until 9.0 p.m., the Misses Williams taking part. It is hoped that before very long these ladies will be joining the ranks of the peal ringers, and thus bring further honour to the Guild.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A most successful quarterly meeting of the above took place at Llanbradach on Saturday, July 27th, and was attended by members from Bridgend, Caerleon, Cardiff, Newport, Merthyr, Caerphilly, Machen, and Rumney. In the unavoidable absence of the Rector, the curate of the parish (the Rev. James Bevan), heartily welcomed each member on arrival, and the bells being available were raised prior to the business meeting, and various methods rung. The parish rooms adjoining the Church, which are said to be the finest suite of rooms belonging to any parish church in Wales, were kindly lent for the business meeting, which commenced at 4.45, and was presided over by the Rev. James Bevan. After heartily welcoming the Association to Llanbradach, and adding a few jocular remarks, he asked the Hon. Secretary to read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were accepted as correct and signed. Instructors' reports were next heard, good progress being reported at Machen. This was followed by application for further instruction at Llanbradach, Mr. Stedman, of Merthyr, kindly volunteering his services.

Mr. Jones next read his report of the Central Council meeting. As regards the question which was discussed at the Council Meeting re the proper height to hang bells relative to the belfry windows, it may be here mentioned that Llanbradach tower is one in which a new ring of bells were put last year, and to stand outside close to the tower, when the bells were ringing, the noise was almost unbearable, but this has now been remedied by bricking up the louvres on the inside almost to the top. The result is that one can scarcely credit it is the same ring of bells, and yet it is stated the bells can be heard quite as great a distance as before. New members were elected from Llanbradach and Caerphilly towers.

A vote of congratulation was heartily carried to the

ladies who were successful in ringing the first ladies' peal at Cubitt Town, Miss Parker being specially mentioned for her successfully piloting the peal through.

Subscriptions were next taken, and this brought the meeting so a close.

Tea, which had been kindly provided by the Vicar of the parish, was then taken in the adjoining room, at the conclusion of which the best thanks was accorded him, and also to the ladies who so kindly helped.

The tower was then visited, and soon after a party made their way to Caerphilly tower, the bells there having been placed at the members disposal by the Rector. Those who had not heard these bells before, were delighted at the excellence of the "go" and tone. Various methods were rung, which brought to a close a most enjoyable evening.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

In glorious weather, about forty members, including Miss C. Playle, of the Dagenham band of the South-Western division of this Association, attended a meeting held at Woodford on Saturday, July 20th. Ringing commenced about 4 o'clock, and several touches were successfully rung on the peal of six at St. Mary's, before a short service, which was held at 5 o'clock, at which the Rector the Rev. — Saunders, gave an excellent address, taking as his text—"Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a draught," in which he urged the ringers not only to ring to call others to worship, but not to fail to attend the services themselves. The service over, tea, which the Rector had kindly invited the ringers to partake of on his lawn, was the next item on the programme. After doing justice to the kind hospitality of the Rector, the business side of the meeting was attended to. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read without comment, the following new members were elected: Messrs. G. T. Clayton, and Robt. Maynard, sen., of Walthamstow; H. Saffell (Leytonstone); Petty and Cornell (Wanstead); A. Newman (Woodford); Wm. Vale (Chigwell); Rev. E. Wigg (West Ham). West Ham was proposed and carried unanimously, as the place where the annual meeting should be held in October.

This concluded the business meeting, and after the Rector had given a most hearty welcome to the Association, and the Master (Mr. G. A. Black), had thanked him for his kindness in entertaining the ringers, for the use of his bells, and his short address at the service, the ringers again availed themselves of the opportunity to ring the bells, which were kept going in various Plain and Surprise methods. Some of the ringers, including Miss Playle, the lady ringer, made their way to Wanstead, and rang several touches of Plain and Treble Bob on the peal of six bells at Christ Church. Ringing was kept up until about 9 o'clock, when the ringers dispersed, and made their various ways home, with the feeling that a most enjoyable meeting had been held.

A collection in aid of the fund for the restoration of Shoreditch bells was made, and realised 12s. 6d.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

A meeting of this branch of the above Association was held at the parish church, Blackburn, last Saturday. A committee meeting was held in the vestry at 4 o'clock, representatives from Rossendale, Manchester, Rochdale, Liverpool, Blackburn, Preston, Fylde, Bolton, Furness and Lake District branches attending. A short service was conducted by the Rev. T. R. Sale, M.A., Vicar and Rural Dean of Blackburn, followed by the branch meeting held in the churchyard, the President of the Association (Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A.), presiding.

The Rev. T. R. Sale in welcoming the committee, made a few encouraging remarks to the ringers. Mr. W. Heaton, and Mr. J. Watson were re-elected as branch President and Secretary respectively. Mr. W. E. Wileon was elected representative to the Committee. It was proposed the next branch peal be Oxford Treble Bob Major, and the next branch meeting be held at Accrington on Saturday, August 24th.

A vote of thanks accorded to the Rev. H. J. Elsee for presiding, concluded the meeting. During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going in various methods till 9.30 p.m.

NOTES.

Some few weeks since, we published an appeal to the ringers of the country to provide a fund for placing a bell in the Mission Church of Lulwe, South Africa.

We now learn that a start has been made by some companies who have sent contributions to Mrs. Robinson.

The cost of the bell works out at about £30, and 1d. from each member of the Exercise would cover the cost, beside leaving something towards freight and other charges.

Mrs. E. Robinson, of "Mossdene," Blackboro' Road, Reigate, will be pleased to receive and acknowledge any sums sent towards the "Ringers' Bell Fund."

Readers will note with pleasure the records of touches from Auckland, New Zealand. Our correspondent this week gives the localities from which ringers hail.

Two ringers in the touch rung to celebrate the birthday of King George V., hail from Hersham, and one from Mitcham, in Surrey.

Last week we recorded Mr. A. W. Grimes' 50th peal this year. He seems bent on making a record, for this week he still goes on with them, his name appearing in no less than three peals.

A band of Winchester Guild members will, we are informed, make an attempt to beat the record of 14,031 Stedman Caters, recently rung by ringing 22,222 changes in the same method on Monday next. We wish them success in the gigantic task they have set themselves. They deserve it.

The Church of St. Mellons (near Cardiff), is, we understand, to be restored, and efforts are being made to obtain sufficient funds to put in a ring of bells.

BY ROYAL WARRANT

TO

HER LATE MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA.—1857-1901.

HIS LATE MAJESTY KING EDWARD VII.—1901-1910.

HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V.

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THE LADIES' PEAL.

Last week two correspondents sent a report of this peal. In one case the name of the writer was given, in the other it was omitted. As is our usual custom we took the report which was authenticated, which, unfortunately, was incorrect, the ringers of the 5th and 6th being transposed. Below we give the peal amended, as well as Miss Parker's fifty peals and the corrected rendering of the verse in the ballad relating to the peal.

POPLAR, LONDON, E.

THE LADIES' NATIONAL GUILD OF RINGERS.

On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

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

Conducted by Miss E. K. PARKER.

*First peal in the method. †First peal with a bob bell. ‡First peal. Miss Parker's fiftieth peal. The band wish to thank the Vicar and ringers of Cubitt Town for their kindness; Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for kindly entertaining some of the band; and Mr. J. Thomas for sitting in the tower during the peal in case of emergency.

MISS PARKER'S FIFTY PEALS.

	TOWER BELLS.	CONDUCTED.	HANDBELLS.	
Grandsire Triples ...	1	1	...	5 conducted 1
Stedman Triples ...	10	7		
Double Norwich Major ...	2			
Superlative Surprise Maj.	13	9		
Cambridge Surprise Maj.	4	3		
London Surprise Major ...	12	7		
Cumberland Delight Maj.	1	1		
Bristol Surprise Major ...	1			
Forward Royal ...	1			
	45	28	5	1
Total 50; Conducted 29.				

From the place where once the donor of "Pilgrim's Progress" scorned a peal
Came to ring the 5th in honour, Bedford's delegate, EVA STEEL.
Next stood Portishead's fair daughter—NELLIE GILLINGHAM her name,
Sweet bell music sought and caught her, and it brought her into fame.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of Notices under this heading is Sixpence for 30 words, for the first insertion; repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on August 6th and 20th; at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 6th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 13th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 15th and 29th; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.
The funeral of the late Mr. W. Cooter will take place at Manor Park Cemetery on Saturday, August 3rd, at 3.45 p.m. Forest Gate or Manor Park Stations on Great Eastern Railway.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Northern District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, N.W., on Saturday, August 17th. The tower will be open from 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7.35 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.

WM. H. HOTTNE, Hon. Sec.

42, Thornhill Road, Barnsbury, N.

Peterborough and District Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Monday, August 5th. Bells available—Cathedral (5), St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6). Service at St. Mary's church at 4.30. Tea at Fitzwilliam Temperance hotel. Meeting after.

F. T. COOKE, Hon. Sec.

195, Gladstone Road, Peterborough.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 10th. Bells ready at 4. 3 Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

WALTER HUGHES, Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Middleton on Saturday, August 10th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. Nominations for branch president and committee-man to be sent in for this meeting.

J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.

13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Seal Chart on Saturday, August 24th. Tower open at 3.30. Service in church at 5. Tea will be provided at Frankfield after the service by the kindness of the Misses Wilkinson. Members intending to attend the meeting are requested to notify the District Secretary not later than Wednesday, August 21st.

W. LATTER, Hon. Dis. Sec.

26, Dukes Road, Tunbridge Wells.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—In order to facilitate the publishing of future reports, conductors of peals are requested to send particulars of peals called by them within seven days of such performance to

T. HERVEY BEAMS, Asst. Hon. Sec.

Bradpole, Bridport.

N.B.—Will conductors of peals since January 1st, 1912, also oblige.

Notice.—Shoreditch Bells Fund.—Funds are urgently needed to put this grand old peal in proper repair. £50 wanted before the work can be commenced. Who will help a poor parish? Contributions thankfully received and gratefully acknowledged. Collecting cards also supplied by H. J. Bradley, The Parish Church, Shoreditch, E.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The summer meeting of the above Association was held at Corbridge, and Hexham on Saturday, July 27th. During the afternoon touches were rung on the six-bell peal of St. Andrew's church, Corbridge. Tea was provided at The Tynedale hotel, a fair company being present. At the conclusion of the meal the President, Mr. C. L. Routledge, thanked the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, also those responsible for the use of the bells at Hexham Abbey.

In replying the Rev. Canon Lonsdale expressed his pleasure at being amongst the ringers that day, his fondness for the bells, and his appreciation of the work the ringers did for the Church. He suggested that after tea they should accompany him to the church, and he would explain to them the architecture and the various interesting parts of it. The suggestion was readily accepted.

The President reported to the meeting that a serious illness had suddenly overtaken the Rev. —. Allwork, rector of Wheakham, an old friend and staunch supporter of the Association, and it was unanimously agreed that a letter of sympathy be sent from the meeting.

The members availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting the church, and warmly thanked Canon Lonsdale for his interesting lecture. The remainder of the evening was spent at Hexham, where some good touches were rung on the Abbey eight.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).—On Monday, July 22nd, 720 College Pleasure. W. Rose, E. Youngs, G. Bailey, G. Cattermole, A. Bailey, A. J. Berry, G. Cattermole (conductor). First 720 College Pleasure by the two Bailey's.

5184 or 5072 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By W. HYDE INGLESANT.—THREE PART PEAL.

23456 I 5 6

34526	-	S
45236	-	S
32546	S	S
25346	-	-
53246	-	-
52346	-	S
23546	-	-
35246	-	-

25643* - -

56243 -

26345	-	-
63245	-	-
32645	-	-
36245	S	-
62345	-	-
23645	-	-

SECOND PART.

23645

36425
64235
32465
24365
43265
42365
23465
34265

24563

45263

25364

53264

32564

35264

52364

23564

THIRD PART.

23564

35624

56234

32654

26354

63254

62354

23654

36254

26453

64253

24356

43256

32456

34256

42356

23456

This peal contains all the 6 4s, 6 5s, 4 6s and the 5 6s: the 2nd never above 4th's place at course-ends except in first course of each part. This peal contains some of the best musical properties obtainable in this method with tenors together. * May be reduced to 5072 by adding a bob at 4 and omitting bob at 6 in following course.

5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

By C. J. SEDGLEY, Ipswich.

23456 B M W H

42356	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-
25634	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-
65324	-	-	-
36524	-	-	-
53624	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-
34256	x	-	-
23456	-	-	-

Has 4th and 6th extents in 6th place.

May 17th, 1912.

5248 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By GEO. CROSS.

23456 I 4 5 6

54326	-	-
43526	-	-

23645 - - -

36245 - - -

42635 - - -

26435 - - -

64235 - - -

32465 - - -

24365 - - -

25346 - - -

53246 - - -

32546 - - -

Repeat three times; single for bob at 1 in third course of second and fourth parts. Omit calls braced in one part reduces to 5024.

A DIAGRAM OF UNION TRIPLES (1893), may be had gratis, on application by letter to W. H. THOMPSON, 5, Sillwood Street, Brighton, to whom the unsold remainder has been returned by the publishers.

The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 1912.

The Provinces.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 15, 1912, in Three Hours and sixteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS Treble.	SAMUEL WESLEY 6.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2.	*ERNEST H. CLARKE 7.
FREDK. SMITH 3.	*E. MAURICE ATKINS 8.
GEORGE DAVIES 4.	BART MITCHELL 9.
CHARLES DRAPER 5.	FRANK JACOB Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

*First peal of Stedman Caters.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr.

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by EDWIN WHITING.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 22, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

CLARENCE GOOCH Treble.	BERTIE TURNER 4.
JOHN SNELLING 2.	GEORGE SNELLING 5.
FREDK. MANSE 3.	FREDK. SEAGER Tenor.

Conducted by F. MANSE.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ARTHUR BYGRAVE Treble.	REUBEN BALDWIN 5.
HUBERT J. BLACKWELL 2.	*GEORGE HUXLEY 6.
ALFRED JAMES 3.	GEORGE DURLING 7.
SPENCER MARSHALL 4.	ISAAC EMERY Tenor.

Composed by F. BENNETT, and Conducted by G. DURLING.

*First peal of Major. For calling see Kent County Report for 1912 page 75.

AUCKLAND (New Zealand).—To show their loyalty to His Most Gracious Majesty King George V. the local company rang on Monday, June 3rd, His Majesty's birthday, at St. Matthew's church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Heather (Auckland, New Zealand), O. Throssell (Northleach, Gloucestershire), P. Guppy (Ballarat, Victoria, Australia), E. Hamblin (Hersham, Surrey), A. J. White (Mitcham, Surrey), S. C. Hamblin (conductor, Hersham, Surrey). Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. The first 720 on the bells, and also the first in the method in New Zealand.

BLACKBURN—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE BLACKBURN AND MANCHESTER BRANCHES)

On Tuesday, July 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HENRY WALKER Treble.	FREDERICK HINDLE 5.
EMMANUEL DUTSON 2.	JOHN WATSON 6.
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3.	WILLIAM EDWARD WILSON 7.
W. H. IDLE 4.	JAMES ASHTON Tenor.

Conducted by W. E. WILSON.

*First peal of Stedman. Firsts peal of Stedman on the bells. The peal was arranged for W. H. Idle, who is on holiday in the district.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT BROWN Treble.	*ERNEST WHITING 5.
EDWIN WHITING 2.	*GEORGE SNELLING 6.
HENRY GARNHAM 3.	FREDERICK BORRETT 7.
JOHN SNELLING 4.	CHARLES BRICE Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

*First peal in the method.

FOXTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz.: Double Oxford, Double Court, Court Bob, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble, Kent Treble and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

CYRIL F. JOHNSTON Treble.	E. MAURICE ATKINS 4.
J. JAMES JACKSON 2.	ALBAN JARMAN 5.
WALTER WHITE 3.	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

First peal in seven methods by ringers of treble and 5th. First peal on the bells, and was rung after the dedication service. These bells have just been recast into six by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and rehung in iron and steel frame.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

CHARLES SAMSON Treble.	GEORGE HARDY 5.
ALLEN F. BAILEY 2.	JAMES M. BAILEY 6.
FREDERICK W. BAILEY 3.	STANFORD J. WOLFE 7.
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4.	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

*First peal of Oxford.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

LEONARD HARRIS Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5.
HENRY W. WILKES 2.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 6.
JOHN S. RUMMIN 3.	EDWIN J. HARDING 7.
CHARLES H. RUSSELL 4.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Treble Bob; also first peal of Kent Treble Bob on the bells.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALLEN R. HICKTON Treble.	JOSEPH BAILEY 5.
EDWARD C. GOBEY 2.	FRANK JOHNSON 6.
GEORGE WALKER 3.	RICHARD DRAGE 7.
ALBERT COPPOCK 4.	NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON Tenor.

Composed by E. C. GOBEY, and
Conducted by NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to John Hickman, of Nottingham; also to Dr. Bayliss, of Long Eaton. George Walker hails from Birmingham.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(SWINDON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr.

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

Conducted by ERNEST BISHOP.

ERITH, KENT.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

ALAN R. MACDONALD* .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWITT 5.
ERNEST PYE 2.	REUBEN SANDERS 6.
ISAAC G. SHADY 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
ALFRED W. GRIMES 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*50th peal.

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

On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES.
Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS WRIGHT Treble.	ALBERT WRIGHT 6.
JOHN WIGMORE 2.	*THOMAS CHAPELLOW 7.
WILLIAM IRELAND 3.	FRED MILLARD 8.
WILLIAM HALE 4.	FRANK COLE 9.
WILLIAM HASTINGS 5.	HUBERT HANES Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

*First peal. Arranged and rung as a farewell peal for Mr. J. Wigmore, on leaving for Australia, his brother ringers wishing him God speed.

PAINSWICK.—On Sunday evening, July 21st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), was rung at the parish church, in 52 mins. T. Wright, C. West, W. Ireland, W. Hale, W. Staite, A. Wright, T. Chapellow, F. Millard, F. Cole, H. Hauks. Composed and Conducted by Albert Wright.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, City Delight, Killamarsh Treble Bob, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Kent and Oxford.

FREDERICK PARR Treble.	T. A. HOWES SMITH 4.
HARRY GREAVES 2.	W. H. TURTON 5.
JAMES EMMEN 3.	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor.

Conducted by C. SEVERN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in affectionate remembrance of the late Rev. Francis James Metcalfe, for 25 years Rector of the parish. R.I.P.

WEST KIRBY, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES W. BELL Treble.	JOHN ALLEN 5.
JOHN WILKINSON 2.	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6.
THOMAS JENNION 3.	JOHN TURNER 7.
GEORGE WOODHALL 4.	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells. The ringers desire to thank Canon Blencowe for granting his permission, and the local men for having everything in readiness.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

WILLIAM ROSE Treble.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	ARTHUR BAILEY 5.
GEORGE BAILEY 3.	ALPHABUS BERRY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLLE.

First peal in seven Treble Bob methods by the Messrs. Bailey, who hail from Rickingham.

REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

ARTHUR BAILEY Treble.	ALPHABUS BERRY 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	LEONARD LAST 5.
GEORGE BAILEY 3.	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

This peal of Treble Bob in seven methods is believed to be the first on the bells. L. Last hails from Wickham Skeith; Youngs, Berry, and Rose from Thornham Magna; and the two Baileys from Rickingham.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, July 20th, 720 Victoria Treble Bob. W. Hollocks (conductor), H. Gladwell, A. Symonds, C. W. R. Grimwood, H. Crick, H. Poulson. Mr. Grimwood hails from Tooting, Surrey, and is a native of Hitcham, Suffolk, and it was his first attempt in the method.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HENRY S. REEVES Treble.	WALTER S. INWOOD 5.
THOMAS L. SIMMONS* 2.	*FRANK T. MARTIN 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	CHARLES CASTLE 7.
ALAN R. MACDONALD 4.	JOHN H. B. HESSE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Dennis, the genial steeplekeeper.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH)

On Tuesday, July 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HUGH WATTS* Treble.	HERBERT ALLRED 5.
JOHN T. ALLRED 2.	JOSEPH RIDYARD 6.
JOHN POTTEE 3.	HARRY ALLRED 7.
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW* 4.	ROBERT ALLRED Tenor.

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and Conducted by ROBERT ALLRED.

*First peal of Bob Major.

Handbell Peals.

HAGGERSTON, LONDON, N.E.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. A. W. GRIMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 1-2.	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD .. 5-6.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 3-4.	*ALFRED W. GRIMES .. 7-8.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire—Mr. Frank Hairs. *First peal of Major on handbells.

HAGGERSTON, LONDON, N.E.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. A. W. Grimes,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 1-2.	FRANK BENNETT 7-8.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 3-4.	FRANK I. HAIRS 9-10.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD .. 5-6.	ALFRED W. GRIMES .. 11-12.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Umpire—Mr. H. J. Ranzetta. First peal of Bob Maximus by the Association, and by all the band. Miss Bennett is the first lady to score a peal in any method above ten bells.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At 7, The Broadway,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

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

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

In this peal 4, 5, 6 have their extent in 6ths place at course-ends.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Two Hours,

In the Belfry of St. Paul's Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s—i. Kent Treble Bob; ii. Oxford Treble Bob; iii. Double and Single Court; iv. Double and Single Oxford; v. Double Bob and St. Clements; vi. Canterbury Pleasure; vii. Plain Bob.

CHARLES SANDERS .. 1-2.	ALBERT P. WAXLEY .. 3-4.
WILLIAM SHERCLIFF 5-6.	

Conducted by A. P. WAXLEY.

Umpire—J. T. Dyke. This is the first peal in ten methods ever rung on handbells, and the first in ten methods and seven 720s by the Association.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

At 155, Waterloo Street.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

WILLIAM SHERCLIFF .. 1-2.	ALBERT P. WAXLEY .. 5-6.
CHARLES SANDERS* .. 3-4.	JOSEPH T. DYKE .. 7-8.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

Umpire—Arthur K. Harrison. Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to the conductor. *First peal with an inside pair.

FULHAM, LONDON, S.W.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Monday, July 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

In the Belfry of All Saints' Church

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

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

Composed by WILLIAM H. BARBER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpires—Messrs. F. G. Woodiss and S. J. Collins. *First handbell peal of Royal. First peal of Royal on handbells by the above society. This composition contains the extent of the 6th at home.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD, S.E.—For evening service at St. John's church, on Sunday, July 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from the Original, in 42 mins. G. R. Simmonds, T. G. Deal, E. B. Crowder, J. Law, A. G. Bennington, J. Crowder, F. W. Richardson, W. Daynes.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN BRANCH

MALVERN LINK.—On Sunday evening, July 28th, for Divine Service at St. Matthias' church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. W. Niblett, E. E. Barber, F. Stanton, J. Brown, H. Chance, C. Camm (longest length), R. G. Knowle (conductor), A. Richings.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

UTTOXETER.—At St. Mary's church on Tuesday, July 23rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. Lunn, E. Roberts, A. P. Oope, J. Richardson, R. G. Lewis, H. Willisford, C. Smith (conductor), E. Green. First quarter-peal in the method by all except the ringers of the 5th and 6th, and first by a local band.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Thursday, July 25th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. B. Tubb, W. H. Tubb, W. Webb, A. Howel, F. Tubb, F. Barker (conductor). Also 360 Grandsire Doubles. G. Webb, W. Webb, F. Barker, A. Howel, F. Tubb, G. Saunders. Conducted by W. Webb.

In Memoriam.**WILLIAM COOTER.**

BORN 1825. DIED 1912. AGED 87 YEARS.

Death has claimed another of the veterans of the Ringing Exercise in the person of Mr. William Cooter, who for close on seventy years had been identified with change-ringing. One by one the older members pass away, giving place to the younger ones, and one cannot help feeling a sense of regret as one contemplates the thinning of the ranks of those who have borne the burden and heat of the day, and to whom the younger generation owe so much in the way of training. So William Cooter has gone over to the great majority, leaving another gap in the ranks. We are indebted to one who knew him well for the following biographical sketch.

Mr. William Cooter was born in the parish of St. George-in-the-East on February 8th, 1825, and died July 28th, 1912. He commenced to learn change-ringing in the company of Messrs. Wood, Landsell, J. Mash, Bradley, S. Austin and others. In his 21st year he rang his first peal Grandsire Triples—with the St. James's Society, Messrs. Comb, Pye and Wood scoring their first peals on the same occasion. Mr. Cooter also took part in the first peals of Double Norwich, Superlative and Stedman Cinques rung by the St. James's Society, of which he was elected Master in 1852. To the credit of this Society also is due a silent peal of Stedman Triples on handbells, rung in March, 1854, by Messrs. Cooter, Haley, Cox and Wood.

In the year 1846 he was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, in which he discharged the duties of Steward, Master, and for several years Secretary. He took part in many great performances, and was in the long peals of Treble Bob at Spitalfields and Bethnal Green. He conducted a peal of Stedman Triples on handbells on January 20th, 1854, the others of the band being Messrs. Ferris, Wood and Dwight.

Mr. Cooter was an exceptionally fine exponent of change-ringing, and up to Michaelmas, 1908, was a member of the St. Paul's Cathedral band. For some time previous he had been unable to see across the tower, and had to rely on his quick sense of hearing for the accurate striking of his bell. Through his eyesight failing him he was not able to go far from home, but was always glad for ringers to call and talk over old times.

Mr. Cooter's list of performances comprise 216 peals, of which twelve have been on handbells retained in hand, viz.: Grandsire Triples, 4; Stedman Triples, 2; Stedman Caters, 4; Stedman Cinques, 2.

The whole pull and stand was rung to his memory at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on July 30th, by E. Horrex, C. F. Winney, E. Gibbs, J. W. Rowbotham, H. Springall, C. Lee, S. E. Joyce, R. French, F. J. Hardy, T. H. Taffender, A. B. Peck, W. T. Cockerill. This was followed by two courses of Stedman Cinques (the last touch called by Mr. Cooter) in which Messrs. Burden and Barker took part.

As announced in another column the funeral takes place this (Saturday) afternoon at 3.45, at Manor Park Cemetery. Manor Park or Forest Gate Station on the G.E.R. are both convenient.

RICKINGHALL (Suffolk).—On Sunday, July 28th, after Evening, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. C. Chenery, E. Youngs, A. J. Berry, H. Morley, G. Bailey, A. Bailey (conductor).

CROYDON RINGERS' OUTING.

Thirty ringers, members of the parish church and St. Peter's companies, journeyed to Margate on Saturday week for their annual outing. The day was spent in proper ringers' fashion. Leaving Croydon at 6.45 the journey was enlivened by handbell ringing, touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters being brought round; also some capital tune ringing. Arriving at Margate a bee-line was made for the church of St. John, expecting a pull, but found the church under repair. But Mr. Saxby came to the rescue and prevailed upon the contractor to allow them to ring, and the most was made of the permission by ringing some good touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

Dinner was served at The Terrace hotel. After doing justice to the excellent spread provided by Host Munns, a move was made to the Waterlow Tower, Quex Park, where Grandsire Caters and Stedman Caters were rung. The rest of the day was spent by the visitors in their own sweet way till train time, Croydon being reached at 11.50 p.m. The company, through "THE BELL NEWS," wish to thank Messrs. Saxby, Willshire and Dallas for their great assistance in helping to make such an enjoyable day.

ST. JAMES', WHITFIELD, GLOSSOP.**RINGERS' OUTING.**

With the kind permission of the Vicar and church officials, and through the generosity of these and members of the congregation, the ringers belonging to the above tower, together with their wives, had their annual outing on Sunday, July 14th. It took the form of a drive, the places visited being Tidewell, Ashford-in-the-Waters and Buxton. Assembling at 6 a.m. a start was made in two conveyances, through Hayfield and Chapel-en-le-Frith to Tideswell, where breakfast was in readiness at The Horse and Jockey hotel. Appetites having been whetted by the drive through the early morning air, this was thoroughly enjoyed. After a stroll round the quaint old village and a visit to the church the journey was recommenced, and an enjoyable drive through the lovely Monsal Dale, brought the company to Ashford, where a halt was called, and time allowed for a stroll round and an inspection of the church. Buxton was the next objective, so a start was made from Ashford, through Saddington and Ashwood Vale, where the foliage was at its best. At Buxton tea was partaken of at The White Lion hotel, and an hour or so spent in visiting such places as were open for inspection. Then the homeward journey was commenced via Hayfield and Chapel-en-le-Frith, Glossop being reached about ten o'clock. The drive through the lovely scenery of the Peak District was very much enjoyed by all, and their thanks are tendered to those who by subscribing the needful to defray the cost made such an enjoyable outing possible. Among the party was P.C. Richard Newton, a well-known ringer in the Manchester district, and a member of the City Police Force, who was also accompanied by his wife.

The re-hanging of the bells of St. Woolos Church (Newport, Mon.), which have not been rung since Easter, is likely to be put in hand in the course of a month or so.

ST. ANNE'S, SOUTH TOTTENHAM.

OUTING TO BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH.

The members of the St. Anne's Guild, South Tottenham, spent a very happy day on the occasion of their annual outing. At the invitation of Mr. T. Ringrose, some of the ringing members of the Spitalfields Foundry Staff accompanied the party, together with other friends. It was decided that a visit should be paid to that delightful little old world spot, Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex, famous as a yachting centre and for its oyster beds.

A jovial party therefore gathered at Liverpool Street Station on the fateful morning and ensconced themselves in reserved carriages in a train which was crowded with expectant folks anxious to escape the tropical heat of the Great Metropolis. Punctual to the minute the train steamed out of the station, and immediately a fine peal of twelve handbells was brought into use, whilst in another carriage it was discovered that one of the party had a set of eight handbells hidden in his pocket. Many touches were rung including courses of Stedman and Grandsire Cinques. At last the party disembarked at Burnham-on-Crouch where everything was in readiness at St. Mary's Church, thanks to the forethought of Mr. Cook, and the ring of six bells which have recently been recast and augmented by Messrs. Warner & Sons, of London, were soon set going. A start was made by members of the Spitalfields Foundry Staff, and a well struck 1260 of Plain Bob Minor, conducted by W. Nudds, was rung in forty-four minutes.

An adjournment was then made for luncheon which had been most generously provided by the Church Authorities, and full justice was done to all the good things. Mr. Robert Warner rose to express the thanks of the party to the Rev. H. W. Watson, M.A. and his warden, Mr. W. Croxon, for their welcome and for the use of their bells. In reply, the Rev. H. W. Watson, M.A., spoke in eloquent terms of his great appreciation of the visit of the St. Anne's Guild and their friends. Tune playing and touches upon the handbells were then indulged in, and whilst some visited the various objects of interest in the town, others set off again for the church to listen to 360 Kent Treble Bob which was cut short by having to make a start for St. Mary's Church, Shenfield, which contains a ring of six, also recently recast and augmented by Messrs. Warner & Sons. After a substantial tea in the garden of the "Eagle and Child" Hotel, 1260 Kent Treble Bob, conducted by W. Nudds, was rung in forty-six minutes by members of the Spitalfields Foundry Staff. Ringing was kept up until late in the evening, and 720 Grandsire Doubles conducted by C. Rose was rung by members of the St. Anne's Guild.

Thanks are due to the Rev. H. Gresley, M.A., and to Mr. Harcourt Landon, the latter for so kindly placing his magnificent grounds at the disposal of the party. Mr. Landon and a large party of his friends were in their turn entertained with tune playing and touches on the handbells. More touches on the handbells enlivened the journey home, and when Liverpool Street was reached at 11.45 p.m., the party separated, well pleased with their outing.

LAVENHAM CHURCH BELLS.

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING.

After re-banging and substantial repairs to the bell frame which has cost over £100 to carry out, the Benediction of the fine peal of bells at the Lavenham parish church was performed on Wednesday week by the Right Rev. Bishop Harrison, D.D.

The service was preceded by a short organ recital by Mr. W. W. J. Roper at 7 p.m., and, needless to say, this was much appreciated by the large congregation which rapidly filled the grand old church. Among these visitors were Mr. G. Randall Johnson (a son of the Rev. Richard Johnson, Rector of Lavenham from 1825 to 1855), who had made the work of repair to the bells possible by his liberal contribution to the fund, and Mr. A. G. Fuller, of America, who is a descendant of Jacobus Fuller, whose name as churchwarden is inscribed on the fourth bell, dated 1603. This and the sixth bell are the oldest in the ring, and were cast by Richard Bowler, from whom Miles Graye, the famous Colchester bell-founder, learnt his business. It will be remembered that among the Lavenham bells is the magnificent tenor bell, which is considered by all experts to be the masterpiece of Miles Graye. John Carr, when he first heard her, said, "She came in with such a noble sound that she vibrated a perfect octave." Others have observed the absence of overtones; some consider she varies with the weather. Her peculiarity seems to be her thinness, especially at the crown. Her weight is 23 cwt., and she is 52 inches across the mouth, and her note is E flat. The bell is held in high honour at Lavenham and by all bell-ringers; her birthday is celebrated as a rule on the 21st of June, but this year it was kept on Wednesday last, as on the former date the bell-chamber was still occupied by Messrs. George Day and Son, of Eye, Suffolk, who are to be congratulated on their recent work at Lavenham Church, having carried it out to the satisfaction of Mr. W. D. Caroe, M.A., F.S.A., who drew up the specification of what was required to be done. The parish is fortunate in the possession of two active churchwardens, Messrs. H. C. Stead and H. J. Landon, and the last-named gentleman has spent much time in the tower during the last few weeks, overlooking the work that has been done, and acting as honorary "clerk of the works." The rector (Rev. W. B. L. Hopkins), who has been most enthusiastic and unremitting in his efforts to carry the matter through, was responsible for the details and order of the special service used on Wednesday evening, and was assisted by the Rev. R. L. Gardner (assistant curate), Mr. C. Corbetta (organist) and the large voluntary choir, to whom much credit is due for the result achieved. The service commenced with a processional hymn, "Through the night of doubt and sorrow," followed by a shortened choral Evensong up to the Apostles' creed. The special lessons were read by the Rev. E. Hill (Rural Dean of Lavenham and Rector of Cockfield), and the Rev. Henry Taylor (Rector of Great Barton). During the singing of the hymn "O happy band of pilgrims," the choir and clergy proceeded from the chancel to the tower, where Bishop Harrison performed the actual rite of Benediction, one prayer, having allusion to the bell-ringers, being taken in the ringing chamber by the Rev. R. L. Gardner (district secretary for the Archdeaconry of Sudbury of the Ely Diocesan Association of Ringers). After the Benediction, the ringers gave a short touch on the bells, and, while this was being done, the choir and clergy reformed into procession. At the conclusion of the touch, the whole congregation sang the "Te Deum." The sermon by the Venerable the Archdeacon of Sudbury (Archdeacon Hodges) dealt with the growth and use of bells and the way in which they are associated with our national life. The service ended in the usual way, the Bishop giving the final Blessing. The choir gave an excellent rendering of the Seven-Fold Amen, and sang the hymn "Now thank we all our God" as a recessional. Mr. C. Corbetta, who presided at the organ for the service, finely rendered the voluntary "Gloria in Excelsis" (Mozart) as the congregation left the church.

The offertory, which was for the church bells repair fund, amounted to £6 19s. 6d.

Merry peals were rung at frequent intervals on the bells during the day, and the flag of St. George floated from the church tower. In the early morning 1008 of Grandsire Triples were rung by the local ringers, and during the day touches of Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Norwich and Stedman Triples. The ringers came from Cavendish, Saffron Walden, Cambridge, Tooting, Bury St. Edmunds, Fulham, Preston, Pentlow, and Long Melford. Mr. F. Day, of Eye, one of the bell-bangers, was among those who took part. The peals were conducted by Messrs. A. Hubbard, S. H. Symonds, and F. Pittsow.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUDBURY DISTRICT.

The annual district meeting of the above branch was held at Lavenham, on Saturday, July 27th. Twenty-seven members sat down to tea at 4 p.m., presided over by the Rector (Rev. W. B. L. Hopkins). Tea was followed by the usual business meeting, at which eleven new members were elected.

The Rector welcomed the ringers to Lavenham, and in his speech gave a short account of the work lately carried out on the bells. Regret at the loss of the Rev. E. J. Teesdale as Secretary of the district was expressed by the Secretary, and echoed by those present. The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting.

During the afternoon and evening there was some very good ringing, touches of Stedman, Double Norwich, Oxford, Kent and Grandsire Triples being brought round. Ringers were present from Bocking, Bury St. Edmunds, Coggeshall, Horringer, Ingham, Lavenham, Long Melford, Mildenhall and Thetford.

HOLCOMBE ROGUS, DEVON.

What is hoped will be beneficial to the local band was a visit paid by four ringers who cycled from the Exeter district on Sunday, July 14th, to further the interest the locals had taken in the Stedman method, which they have been quietly studying of late. Both before and after service the bells were kept going, and in the afternoon the bells of Burlescombe were also visited and a most enjoyable ring obtained on the fine peal of six recently rehung by Harry Stokes and Son, of Woodbury. Here the natives have affiliated themselves to the Devonshire Guild, and with such material should make a good band of change-ringers. The visitors were the guests throughout the day of Mr. and Mrs. Vickery, whose kind hospitality will long remain a pleasant memory of the visit.

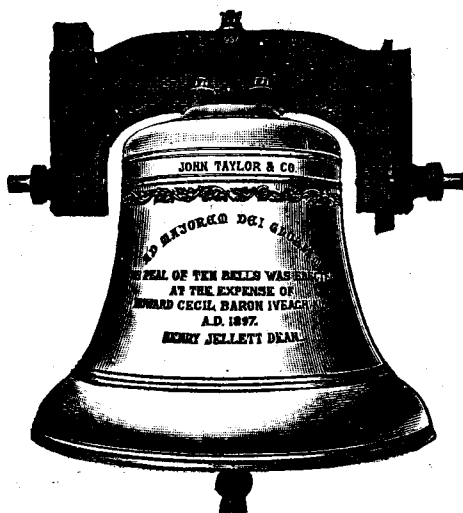
WIMBLEDON (Surrey).—On Tuesday, July 23rd, for practice at St. Mary's church, 360 Bob Minor. W. De Vulder, W. F. Sykes, R. Moss, R. Pettybridge, A. Taylor, S. Frost (conductor). W. F. Sykes hails from Sawston, Cambs.

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Also the bells of Dundalk R.C. Cathedral, and "Great Bede" of Downside Abbey, Also for the town halls of Manchester, Preston, Bradford, Halifax, Rochdale, Wakefield, Middlesbrough, Kendal, and Londonderry; and the Sydney and Adelaide Post Offices in Australia.

Also the chime of bells at Ames College, Iowa, U.S.A.
And the recent "Grandison" of Exeter Cathedral.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE
MAJOR.

By F. DENCH, College Youths.

5024.

234567	M	W	4th	H
647532	-	-	-	-
632547	-	-	-	-
326547*	-	-	-	-
746523	-	-	-	-
263547	-	-	-	-
247563	-	-	-	-
367542	-	-	-	-
342567	-	-	-	-
627543	-	-	-	-
643527	-	-	-	-
723546	-	-	-	-
436527	-	-	-	-
726534	-	-	-	-
364527	-	-	-	-
327564	-	-	-	-
467523	-	-	-	-
423567	-	-	-	-

* B in. The last nine courses repeated. This peal contains the 7th its extent home, and is the first published in an ordinary 5000. Composed 1903.

5184.

234567	5th	w	4th	H
564372	-	-	-	-
274536	-	-	-	-
634257	-	-	-	-
754623	-	-	-	-
324657	-	-	-	-
754362	-	-	-	-
264357	-	-	-	-
764325	-	-	-	-
524367	-	-	-	-

Twice repeated. This peal contains the 7th its extent home, and is the first peal published on the plan.

CHURCH ITEMS.

Fifty-one years' service as a parish clerk is the record of Mr. Elias Taylor, of Felsted, Essex.

The Bishop of Southwark is making an appeal for £1000 to train nine candidates approved by him for ordination.

A new church is being built at Garragrawns, Dunmore, Co. Galway. The contractor is Mr. Finnigan, and the architect Mr. Kirwan, of Sligo.

The Rev. T. Lister, for thirty-six years vicar of Appleton-le-Moors, Sinnington, Yorks, is resigning the benefice for reasons of health.

From an anonymous donor a cheque for £1000 has been received by the Archbishop of Canterbury on behalf of the Archbishops' Western Canada Fund.

The Rev. E. F. W. Eliot, vicar of All Souls, Eastbourne, has, at the request of many members of the congregation, withdrawn his resignation of the benefice.

Christ Church, Endell-street, close to Covent Garden, has been reopened by the Bishop of London after restoration. The church was rebuilt after being struck by lightning in 1887.

The Rev. H. H. N. Howard, vicar of Weekley, Northamptonshire, has been appointed by the Bishop to the honorary canonry in Peterborough Cathedral, rendered vacant by the death of Canon Mason.

Mr. George E. Brown, of Wollaston, Northants, has completed fifty years as a choirman at the parish church of that place. Mr. Brown has been twenty-eight years choirmaster and twenty-four years parish warden.

St. Luke's Church, Bath, is to be enlarged. It is first contemplated to extend the nave of the church, at a cost of £2,300, and the foundation-stone of this first instalment of the new buildings will be laid on October 18th.

Acting on the recommendation of the Bishop of London, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners have selected the mission district of St. Peter, Acton Green, to receive the proceeds of the sale of All Saints', Gordon-square, for a new church and parsonage.

After being vicar of Ilford for twenty years, the Rev. H. W. E. Molony was yesterday presented with a cheque for £130 and an illuminated recently from his parishioners upon his departure for Stevenage, Hertfordshire, to which place he has been appointed vicar.

The Dean of Norwich, speaking at the dedication of a new organ at St. John's Church, Yarmouth, said that those privileged to minister sacred music to a congregation could each play the part of a spiritual Dædalus, furnishing his brethren with wings for their heavenly flight.

A memorial window to the late Sir Edward Birkbeck, who for 25 years was chairman of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, has been placed in Horstead Church, Norfolk, by his widow, the Hon. Lady Birkbeck. The glass represents the Call of the First Disciples.

The Rev. R. E. Young, senior curate of St. Andrew's Church, West Kensington, who is leaving for the mission fields, was recently presented with a set of stoles, frontals for a portable altar, and a cheque for £45 by the

congregation and parishioners, and other gifts by the Boy Scouts and the men's club.

The foundation stone of the new church of St. Ambrose, Whitehall, Bristol was laid last week. The church will accommodate 700, exclusive of the choir. It will consist of a nave, two aisles, a wide chancel, and the first stage of the tower, together with a narthex at the west end, an organ chamber and vestries and a large room for classes and choir practices. The building has been designed in the style of the 15th century, with external walls of masonry and open timbered roof. The cost is estimated to be not less than £10,000.

An interesting instance of a long incumbency reaches us from St. Peter's, North Tawton, Devon, where the Rev. Robert Hole has just completed his sixty-second year as rector of the parish. On a recent Sunday Mr. Hole administered the Sacrament of Baptism to the infant son and heir of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Tavener, thus giving the Church's blessing to the fourth generation, having married the infant's paternal great grandfather and mother, baptised and married his grandfather and mother, and baptised his father.

The parish church of Burbage, near Marlborough, Wilts, has been very much beautified with the loyal co-operation of the parishioners. A beautiful side chapel, built by a late vicar, Canon Kingsbury, in memory of his predecessor, Archdeacon Stanton, has been furnished with altar and pictures, and a beautiful sanctuary lamp hanging in front of the altar. The high altar has been enriched by three sanctuary lamps subscribed for by many of the parishioners. The Bishop of Salisbury has just paid his first visit to the parish.

It is announced that the work now in hand in connection with the new Liverpool Cathedral includes the completion of the choir end of the cathedral as far as the first cross transept adjoining the central space, so as to include this large transept in the portion which will then be available for public worship. The Cathedral Committee have funds sufficient to finish the choir; but to include the transept, which is necessary for the accommodation of the congregation, it is estimated that a further sum of £74,000 will be needed.

On Sunday week, the Eve of St. Mary Magdalene, the Bishop of Salisbury paid his first visit to Winterbourne Bassett, one of the 500 small country parishes in his diocese. Arriving at 3 o'clock, he was received by the rector, choir, and churchwardens, and in a short open-air service consecrated a strip of land adjacent to the churchyard, intended to supply a burial-place for the villagers for the next fifty years. Then going in procession into the beautiful little 14th century church, he dedicated a new organ, the fruit of eight years' hard work and steady giving; and in the course of a very reverent and hearty service, preached to the parishioners on "The Church their Home, the Churchyard their Garden." The organ was silent until after the dedicatory prayer, and the first hymn in church was led by a cornet; after the dedication, the new instrument sounded out in accompaniment of the 150th Psalm, and of the chorale, "Now thank we all our God," its earliest chords being those of the words, "The Lord's Name be praised." Crowded congregations came both to the special afternoon service and so Evensong, and again on Monday when, after a parish tea, Evensong was followed by a recital on the organ by Mr. Pallein, from St. Mary's, Calne.

HANDBELL MUSIC.

The following pieces are arranged as per list 4 in W. G.'s Catalogue, viz., four octaves in the chromatic scale G, 25 to G 04. 8 ringers.

- No. 2. Selection "Don Giovanni" .. 3s. 0d.
 No. 31. Blue Bells of Scotland (3 variations) .. 2s. 0d.
 No. 89. Grand Selection "Der Frieschütz" .. 4s. 0d.
 No. 136. The Bine Danube Waltz .. 3s. 6d.
 No. 163. Chorus from Martha .. 2s. 6d.

Also the following can be had arranged as above, or for larger peals and No. of ringers: terms on application. Andante, Haydn's Surprise Symphony, Last Rose of Summer (three variations and finale), Old Folks at Home, variations and finale, Vesper Hymn, variations and finale, Woodstock March.

The following are for 6 ringers, 12 bells, thus—

- No. 261. The Swiss Toy Girl .. 1s. 6d.
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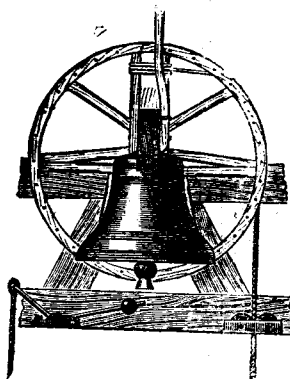
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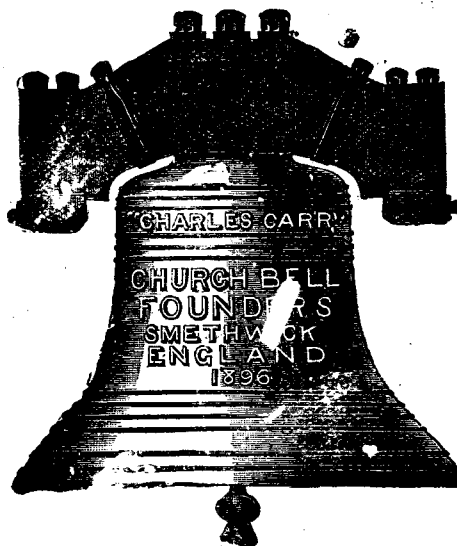
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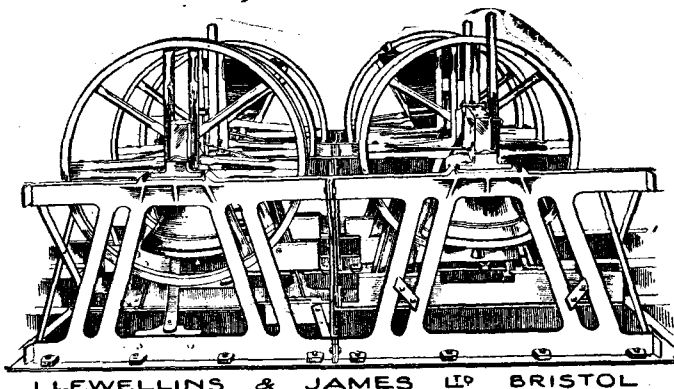
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BURNHAM, SOMERSET.

On Saturday, July 20th, the ringers of St. Andrew's, accompanied by Mr. J. Prior (churchwarden), and a few friends had their annual outing. A start was made from Burnham at 5.30 a.m. for Highbridge, where they joined the Devon excursion train. On arriving at Teignmouth breakfast was partaken at Mr. Courtier's Restaurant, Station Road. Ample justice having been done to the good things provided the company proceeded to St. James's church, West Teignmouth, and were met by Mr. S. Cook, some touches of Grandsire and Stedman being rung. At 11 o'clock they left Teignmouth by steamer for Exmouth, and were soon at Withycombe church. Here some touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, thanks being expressed to Mr. Stocker for arranging the same. At 1.30 a capital dinner was partaken of at Mr. Thorn's Commercial hotel, to which justice was done. A short time was spent in looking around Exmouth, and at 4.25 the party left for Exeter. Arriving at Queen Street Station they were met by Mr. E. Shepherd, to whom the best thanks are due for making arrangements, and pointing out places of interest. After partaking of tea at Mrs. Gulling's, Southerhay, they took tram to Heavitree church, Mr. J. Sandover being there to meet them, and the bells were soon going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples. After a ride on the tram, which was much enjoyed by all, a visit was paid to St. Sidwell's tower, Grandsire and Stedman being rung. This concluded the day's programme. The remaining time was very pleasantly spent. Leaving Exeter shortly after midnight Burnham was reached about 2.30 a.m. on Sunday morning, all having thoroughly enjoyed the outing, which was one of the best they have had. The best thanks of the party are due to the clergy of the various churches for granting the use of the bells, and to the other gentlemen for making arrangements.

LOWER PEOVER, CHESHIRE.

St. Oswald's church, Lower Peover, possesses a ring of six bells, tenor 9 cwt., and it has now been decided to have them recast and rehung in a steel frame as a memorial to the late Rev. Arthur Guest, who was Vicar from 1887 to 1911. The bells are to be recast into a new ring of six, with a 12 cwt. tenor, and the work is to be carried out by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, London.

ST. MARY'S, ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

The ring of eight bells at St. Mary's church, Enfield (tenor 20 cwt.) are to be rehung. The work of restoration has been entrusted to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, London.

A DIAGRAM OF UNION TRIPLES (1893), may be had gratis, on application by letter to W. H. THOMPSON, 5, Sillwood Street, Brighton, to whom the unsold remainder has been returned by the publishers.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the above Association was held at Peterborough on Monday, August 5th, when there was an attendance of thirty-three members. The following towers were represented, viz., Peterborough (St. John's, St. Mary's, and the Cathedral), Wisbech, Chatteris, Whittlesea, Maxey, West Deeping, Yaxley, Stamford, Higham Ferrers, Irthlingborough, Isham, and Pinchbeck. The bells of the various churches were available from 10 a.m., and full advantage was taken of the opportunity of using them, the methods rung including Grandsire and Bob Doubles, Grandsire Triples and Major, Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Among those who took part was Miss Steel, of Bedford, her ringing being much admired, and admitted as very good and clean.

The usual service was held at St. Mary's Church. The Rev. E. Law conducted, while the address was given by the Vicar.

Tea was afterwards taken at the Fitzwilliam Cafe, followed by the business meeting, over which the Rev. E. Law presided. The usual business of an annual meeting was transacted, the report and balance-sheet adopted, and officers elected. The next quarterly meeting was fixed for October 26th, at Maxey. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. E. Law for presiding, and for the use of St. Mary's bells; the Very Rev. the Dean for the use of the Cathedral bells, and the Rev. Canon Morley for the use of St. John's bells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

ANNUAL MEETING.

What was characterised as a most successful meeting of the Lewisham branch of this Association, was held at Eynsford on July 27th, members attending from Bromley, Chislehurst, Crayford, Dartford (St. John's), Farningham, Lewisham, Penge, London, Swanscombe, Milton, Gravesend, Seal Chart, Tunbridge Wells, Gillingham, and Rochester.

Ringing commenced at 3.30, and touches in various methods were brought round.

At 5.30 service was held in the church, the special form of service arranged for the Association being used for the first time in this district. The Vicar (Rev. M. C. Elphinstone), gave an impressive and telling address. After tea the members adjourned to the Vicarage gardens, where Mrs. Elphinstone had very kindly prepared tea, to which 72 sat down. The business meeting followed, the chair being occupied by the Vicar, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, one new member was elected, and two elections in towers confirmed. Crayford and Bromley contested for the honour of the next meeting in October, the result being in favour of Bromley.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries proposed that the hearty thanks of

the meeting be accorded the Rev. M. C. Elphinstone and Mrs. Elphinstone for the very kind way in which they had entertained the members, and to the former for his address and the use of the bells.

The District Secretary seconded the proposition, which was carried with applause.

The Vicar, in replying, said it had been a very great pleasure indeed to meet the members, and he thought the District had done Eynsford a great honour by coming there.

This concluded the business, and the members again betook themselves to the tower, where they indulged in the favourite Exercise till 9 o'clock. The Vicar of Farningham also threw open his tower to any who choose to avail themselves of it.

INTERMENT OF THE LATE MR. W. COOTER.

The body of the late Mr. W. Cooter was laid to rest in the Manor Park Cemetery on Saturday last. There were present Mrs. W. Cooter, widow of the deceased, and Mrs. Sharples, daughter, and other relatives, also a large number of ringers, amongst whom were noticed: Messrs. A. D. Barker, G. Dorrington, T. Faulkner, E. Horrex, J. Rayner, R. K. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Joyce, E. Lucas, J. Scholes, H. Springall, T. H. Taffender, H. Torble, J. Waghorn, sen., C. F. Winney.

Afterwards, over the grave, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung upon the handbells by E. Horrex, 1-2; S. E. Joyce, 3-4; C. F. Winney, 5-6; T. H. Taffender, 7-8.

It is worthy of note that Mr. Cooter took part in the first peal of Stedman Cinques ever rung upon handbells retained in hand, in which such notables as H. W. Haley, J. Cox, G. E. Ferris, Matt. Wood, and J. Dwight took part. It was rung at The Whittington and Cat, Church Row, Bethnal Green, by the St. James's Society, on January 10th, 1854.

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER, IPSWICH.

Turning over some old papers recently, we came across an account of how the bells of this Church became a peal of twelve. As it may interest our readers, and may induce others to do likewise, we insert it here. It appears that at a time when the old ten-bell peal was being rehung a wish was expressed that the peal might be augmented to twelve. A Mr. Bacon, who had made himself responsible for the work necessary to put the ten bells in order, refused to do anything more. It was determined, however, that if possible the other two bells should be added, a subscription should be raised. This realised only £140 out of the £300 needed, and so the project was laid by for a time. One day Mr. E. M. Phipson, who gives the story, was standing in Tavern Street when a Mr. Cobbold came up and asked how the works were progressing. In the course of conversation Mr. Phipson told him of his disappointment at not getting a peal of twelve. "How much do you want?" said Mr. Cobbold. "£160," Mr. Phipson replied. Walking together to the end of the street Mr. Cobbold said, just as they were about to part, "Phipson, I have known you many years and can trust your secrecy; order the peal you wish, and you will one day find the £160 paid into your account, but never tell anyone whilst I live. I shall

not even tell my wife. When I am buried have the great bell tolled and you may then tell anyone."

Mr. Phipson goes on to say that in the result the peal was hung. "Some months afterwards," he continues "I found that a Mr. Johnson had paid £160 into my account. Not at that moment associating it with the tower-bells I went to my bankers and asked for information. All they knew was that a Mr. Johnson had remitted this sum through some London bankers. The truth immediately dawned on me." Neither Mr. Cobbold nor Mr. Phipson ever alluded to the matter afterwards, but on Mr. Cobbold's death the great bell was tolled.

Some such munificence would be appreciated in more than one parish at the present time; but Mr. Cobbold's are not quite so numerous as the need for them.

BIRMINGHAM ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild was held on July 27th when members from Aston, Birmingham (St. Martin's and Bishop Ryder's) Boldmere, Erdington, Handsworth, Lichfield, Selly Oak, Sutton Coldfield, Walsall, and West Bromwich, assembled at Perry Barr. The weather being fine, a good number were present and spent the afternoon and evening, save for the tea and business intervals, in the enjoyable task of ringing touches of Grandsire Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise.

After the ringing was finished, the party assembled at the village inn where a thoroughly enjoyable social hour or so was spent. Thanks were tendered to the Vicar of Perry Barr for allowing the use of the bells, and to the tower-keeper for having them ready. The next meeting will be held at Boldmere.

ALL SAINTS', WINTERBOURNE DOWN.

On St. James' Day, the Bishop of Bristol dedicated a Calvary Cross, which has been erected in a new approach to the church, in memory of the late vicar, the Rev. W. P. Henderson. After Celebrations at 7.15 and 8, there was a sung Eucharist and sermon at 11. At 6 p.m. a procession of clergy and choirs of the neighbouring parishes, numbering over 100, was marshalled in the churchyard, and headed by the processional cross, and accompanied by cornet-players and banner-bearers, walked through the village singing Psalm 68 and the Litany of the Church, to the gates of the new approach. Psalms 121 and 122 were sung as the procession passed up to the new steps, assembled on which "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" was sung. The Bishop then dedicated the cross to the honour of our Redeemer and to the sanctifying of the thoughts of all who passed by. The procession then entered the church singing, "Glorious things of thee are spoken," and the Bishop gave the Blessing, afterwards expressing his pleasure at taking part in such a beautiful and well-arranged ceremony. The visitors and parishioners were then entertained to tea, and there was a crowded congregation at Evensong afterwards. Fine weather favoured the whole proceedings, which were attended by the Rev. F. W. Greenstreet, the founder and first vicar of the parish, the Rev. F. W. F. Bishop (a former vicar), and a large number of parishioners and friends. The cross is of blue pennant stone, 13 ft. 6 in. in height, with a beautifully carved figure of the Christ, and was the work of Mr. Henry Hems of Exeter.

NOTES.

Frequent applications have recently been made for back numbers of "THE BELL NEWS." We are now able to supply from January 1900, onwards.

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Kidlington, on July 6th, was sent to us undated. To this fact is due its tardy appearance.

Mr. C. J. Sedgley, of Ipswich, writes to say that it has been pointed out to him that the peal of 5056 Superlative published last week under his name belongs to Mr. Dains, and he, therefore, wishes to withdraw his name from it, and to apologise for having sent it.

Mr. John Carter, of Birmingham, writes apologizing to Mr. Samuel Grove and the band who rang the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Erdington on July 13th. Through a mistake in the composition which escaped him the peal was false, and so will not count to the credit of the band.

Another advertiser writes thanking us for having obtained a berth through the medium of our Exchange column. This is satisfactory—both the berth and the acknowledgment. Some who have been fortunate have omitted to acknowledge it.

Congratulations continue to pour in on Miss Parker and the band of ladies whom she led in the peal at Cubitt Town.

The effort to form a National Ladies' Guild is only a natural sequence, and is bound to succeed, because it is in the right hands. Those who could gather from the four quarters of the country as it were, and without practice ring a peal of Grandsire Triples without previously practising together, are just the folk who would make a good job of organising and running a Guild.

We note that Miss E. K. Parker is doing the organising, and will be pleased to hear from any ladies who wish to become members. She will furnish full particulars to any such.

The band of Winchester Guild members failed to bring round the peal of Stedman that was attempted on Monday.

A shift course brought the attempt to a finish after twenty-six courses had been rung. But better luck next time.

It was, as one of the band said, "Hard luck, for we were just getting set." But, though beaten, they were not dismayed, and a further attempt will be made shortly.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT OVERBURY.

When the members of this Association met at Overbury on Saturday week, they did so under circumstances quite the reverse of what one looks for in July. The weather was decidedly inclement, but this did not deter a goodly company from assembling and taking part in the afternoon's proceedings. Members came from the Combertons (Great and Little), Evesham, Fladbury, Hampton, Madresfield, Malvern, Pershore, and Upton-on-Severn, and during their visit took full advantage of the permission to use the bells of the parish church of Overbury, as well as those of Beckford and Kemerton. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. Lea (Vicar), who preached from the text: "For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself for the battle." Following this the company adjourned to the Parish Hall, where a meat tea, generously provided by the Vicar, was partaken of. The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding, and he and Mr. W. S. Ancill (churchwarden) were elected honorary members, while eight ringing members were also elected. Overbury was selected as the place at which to attempt the next quarterly peal, Mr. L. Nichols being appointed conductor, and the next quarterly meeting is to be held at Church Lench. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for presiding at the meeting, for his address, for the use of the bells, and for providing the tea. Thanks were also passed to Mr. Ancill and to the ladies for their assistance. The Vicar made a brief reply. Afterwards a move was made to the vicarage gardens, of which a most enjoyable tour was made, while later the extensive grounds of Sir Richard Martin, Bart., were inspected. Here were to be seen rivulets with waterfalls, lakes with innumerable waterlilies and real Irish bogs. Altogether a most enjoyable time was spent, and many hopes were expressed that the executive would soon arrange another meeting at Overbury.

BELLRINGING AT THE ANTIPODES.

A fortnight since we were able to record the first 720 ever rung in New Zealand, and it is interesting to note that much progress is being made in the art, thanks to the advent of ringers from England, and from the neighbouring dominion—Australia—among the former being two brothers, Messrs. S. C. and E. J. Hamblin, formerly of Hersham, in Surrey, where they are well-known. The former seems to be the leading spirit, and he writes that the bells are a fine peal of eight, cast by Messrs. J. Warner and Sons in 1862. The tenor weighs 19½ cwt. After being exhibited at the Crystal Palace they were shipped to Parnell, Auckland, for St. Mary's Cathedral. The Cathedral being a wooden building and having no tower, the bells were, perforce, erected in a frame on the ground and could only be chimed. When St. Matthew's Church was built the bells were loaned to the parish and placed in the tower. Thus an opportunity was afforded for the introduction of ringing, and soon a band of thirty or forty was got together, and when a little later a few change-ringers came along, the practice of change-ringing began, and considerable progress has been made. The advent of Messrs. Hamblin has marked the beginning of practice of Grandsire Triples. Naturally they would be glad to welcome any ringers from the Old Country or any of the overseas Dominions of the Empire, and any emigrating to New Zealand are assured of a warm welcome from their brethren in Auckland.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of Notices under this heading is Sixpence for 36 words, for the first insertion; repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on August 20th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 13th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 15th and 29th; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; all at 8 p.m. **WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Northern District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, N.W., on Saturday, August 17th. The tower will be open from 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7.35 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.

WM. H. HOTTNE, Hon. Sec.

42, Thornhill Road, Barnsbury, N.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 10th. Bells ready at 4.

3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

WALTER HUGHES, Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Middleton on Saturday, August 10th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. Nominations for branch president and committee-man to be sent in for this meeting.

J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.

13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, August 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7. All ringers welcome.

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Branch Sec.

Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James' church, Accrington, on Saturday, August 24th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

J. WATSON, Branch Sec.

26, London Road, Blackburn.

The Lancashire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Kendal on Saturday, September 7th. Full particulars by circulars.

**W. H. SHUKER, } Hon. Secs.
J. H. BANKS, }**

106, Bank Street, Clayton.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Seal Chart on Saturday, August 24th. Tower open at 3.30. Service in church at 5. Tea will be provided at Frankfield after the service, by the kindness of the Misses Wilkinson. Members intending to attend the meeting are requested to notify the District Secretary not later than Wednesday, August 21st.

W. LATTER, Hon. Dis. Sec.

26, Dukes Road, Tunbridge Wells.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—In order to facilitate the publishing of future reports, conductors of peals are requested to send particulars of peals called by them within seven days of such performance to

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Notice.—Shoreditch Bells Fund.—Funds are urgently needed to put this grand old peal in proper repair. £50 wanted before the work can be commenced. Who will help a poor parish? Contributions thankfully received and gratefully acknowledged. Collecting cards also supplied by H. J. Bradley, The Parish Church, Shoreditch, E.

THE LONG PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

The five members of the Winchester Guild who set out to break the record by ringing 22,222 of Stedman Caters at Holy Trinity Belfry, Guildford, on Monday, did not accomplish the feat. Starting at 8.25 a.m. on their long task they settled down to it, and had got quite well set, having rung twenty-six courses, when, almost at the course-end a shift-course occurred, and the attempt came to grief.

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5056 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By W. HYDE INGLESANT.

23456 I 6

35426 -

24536 -

45236 -

32546 -

25346 -

23546 S

35246 -

52346 -

25643 4 -

56243 -

53264 *4 5

32564 -

35264 S

52364 -

23564 -

SECOND PART.

23564

36524

25634

56234

32554

26354

23654

36254

62354

26453

64253

63245

32645

36245

62345

23645

THIRD PART.

23645

34625

26435

64235

32465

24365

23465

34265

42365

24563

45263

24356

43256

32456

34256

42356

23456

at *4 in last part in this course. The 6th twelve times wrong and fourteen times right, with all the 56s in the last six courses of the peal.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By GEO. FREEBREV, Derby.

5040.

5760.

23456 4 5

23456 4 5

26435 - -

26435 - -

42563 - -

42563 - -

43526 - -

54326 - -

46532 - -

56342 - -

54263 - -

35264 - -

53246 - -

34256 - -

56234 - -

36245 - -

25463 - -

23564 - -

42356 - -

24536 - -

46325 - -

26543 - -

34562 - -

52364 - -

32546 - -

35426 - -

36524 - -

36452 - -

53462 - -

43265 - -

52436 - -

45236 - -

56423 - -

46253 - -

45362 - -

24365 - -

34256 - -

25346 - -

36245 - -

26354 - -

23564 - -

32465 - -

24536 - -

*43526 - -

26543 - -

46532 - -

52364 - -

54263 - -

35426 - -

53246 - -

36452 - -

56234 - -

43265 - -

25463 - -

45236 - -

42356 - -

46253 - -

46325 - -

24365 - -

34562 - -

35246 S -

32546 - -

Repeated produces *

*54326 4 5

†36524 - -

56342 - -

53462 - -

35264 - -

52436 - -

23456 - -

56423 - -

Repeated.

If a 1-4-5 is called from the course end marked * the course-end marked † is produced, reducing the peal to 5040.

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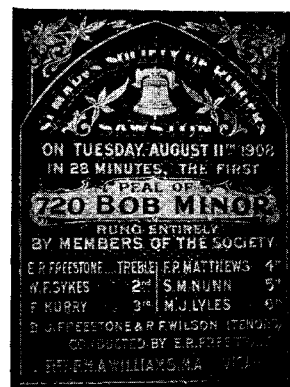
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 1912.

THE LADIES' PEAL.

WHILST ready to admit that the multiplying of Guilds and Associations for any specific purpose is not always advisable, we do think the efforts to found a National Guild of Lady Ringers is worthy of the support of all members of the Exercise. Further, we can see no other course open. To raise any opposition would be as fatuous a proceeding as to attempt to stay the incoming tide. The lady ringers have come to stay, and by their recent success have fully established themselves. We raise our hat and accord them a hearty greeting.

THE LULWE BELL.

SOME weeks ago we published an article inviting the ringers of England to open a subscription to provide a bell for the Mission Church at Lulwe, South Africa, to take the place of a drum hitherto used for the purpose of calling the people to worship. In the article we suggested that it would be an unique opportunity for the members of the Exercise to show their sympathy with the work of Missions, and the bell would also supply a permanent memorial of that sympathy, since an inscription on the bell would record the source from which it was obtained. Since that article appeared there has been some modification of the situation, which, while it has not altogether done away with the opportunity of making the bell a gift from the ringers of England, will prevent the inscription being placed on it. Seeing the urgent necessity for the bell as a means of summoning the congregation, the committee of the Mission have purchased a bell from the funds at their disposal. These funds, however, are not so flourishing as to warrant the permanent withdrawal of the amount necessary to purchase and convey the bell to its destination, and the committee are hoping to defray the expenses out of a special fund which they are hopeful that the bellringers of England will raise. The sum required—some £30—is not a large one, when divided among the members of the various ringing guilds and associations. Reduced to pence it comes to 7200, so that less than 1d. per member would more than make up the amount, and leave something over to provide a tablet on which to record the origin of the bell, which might be fixed to the wall immediately beneath where it hangs. Thus, while the bell itself would not record the fact that it was a gift from bellringers, the tablet would do so. Some towers have already taken the matter up, and have sent in contributions, and we hope very shortly to be able to publish a first list of those who have done so. Mrs. E. Robinson, of "Mossdene," Blackboro' Road, Reigate, Surrey, has taken the matter in hand, and to her all subscriptions should be sent, and will be gratefully acknowledged. In the meantime the bell is at Lulwe sounding out its call of "Come" to the dusky natives of that far-off region. But the money used for its purchase is badly needed for another purpose, and it would be an act of grace if those of us who believe in the call of the bells would combine to make good the deficiency. As we said earlier, it is an unique opportunity to display our sympathy with the work of Foreign Missions at a trifling cost.

The Metropolis.

WEDDING PEAL.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, August 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lbs.

ARTHUR E. HIBBERT .. Treble.	HENRY T. GOWLETT .. 5.
HARRY FRANKS .. 2.	ARTHUR D. BARKER .. 6.
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES .. 3.	FREDERICK J. HARDY .. 7.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 4.	THOMAS WALKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

*First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Herbert W. Hibbert to Miss Mary Farrar, and Mr. William Cobbett to Miss Florence Dunn, which took place at St. George's on this day. Mr. H. W. Hibbert is one of the local ringers, and Mr. W. Cobbett, a prominent Church-worker.

The Provinces.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

HARRY MILES Treble.	FREDERICK WEBB 5.
J. HOWARD R. FREEMORN .. 2.	WILLIAM STONE 6.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. .. 3.	† WILLIAM JUDGE 7.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. .. 4.	* GEORGE FATHERS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM JUDGE.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE RCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

BENJAMIN GOUGH Treble.	ALFRED ROWLEY 5.
THOMAS HUGHES 2.	SAMUEL BAKER 6.
ALFRED FALLON 3.	WILLIAM FISHER 7.
GEORGE HUGHES 4.	* RICHARD DUNN Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

First peal in the method on the bells. *First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the institution of the Rev. J. A. Price, M.A., as Vicar of the above parish, and also as a hearty welcome to the new Vicar and Mrs. Price.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 26 lbs.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 5.
JOSIAH HARRIS 2.	ALAN R. MACDONALD .. 6.
HENRY W. WILKES 3.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. 7.
CHARLES H. RUSSELL .. 4.	OWEN GILES Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The quickest peal on the bells.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EYE (Suffolk).—On Sunday, August 4th, for evening service, 640 Oxford Treble Bob Major. F. Day, E. Youngs, W. Rose, H. Day, F. Brunning, E. F. Poppy, W. Last, R. Ruth. Conducted by E. F. Poppy. Longest length in the above method by E. Youngs.

HULME, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY CHAPMAN Treble.	ROBERT PAVES 5.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK 2.	JOHN T. BOTTRILL 6.
HARRY WILLSON 3.	RICHARD NEWSON 7.
HARRY WASHBROOK 4.	HARRY SHUKER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

ARTHUR EDGERSON Treble.	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 5.
ALFRED JONES 2.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
WILLIAM H. JONES 3.	*WILLIAM DAVIES 7.
JAMES HOPKIN 4.	CHARLES ALLEN Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal with a bob bell. First peal by the ringer of the treble, who was elected a member previous to starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and 4th.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE DOWNING* Treble.	ARTHUR PETTITT 5.
ANDERSON Y. TYLER 2.	JAMES WARD 6.
ARTHUR ALDHAM 3.	JOHN MAWBY 7.
JAMES GARRATT 4.	JAMES HOUGHTON Tenor.

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

*First peal of Norwich.

BRISTOL.—THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD.

On Saturday, August 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH (CITY).

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

GILBERT WILTSHIRE Treble.	FREDK. W. WADE 6.
ALBERT STOWELL 2.	WILLIAM STOWELL 7.
FRED G. MAY 3.	ISAAC LONG 8.
ALFRED E. REEVES 4.	WALTER FARLEY 9.
WILLIAM WHITE 5.	HENRY HOWELL Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

Grandsire Caters was rung to oblige W. Farley, whose first peal of Caters it was. The peal was rung muffled as a mark of respect to the late W. Jack, Esq., who was buried on that day.

SAWSTON, CAMBS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 5.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2.	REDEEN SANDERS 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	KEITH HAET 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Bristol in Cambridgeshire,

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT ST. ANDREW, LITCHURGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S FIVE-PART (No. 1)

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ARTHUR BRAINES Treble.	CHARLES DEAPER 5.
GEORGE WARD 2.	WALTER WALLACE 6.
ALBERT H. WARD 3.	FRED HICELING 7.
SAMUEL MASEREY 4.	JOHN FLOWER Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Harold Inkle, an esteemed member of the St. Andrew's ringers, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Wallace.

HURST, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. 6 lb.

ALBERT PIERCE Treble.	JOSEPH WHITE 5.
HARRY BUNGAY 2.	FRANK LUSH 8.
JOHN RANCE 3.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 7.
SAMUEL PAICE 4.	AMBROSE OSBOENE Tenor.

Composed by J. A. LAMBERT, and Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT

First peal of Major by the treble and 4th ringers, and on the bells.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz.: Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford Single Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Grandsire, and Bob Minor.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY HILL* Treble.	GEOFFREY STONELEY 4.
EDGAR VALLANCE 2.	E. HARRY STONELEY 5.
E. MAURICE ATKINS 3.	WILLIAM WILSON Tenor.

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

*First peal and first attempt; and was elected a member before starting.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 5.
JOHN WHEADON 2.	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 6.
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7.
EDWIN F. PIER 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

First peal in the method on the bells, by the ringer of the 6th, and the conductor's first in the method as such.

PADWORTH, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Bradfield Deanery Branch.)

On Sunday, August 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Canterbury Pleasure, and Oxford Bob, and three 720s of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt.

MISS M. CHILLINGWORTH Treble.	JOHN BOWEE 4.
SIDNEY CHAPMAN 2.	JAMES ABBEY 5.
GEORGE PARSON 3.	GEORGE ABBEY Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES ABBEY.

First peal on the bells.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE GREAT.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	*FREDERICK J. PITSTOW 8.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	FREDERICK PITSTOW 9.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 4.	KEITH HART 10.
REUBEN SANDERS 5.	WILLIAM PYE 11.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 6.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

*First peal of Stedman Cinques.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE GREAT.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY* Treble.	CHARLES T. COLES 7.
WILLIAM PYE 2.	REUBEN SANDERS 8.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	KEITH HART 9.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4.	*REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 10.
ISAAC G. SHADE 5.	ERNEST PYE 11.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 6.	BERTRAM PREWETT Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal of Stedman Cinques. This is the first occasion upon which a Vicar and Curate have rung a peal of Cinques on the bells of their own tower.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

*First peal in the method, and first attempt. Quickest peal on the bells.

BEAUMARIS, ANGLESEY.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt, in F.

FRANK A. HOEB Treble.	ALBERT J. HUGHES 5.
MISS SARAH PIGOTT 2.	WILLIAM CRANE, JUN. 6.
WILLIAM T. FEGLER 3.	JAMES H. MIDWINTER 7.
JOSEPH PIGOTT 4.	ARTHUR E. FEGLER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

Rung in honour of the wedding of the Marquis of Anglesey. This is the first peal in which a lady has taken part by the above Association.

MILTON-NERT-GRAVESEND. — On Sunday, August 4th, 720 Double Oxford. J. Avis, G. Jones, G. Ambrose, F. Hayes, J. Buries, F. Mitchell (conductor). First 720 in the method by all the band and on record on the bells. On Saturday, August 3rd, an attempt for a peal came to grief after 1 hr. 20 mins., 720 Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob being brought round. J. Avis, F. Hayes, G. Jones, G. Ambrose, J. Burles (conductor), F. Mitchell.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

ON THE ROYAL MEMORIAL BELLS OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE.

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOSEPH S. NEEDHAM .. Treble.	FRED W. HERBERT 5.
E. MAURICE ATRINS 2.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER 6.
WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN. .. 3.	*T. HENRY HARDY 7.
EDGAR VALLANCE* 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

*First peal of Double Norwich. This is the conductor's 200th peal of 5000 to 18,000 changes. Mr. W. J. Sevier was elected a member previous to starting.

WAREHAM, DORSETSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt, in E.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble.	ALAN R. MACDONALD 5.
CHARLES H. RUSSELL 2.	GEORGE PERSTON 6.
FREDERICK PHILLIPS 3.	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH 7.
A. F. MARTIN STEWART .. 4.	FREDERICK S. CASE Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Mr. Russell was elected a member of the Guild before starting. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the Rev. J. H. Phillips, formerly Rector of Okeford Fitzpaine, and in token of respectful sympathy with the bereaved family.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 37½ cwt.

ANDREW TULLY Treble.	ERNEST MORRIS 6.
WILLIAM STORY 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER 7.
THOMAS T. GOFTON 3.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 8.
GEORGE T. POTTER 4.	WILLIAM H. BARRE 9.
BENJAMIN C. DIXON 5.	OSWALD SIMM Tenor.

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

Mr. Ernest Morris hails from Leicester. This composition, now rung for the first time, has the 6th behind the 9th and 8th, the large bells being reversed every four courses.

Handbell Peals.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, July 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

At 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES.

HENRY R. NEWTON .. 1-2.	JOHN W. GOLDING .. 7-8.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 5-4.	WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. 9-10.
HARRY R. PASMORE .. 5-6.	WILLIAM T. COCKRELL 11-12.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and
Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

Umpires—John W. Rowbotham, and John N. Oxborrow.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FARNINGHAM.—On Saturday, July 27th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Avis, J. Burles, G. Ambrose, G. Hayes, F. Hayes, F. Mitchell (conductor). Also touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. First 720 Surprise on the bells. The ringers of 2, 3, 5, 6 hail from Milton; 1 from Gravesend; 4 from Swanscombe.

GUILDFORD, SURREY
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 5, 1912, in Two Hours,

AT THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES. 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING .. 1-2. | A. F. SHEPHERD 5-6.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 3-4. | W. E. MAULDEN 7-8.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Miscellaneous.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, LEYTON-
STONE.

LEYTONSTONE.—On Sunday, July 28th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, 720 Cambridge Surprise. G. A. Black, W. Theobald, W. Miller (conductor), H. J. Tucker, G. Dawson, H. Torble. 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Doran, W. Theobald, G. Dawson, H. P. Saffell, W. Miller H. Torble (conductor). On Monday, July 29th, 720 Lincoln Surprise. G. A. Black, N. O. Larkin, G. Dawson, W. Theobald, W. Miller (conductor), H. Torble.

CHISLEHURST (Kent).—On Monday, September 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. W. J. Browning, G. French, H. Darling (first quarter-peal with a bob bell), S. Marshall, H. W. Humble, T. Groombridge, sen. (conductor), R. Brett-Smith, J. Mitcham (first quarter-peal). Rung in honour of the wedding of G. French, jun., son of the ringer of the 2nd. It was intended to attempt a peal, but illness prevented.

PEVENSEY (Sussex).—By kind invitation of Mr. G. Penfold, the Eastbourne (Christ Church) ringers, together with Mr. G. M. Kilby (Willesden) and Mr. Wm. Lawrence (West Ealing), who were visiting Eastbourne, spent the evening of Thursday last at Pevensy, and rang 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Gower, G. M. Kilby, A. Gower, G. Penfold, W. Lawrence, G. Howse. This was followed by College Single, Plain Bob, Double Court, and Oxford Treble Bob.

5024 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

BY H. PRICE.

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SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By G. CROSS, *Norwich.*

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HAMMERSMITH.

On July 24th, the Bishop of Kensington visited the College of St. Katharine's and St. Michael's, 60, Upper Mall, Hammersmith, to dedicate the new house made necessary by the large influx of scholars. At 2.15 a procession was formed from the chapel, headed by the crucifix, accompanied by thurifer, and acolytes. The children (about 112) were all in white, and led the way across the lawns into the new room, followed by the Bishop, accompanied by the Warden and chaplains. When the service was over the Bishop gave an address on the subject of "Free Education, and its Effect on Character." At 3 p.m. Countess Grosvenor opened a small sale of work on behalf of the orphanage. This day will long be remembered in the College. The Sisters of St. Michael and All Angels are devoted to teaching, and their great aim is to provide the best secular education, with religious teaching, that the characters of the children may be formed and the whole man educated.

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"GEORGES D'AMBOISE.**THE GREAT BELL OF ROUEN.**

There are some curious discrepancies in the account of the inscription on this bell, founded by Jean le Macon in 1501, and destroyed in 1793.

Paulus Merula, in his "Cosmographia," after giving the dimensions of the bell, states that it bore on its circumference the following inscription:

Ipsa ego sum, quamvis sonitu veneranda Tonanti,
Prima est Auctori gloria Lauda meo;
Namque ter et denis cum ternis millibus oeris,
Obtulit hoc vero dona vicata Deo.
Scilicet Ambrosius, qui sancta Georgius arma,
Cunctaqua Francigenis tractat habenda viris;
Protomagum tanto felix, Antistite gaudet,
Quum sit cardinei gloria summa chori.

So Merula renders it. Now the inscription commonly associated with the bell is of a very different character, without any claim to elegance, and in the ordinary vernacular. We give it here as given by Blarignac in "La Cloche."

Je suis nommee Georges d'Amboise,
Qui plus que trente six mil poyse;
Et si que bien me poysera,
Quarante mill'y trouvera.

This is no doubt the correct form. Another version of it is quoted in an article upon bells in the *Quarterly Review* for September 1854.

Ye suis George d'Ambois,
Qui ai trente-cinque mille pois;
Mais lui qui me pesera,
Trente-six mille me trouvera.

which incorrect transcript has been reproduced thus:

I am George of Ambois,
Thirty-five thousand in poise;
But he that shall weigh me
Thirty-six thousand shall find me.

Not only have we here two versions of the same inscription differing materially from each other, but we have on the one hand Merula, who says nothing about any inscription whatever as existing on the bell, in addition to the Elegiacs above quoted; and on the other hand a careful compiler, such as M. Blarignac, who gives the French doggerel, but says nothing about the Elegiacs. How is this to be explained? Was there really only one inscription, and that the French one? And is the Latin of Merula merely an extended and pompous paraphrase composed for the pages of the "Cosmographia," to which the vernacular French was deemed unworthy of admission. Could some of our readers throw light upon the question either from another historical record, or from actual inspection of the fragment of the great bell preserved in the museum at Rouen. Perhaps this fragment displays only the legend painted upon it subsequently to the breaking up of the bell in 1793:—

Monument de vanite,
Detruit pour l'utilite
L'an deux de la liberte.

For the credit of those who at the Revolution consigned so many of the ancient bells of France to the furnace to re-appear in the form of cannon or "sous," it is consolatory to know that in this case at least the Vandalism was pardonable. "Georges d'Amboise" had become

practically useless seven years before the mandate for the demolition of herself and her race was issued. She was cracked while celebrating the entry of Louis into Rouen, on the 26th, July, 1786.

A BELL-RINGING RECORD.

It is not often that a peal is rung by six brothers, but at Lamberhurst Church one Sunday last autumn, a peal containing 5,040 changes of Plain Bob Minor was rung by Richard B. Lambert, treble; William H. Lambert, second; Ernest C. Lambert, third; Joseph A. Lambert, fourth; Frederick J. Lambert, fifth; and Edwin Lambert, tenor. This peal was rung in two hours fifty-three minutes, and was conducted by Edwin Lambert. It also creates a record for the Kent County Association, of which all the above are members, being the first peal rung by an entire band of brothers. All the above were born at Horsmonden, in Kent, but are now residing in various parts of the country. Richard is living at Frant (Sussex), William at Benenden (Kent), Joseph at Merton (Surrey), Ernest at Binfield (Berks), and Frederick and Edwin are at Horsmonden (Kent). There is also another brother—Thomas—who is a ringer, and a nephew who has just learnt to ring, so they can now muster eight Lamberts, all ringers. Another record, also a "family" one, is recorded in Horsmonden belfry, where a touch of 720 changes of Bob Minor was rung on December 26, 1897, by the father and five sons. It is interesting to note that the father, Thomas Lambert, held the office of clerk and sexton of St. Margaret's, Horsmonden, for a period of forty-four years. He was also captain of the ringers for a good many years. Being a clever craftsman, he executed various pieces of furniture in St. Margaret's, the kneeling stool around the font being a sample of his handiwork; also the book-desk on the pulpit, and the belfry door. The excellent carved angels and the heads of the choir stalls were executed by his brother Mallion (long since gone to his rest). He (Thomas) passed peacefully away on February 13 last at the age of eighty-three years, and was carried to the grave by four of his ringing comrades, who afterwards assisted in ringing muffled peals on the bells of the church with which he had been so closely connected. The office of clerk and sexton is now held by Edwin, his son, who also is captain of the present ringers.

THE DUN COW'S RIB.

There is a bone in Stanton Church (St. Peter's), which puzzles everybody. Its size is abnormal, about seven feet long, and nine inches across. It is flat, but of great thickness, its texture being the same as the ordinary bone. Many people have conjectured that it is a whale's rib, but that is quite impossible. It must be hundreds and hundreds of years old, and there is a legend about it to the effect that this wonderful bone once belonged to a cow which was common property, and gave milk to everybody, and always filled whatever vessel was brought to her. One day, however, a witch brought a riddle and milked the cow into that. Of course the poor cow could not fill it, and when the Dun Cow died—

"The people thought she well deserved
To have at least one rib preserved.
Therefore the church did undertake
To guard it for the people's sake;
For in that consecrated tower,
No witch can exercise her power.
So Stanton church, with special care,
Still guards the rib and keeps it there."

Several peals and compositions are held over till next week either from exigencies of space or having arrived too late.

Colours presented to the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards by King Edward VII. on December 3rd, 1903, are to be laid up in Hexham Abbey, as they have been replaced by a new set presented by King George V.

THE CHURCH IN WALES.

In the midst of the din of controversy, it is pleasing to record from time to time the solid work of Church extension in Wales which is taking place on all sides. During the past week the foundation stone of a new church for the use of the Welsh-speaking population of Oswestry, in the diocese of St. Asaph, was laid by Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart. The building will take the place of a temporary iron structure. In South Wales a new Church Institute with a hall for 500 persons was opened for use at Gabalfa, and a similar building was also opened at Taffs Well, in the parish of Eglwysilan, in both of which places the Church has made much progress in recent years. A new ecclesiastical parish, St. David's, Tonyrefail, has also just been formed to meet the increasing demands made upon the Church in the mother parish of Llantrisant. For some years Mr. Thomas, who now becomes the first Vicar, has been curate-in-charge of the district, during which time the Church has increased

in every direction. Sites have already been secured for the erection of a new church and hall at Coed Ely, an outlying district of the new parish, and also sites for a large hall and vicarage at Tonyrefail itself. Records such as the above are the best answer to the would-be despoilers of the Church, whose plea is that she is not progressing at the present time.

Christ Church, Endell Street, a striking early Victorian edifice, re-opened by the Bishop of London recently after restoration, was erected by the Rev. James Endell Tyler, a popular Oxford don, who helped to examine Newman for his Oriel Fellowship, and subsequently became the Rector of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, and Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral. Endell Street, originally Belton Street, was renamed (*The Daily Telegraph* says) in compliment to Canon Tyler, who modestly declined to allow his parishioners to call the thoroughfare Tyler Street, as they desired, but permitted the use of his second christian name by way of compromise.

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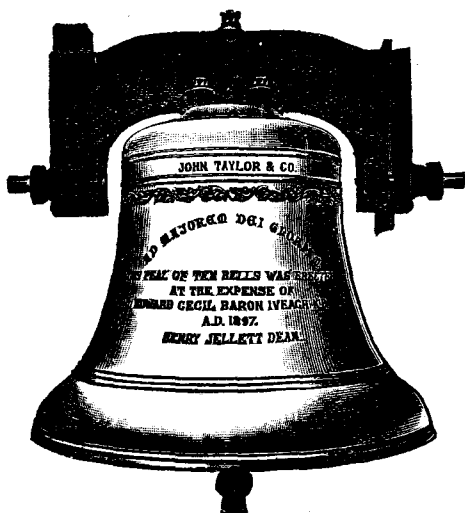
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4th and 6th extents in 6ths place.
July 26th, 1912.

By volunteer workers of both sexes, led by the Rev. G. R. Shackleton, the interior of Stradbroke Church in Suffolk has been thoroughly renovated.

KEMERTON (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, August 4th, at St. Nicholas' church, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 26 mins. C. Whittle, A. Devereux, G. Hichman, E. Devereux, L. Nichols (conductor), W. Ricketts, Arranged for G. Hichman, who hails from Birmingham,

CHURCH ITEMS.

Farthings given to the fund in aid of the building of St. Michael's, Cricklewood, it is announced number 107,851.

Built by the generosity of Mr. William Liversedge, of Selby, the new south transept of Selby Abbey will be opened and dedicated next month by the Archbishop of York.

Canon Gedge will be the new editor of the "Peterborough Diocesan Calendar" in the place of the Rev. A. O. James, resigned.

Mr. Archibald Mackay, late secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association at Port Elizabeth and Johannesburg, is entering the ministry of the Church of England at Hull.

By invitation of Lady Bucknill, a meeting was held at Hylands House, Epsom, on Wednesday, on behalf of the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society, Mr. Justice Bucknill presiding.

Repairs have just been completed to the tower of St. Mary's church, Sunbury-on-Thames, one of the landmarks by the river, including the removal of the ivy from the tower, and the restoration of the brickwork.

Hampton parish church Sick and Poor Fund having a more than sufficient balance, the offertories at the early morning services are being devoted to the liquidation of the debt incurred in rebuilding the organ given by King William IV.

Dean Inge, Archdeacon of London, has fixed the 18th of next month for the induction of Canon Masterman as Vicar of Bow Church, Cheapside. The Lord Mayor and Corporation will attend the ceremony.

Three pen-nibs represented last week's gifts at All Saints Church, Wellingborough, and the Vicar says: "Nothing makes me so despondent and sad as when men deliberately go out of their way to mock the Almighty."

In St. Peter's church, Babraham, a tablet has been erected to the memory of a former Vicar, John Hullier, scholar of Eton and King's College, Cambridge, who was burnt at Cambridge for his adherence to the Reformed Faith in 1556.

As a memorial to their late Vicar, the Rev. George Marsh Clibborn, who was recently killed in a railway accident in Sweden, the congregation of St. Gabriel, Cricklewood, have decided to erect a stained glass east window in St. Gabriel's church, the estimated cost being £460.

Mr. Tullett, sexton at St. George's church, Brighton, will complete fifty years' service on August 11th. For the last forty-two years Mr. Tullett has not once been absent from his post in fulfilling his varied duties either on a Sunday or a week-day.

Between Richmond and Mortlake a new church is to be built, and £1,350 has already been raised by subscriptions, and a bazaar opened by the Duchess of Teck. Five hundred pounds has been spent in purchasing the site, leaving £850 for the building, which will be commenced when a further £650 has been raised.

Inhabitants of Yarmouth are requested by the new Vicar to regard the time between eleven and one each day as sacred to the studies and devotions of the clergy, and it is desired that persons will not call between these hours at the vicarage or residences of the clergy, except in cases of urgency, during this "quiet time." Other clergy would without doubt welcome a like consideration.

In Euston church, Suffolk, a stained glass window has been placed by the Duke of Grafton in memory of his youngest son, the Rev. Lord Charles Fitzroy, who for twenty-eight years was Rector, and died last August. The window illustrates the command "Feed my Sheep," and was dedicated at a special service, when the Earl of Euston read the lessons.

The Bishop of Whalley laid the foundation-stone of a church for the parish of St. Ann's, Belfield, Rochdale. The church is to provide accommodation for 350 persons, and the estimated cost is £3,150. The late Mr. James Barnes left a legacy of £1,000 for the new church, and with this nearly the whole of the money required has been raised. The parish has been formed out of a portion of Rochdale and Milnrow.

The Bishop of Worcester, before his departure from England, cut the first sod for the new church schools for St. Paul's, Worcester. Mr. John Stallard (a former Mayor of the city) said the parish felt more than grateful to the Bishop. Without his help the schools could not have been built, and the old ones were condemned. They ought to be known as the "Bishop's Schools."

A new church at West Llandudno contains a font placed there as a memorial of the Rev. C. L. Dodgson ("Lewis Carroll"), who, while staying at Llandudno with Dr. Liddell, Dean of Christ Church, wrote "Alice in Wonderland" for the entertainment of his host's little daughter. It is believed that some part of the work was actually written among the sandhills on the site of the new church.

A movement has been made for the completion of the restoration, at a cost of about £650, of the ancient parish church of St. James, Taunton, which stands near the site of an old Augustinian Priory, and £250 has been collected in a few days. Repairs of walls and windows, and an oak parclose screen are included in the scheme of restoration. The patronage of St. James', which has a population of 8000, the largest in Taunton, is in the hands of the Simeon Trustees.

The Rev. H. W. E. Molony, M.A., who for twenty years has acted as Vicar of Ilford, has been presented with a cheque for £130 and an illuminated address from his parishioners upon his departure for Stevenage, Herts., of which he has been appointed Vicar. Mr. Molony went to Ilford when it was a small Essex village, and has taken an important part in the development of the place until now it is a suburb, with 80,000 inhabitants. During this time the Vicar has successfully arranged for the building and enlargement of six churches and several parish halls.

There was a large congregation at St. Mary's, Scarborough, on Saturday week, when the Archbishop of York unveiled the Bishop Blount memorial tablet, which consists of a bas relief, designed by Mr. H. S. Merrifield, of Chelsea. The tablet forms only a part of the memorial raised in Scarborough to commemorate Dr. Blunt's forty years' incumbency. It bears the following inscription: "In affectionate remembrance of R. Frederick Blunt, D.D., Vicar of Scarborough, 1864-1905, second Bishop of Hull, born 1823, died 1916." The larger memorial to the Bishop will take the form of the chancel of the new church of St. Columba, on the North Side at Scarborough. The late Bishop's son, the Rev. A. S. Blunt, and Archdeacon Lindsay and Archdeacon Mackarness were among the clergy present on the occasion, and Mrs. Blunt and other members of the family formed part of the congregation.

A handsome dwarf chancel screen has just been erected in the parish church of Seascale, Cumberland, to the memory of Mr. J. Wrigley, J.P., a former churchwarden, and one who took a leading part in the efforts made to build the permanent church of St. Cuthbert's. Preaching at the dedication service, the Rev. H. M. Fairlie, a former Vicar, paid an eloquent tribute to the memory of Mr. Wrigley both as a churchman and a personal friend, one whose works for the Church live after him. "Such men are the Church's true defence." The screen, which is of Austrian oak, was designed by Mr. J. H. Martindale, of Carlisle, is in two parts, north and south, each consisting of six deeply recessed and canopied panels with carved frieze. The ends are returned east to form priests' stalls. There are already several fine memorial windows in the church, and St. Cuthbert's bids fair to become one of the most artistic modern churches in Cumberland.

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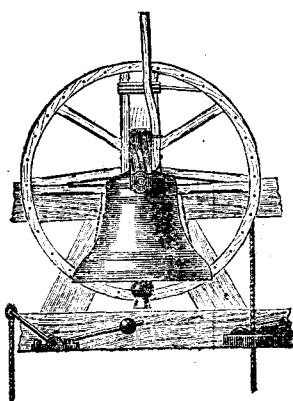
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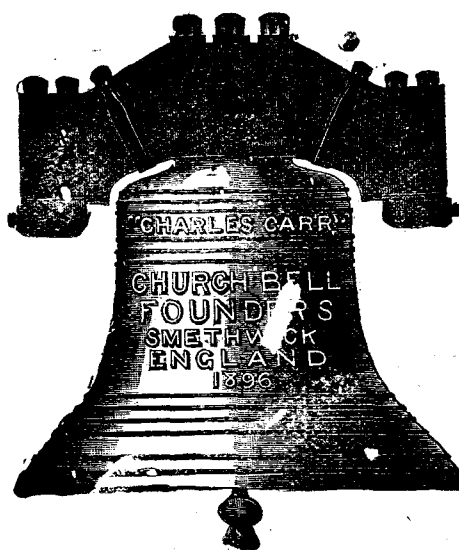
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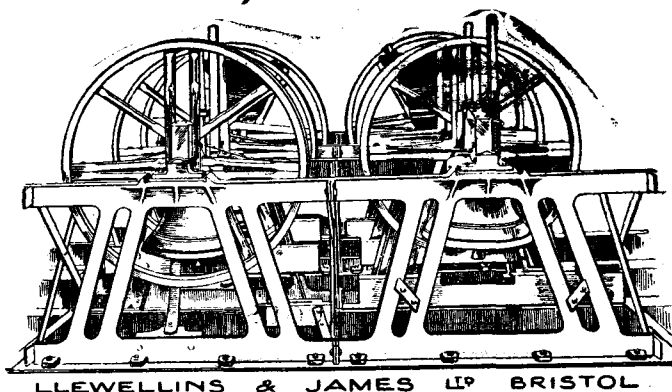
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THE PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS AT HEREFORD CATHEDRAL.

MANY DIFFICULTIES OVERCOME.

This, as duly recorded in its proper column, was indeed a very fine performance, and the enthusiasm of the undertaking may be gauged from the fact that being holiday time, and train service disorganised, many of the Birmingham contingent had to leave their town at 4 o'clock in the morning!

Only one peal—a peal of Royal—had previously been rung on this magnificent ring of ten, which, in addition to their great weight—tenor 44 cwt. in C—go rather “lumpy,” although when pulled off singly each bell goes well.

The ringing chamber is exceptionally large, and very badly lighted, while, to add to the difficulties of the ringers, the sight is partly obstructed by cross beams. The greatest discomfort of all, however, is the noise, which is simply deafening, for whilst ringing if anyone happens to look upwards between the boards of the ceiling the bells can be clearly seen swinging about 6 or 8 feet above!

It generally happens that two “bob-callers” are required here—the second one at the 5th or 6th—to at once repeat the call so as to “pass it on”! It is therefore not surprising that one of the band became quite deaf in the last two courses, and was obliged to glance at the conductor at the parting of each six to make quite sure if a call was made or not! Certainly rather risky. However in this peal *one* bob-caller was sufficient!

With all these severe handicaps against them, the company are justly well pleased with their success, which may be considered one of the most hazardous undertakings in the Ringing Science.

At the finish of the peal the band were heartily congratulated by a large number of visiting ringers; and a portrait group was immediately taken by the conductor, who afterwards entertained his friends at The Victoria Hotel.

Mr. Frank Dawe has now conducted a peal at fifteen different Cathedrals.

The band are greatly indebted to Mr. N. Taylor, one of the local ringers, who, during the progress of the peal, twice greased the bells.

A RINGING TOUR IN NORFOLK & SUFFOLK.

As will be seen from the peal columns a very successful tour has just been completed in Norfolk and Suffolk by members of St. John's Waterloo Road band. A full programme was arranged from Friday evening, August 2nd, to the following Thursday, and the aim was if possible not to ring the same method twice. Everything went off exactly as arranged up to Thursday evening, when eight peals had been scored in eight methods and eight attempts. Then owing to a late start it was found impossible to get to Fakenham that night, as intended, so the first peal (at Fakenham) the next day had to be dropped. Stedman

Triples was attempted at East Dereham, but after 2 hrs. and 10 mins. a trip developed into a muddle, out of which the bells came shifted. Wednesday was the first blank day. The final peal at Debenham was rung on Thursday, and by Saturday all the ringers had got back to London. The following are the highest scores of the tour: Frank Hairs and J. A. Trollope, 9; A. W. Grimes, 8; F. Bennett and J. H. B. Hesse, 7; William Hewett, 6.

It remains to express the deep gratitude of the band for the kindnesses of the local men, without whose help the programme could not have been carried out. Including among others Messrs. J. Souter, F. R. Borrett, George Mayers, of St. John's, Norwich; George Moy, C. Tuthill, of Fakenham; and F. W. Adcock, of Dereham; also Messrs. G. and F. Howchin, who held themselves in readiness to make up the band when and where wanted.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 10th, the members of the above branch held their monthly meeting at Middleton. Ringers were present from the following towers: Middleton, Oldham, Glodwick, Moorside, Milnrow, Rochdale parish church, St. Albans (Rochdale), Balderstone, Todmorden parish church, and Unitarian church, Ashton, Pendleton, Radcliffe, Worsley, and Manchester. The bells were set going at 3.30 until 6.30 p.m., when the business meeting, presided over by Mr. S. Brierly, commenced. The election of branch president and committeeman took place, Mr. S. Brierly being elected branch president, and Mr. William Crabtree as committeeman for two years. Mr. W. Saunders, of Shropshire, was elected a non-resident member of the Association after the meeting. The ringers adjourned to the Ring of Bells inn, and courses of Grand-sire Triples and Caters were rung on the handbells. Returning to the tower about 8.15, the bells were kept going till ten o'clock in Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob Major.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.

A meeting arranged with the object of awakening interest in the outlying districts took place on Monday, August 5th. Members from Goldhanger, Kelvedon, Great Tey, Bocking and Coggeshall met at Coggeshall, where a start was made by brake, calling at Earls Colne to pick up several more. The first stop was Colne Engaine, where a few touches of Minor in several methods were rung, two of the local company taking part. Another three miles drive brought them to Pebmarsh. Here a few 6-scores were rung on the five bells, including Grand-sire, Plain and Stedman, and then on to Gestingthorpe, where they were joined by some of the local ringers and others from Yeldham and Hedingham, and touches of Oxford, Plain and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung.

After dinner, which was provided at Belchamp Walter, the party went to Foxearth, where on the lightest ring of eight in the county (tenor 7 cwt.) touches of Grandsire, Double Norwich and Superlative were rung. Then back again to Belchamp Walter for tea, after which the church was visited. Here they found the peal of eight (tenor 12 cwt.) badly in want of the attention of a bell hanger, for when trying to ring a touch of Major part of the 2nd wheel broke away, so they had to be content with Minor on the back six. At all the stopping places the party were joined by the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Secretary of the Association, who journeyed by motor and brought three more with him, including Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Association. Altogether it is thought the venture proved a success. The ringers of Foxearth and Belchamp announced their intention of becoming members of the Association.

MITCHAM RINGERS' DAY OUT.

TOUR IN SURREY.

The members of the Mitcham band of ringers had their annual outing last Saturday week, when they made a tour of the district by brake, halting at the principal churches to test the merits of the bells. An early start was made, and after ringing a touch of Double Norwich in fine style, a start was made for Epsom, where a halt was made for breakfast. Then away to Ashted, where touches of Stedman, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich were rung, and on again by way of Leatherhead and Mickleham to Burford Bridge. Here the party left the brake, and exercised their pedal extremities in a walk to Ranmore Church. At this church the Rector met them, and gave them a very cordial welcome. The use of the bells having been obtained, no time was lost in setting them going to the tune of Double Norwich, Stedman, and Treble Bob. Dorking was next visited, and here various touches were rung at the Church of St. Martin. Dinner was taken at Buckland. The party being here joined by Dr. Carpenter, the Master of the Surrey Association. After dinner a start was made for Betchworth, where touches of Double Norwich and Stedman were rung on the bells of the village church.

Buckland Green and its well-known church and bells were the next on the programme, and the villagers were delighted with some good touches. Reigate and tea followed, and then off to Kingswood. Here, at the parish church, the splendid bells were set going, and the bell-ringing portion of the programme came to an end. Nothing now remained but the drive home, and Mitcham was safely reached at the close of a long, but most enjoyable day.

ORIGINATOR OF SHIRLEY POPPY.

The Rev. W. Wilks, who, among other horticultural achievements, produced the famous Shirley poppy from the common field variety, is retiring from the vicarage of Shirley, near Croydon, which he has held since 1879. He is not leaving the village, having had a new house built there, nor is he giving up the secretaryship of the Royal Horticultural Society, to which he was elected in 1887.

The Rector of Farnham, Mr. Lovett, has been presented by the Bishop of Winchester, to the living of St. Mary, Southampton, the mother church of that town, formerly worth about £3,000 a year. In recent years this has been reduced to £1,200 a year, with a good house. Farnham is worth £400 a year, with a house.

In Memoriam.

WILLIAM LOWMAN.

BORN 1865. DIED 1912. AGED 47.

On Sunday, August 4th, there passed away, after a short but severe illness, William Lowman. Deceased had been ailing for some time from hæmorrhage, and early in June this year was taken suddenly ill and never rallied. He had lived in Farnham the whole of his life. He commenced ringing in 1886. After a short time he gave it up, rejoined about 1903, and rang first peal—Grandsire Triples—in 1905. He had rung ten peals in all, viz.: Grandsire Triples 5, Bob Major 2, Bob Minor 1, Minor in four methods 1, five methods 1. As a striker he was one of the best, and delighted in hearing a touch or peal well struck. Deceased leaves a widow and one daughter. The funeral took place on Wednesday, August 7th, being attended by his wife and relatives, also his fellow workmen and the ringers. Wreaths were sent from a number of friends, including the Guildford district of the Winchester Diocesan Guild and the Farnham ringers. In the evening a muffled peal was rung at the parish church, and at the express wish of the Rector the bells were half-muffled for Sunday ringing. Mr. Lowman will be greatly missed in the tower, as he had filled the office of Secretary for several years, and carried out the duties with pride and zeal. The book of records of peals and touches will be an everlasting memento of his work.

C. E.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES DISTRICT.

The members of this district held a monthly meeting at Keevil on Saturday week when members attended representing towers at St. John's and St. Mary's, Devizes, Bath, Hilperton, Keevil, Poulshot, Trowbridge, Seend, South Broom (St. James's), and Urchfont. Both before and after tea the bells were kept going in a variety of methods. After tea a business meeting was held, over which the Rev. A. T. Richardson (Vicar of Keevil) presided, supported by the hon. branch secretary, Mr. H. B. West. The latter invited the captains of bands in the district to arrange for the ringing of peals on the evening of Tuesday next, August 20th, to commemorate the wedding of the Master of the Guild. A vote of thanks to Mr. Richardson for presiding and for the use of the bells was unanimously passed, and the rev. gentleman briefly responded expressing a hope that the visit of the district to Keevil would shortly be repeated.

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NOTES.

Mr. F. Dench writes asking us to make a correction in the footnote to his 5024 Cambridge Surprise Major published last week. The word fifth was omitted from his copy for which he apologises. It should read "* fifth Bob in."

Will correspondents please make sure in writing copy that the names of persons and places are written distinctly.

The above note is written because in the peal rung at Kelsale included in last week's columns, the name of the ringer of treble was given as "Harding," which was the only way it could be read. It should have been "Hardy."

Our peal columns this week include an amended peal rung at Sawston, in which the name of the conductor was inadvertently given as "William Pye" instead of "Bertram Prewett."

Mr. Edward Wightman, of Woodford Green, claims that the peal of Double Norwich published last week under the name of Mr. H. Price was composed by the late Mr. George Conyard, of Crayford.

It was rung at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Erith, by members of the Kent County Association on January 22nd, 1903, and was conducted by Mr. Wightman.

The figures appear in the report of the Kent County Association for 1904.

A letter to the same effect appears in our correspondence columns.

We should esteem it a favour if secretaries or captains of Tower Bands would send us an intimation when anything of interest is happening at their towers, so that we may arrange to get reports.

The members of the Devizes District of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild are invited to arrange for ringing peals on Tuesday next, the day on which the Master of the Guild enters the holy state of matrimony.

We are sure that all members of the Guild will wish him and his bride every joy and happiness in their future life, a wish in which we most heartily join.

Mr. J. H. B. Hesse rang his 150th peal on Saturday last at Hersham. To accomplish these Mr. Hesse has visited fifty-three towers situated in eleven counties, and they have been rung under the auspices of twelve associations.

Mr. A. P. Smith, of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, has also completed 150 peals, one-third of which have been Stedman Cinques.

The Essex Association continues its campaign in the interests of the higher methods of change-ringing, and last week a tour of the Coggeshall District was made with that object in view.

BY ROYAL WARRANT

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A PEAL WITHDRAWN.

SIR,—It is my unpleasant duty to cancel the peal of Double Norwich rung at St. John's, Leicester, on Monday, August 5th. On looking at the figures again I regret to find one false lead between bobs at 4 x 5. Unfortunately I knew the peal was false long ago and had no idea that I had retained it in my note book. I offer my most humble apologies to the band who obliged me by ringing the peal, which would have been my 200th. Although the figures have never been published, as a matter of conscience and honour I feel it my imperative duty to apologise and withdraw the peal.

WILLIAM WILLSON.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of Notices under this heading is Sixpence for 25 words, for the first insertion; repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on August 20th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 29th; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Northern District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, N.W., on Saturday, August 17th. The tower will be open from 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7.35 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.

WM. H. HOTTNE, Hon. Sec.

42, Thornhill Road, Barnsbury, N.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, August 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7. All ringers welcome.

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Branch Sec.

Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James' church, Accrington, on Saturday, August 24th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

J. WATSON, Branch Sec.

26, London Road, Blackburn.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Seal Chart on Saturday, August 24th. Tower open at 3.30. Service in church at 5. Tea will be provided at Frankfield after the service, by the kindness of the Misses Wilkinson. Members intending to attend the meeting are requested to notify the District Secretary not later than Wednesday, August 21st.

W. LATTE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

26, Dukes Road, Tunbridge Wells.

The Warwickshire Guild.—A monthly meeting will be held at Monks Kirby on Saturday, August 31st. Bells (6) available at 3.30 p.m.

REV. C. C. COX, Hon. Sec.

Shuttery.

The Lancashire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Kendal on Saturday, September 7th. Full particulars by circulars.

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The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—In order to facilitate the publishing of future reports, conductors of peals are requested to send particulars of peals called by them within seven days of such performance to

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Notice.—Shoreditch Bells Fund.—Funds are urgently needed to put this grand old peal in proper repair. £50 wanted before the work can be commenced. Who will help a poor parish? Contributions thankfully received and gratefully acknowledged. Collecting cards also supplied by H. J. Bradley, The Parish Church, Shoreditch, E.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TENTERDEN.—On Sunday, July 28th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Baker, R. Edwards, G. Cramp, J. Manktelow, N. Tickner, G. Neve, A. Allen, C. Tribe. Conducted by R. Edwards. On Sunday, August 4th, for evening service, 504 in the same method. H. Baker, sen., H. Baker, jun., J. Manktelow, C. Tribe, N. Tickner, G. Neve, A. Allen, A. Snelling. Conducted by C. Tribe. On Sunday, August 11th, for evening service, 518 in the same method. C. Tribe, R. Edwards, J. Manktelow, G. Cramp, N. Tickner, G. Neve, A. Allen, F. Gilbert. Conducted by C. Tribe.

DEPTFORD, S.E.—On Sunday, August 11th, for evening service at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. R. Fosdike, F. S. Bacon, J. Law, G. R. Simmonds, F. W. Richardson, J. Crowder, W. J. Jeffries (conductor), W. Daynes.

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By EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

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The Rev. T. Roberts, Vicar of Christ Church, Hull, died with tragic suddenness on Saturday. Mr. Roberts was entertaining the choir of his church at supper when he suddenly had a seizure and fell back in his chair unconscious. He never regained consciousness, and died the next morning. Mr. Roberts, who had held the living for ten years, was made deacon in 1887, and ordained priest in 1888. He had been Vicar of Christ Church, Leicester, before he went to Hull. He was very popular in the district, and was a regular supporter of the Hull City Football Club.

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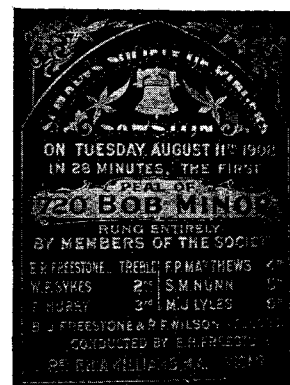
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 1912.

We tender our sincere congratulations to Mr. F. E. Dawe and the members of the band who, in spite of many difficulties, succeeded in bringing round a peal of Stedman Caters at Hereford Cathedral on Bank Holiday. Mr. Dawe seems to have set his mind on conducting a peal in each Cathedral. This is his 15th, and we wish him continued health and strength, and the opportunity to accomplish that whereunto he has set his mind. All things come to those who have grit and patience to work out their ideals. Mr. Dawe possesses both, and we doubt not but that, as opportunities serve, he will go on adding to the number until he brings his ambition to pass.

Among the difficulties that had to be overcome, it is noted that when rung in peal the bells "go rather lumpy," although when pulled off singly, each bell goes well. Evidently the services of a bell-hanger are required to put the frame in order. The ringing of the whole set must set up a vibration, which a single bell does not do, and prevents the bells from having that steady, clean swing so essential to good striking, and the successful bringing round of a peal.

The bad light in the ringing-chamber, and the cross beams makes it difficult to get a good sight of the ropes, one of the necessary things. Then the noise of the bells is so great, that it is usual to have two bob-callers, the second to pass on the call from the conductor. This does not make the position of the conductor any the safer, for it is quite conceivable that should the conductor be just a trifle late in calling a bob, and the second caller another trifle late, the whole peal might come to grief through the ringers failing to grasp the call.

The great noise, we learn, resulted in one ringer becoming quite deaf, and it will be readily realised how easily this might have ended in disaster to the peal. When a ringer has to keep one eye on the conductor to watch for a call, and the other on the ropes, his task is rendered doubly difficult.

This is a case in which the authorities would be well advised to secure the services of an expert with a view to putting what is rightly described as a magnificent peal in good going order.

There seems to be quite a number of peals in a similarly unsatisfactory state. We continually receive reports from bands that peals are lost or their successful accomplishment rendered unnecessarily difficult by defects in the frame, by the bells being badly hung, or by the heavier bells running dry.

Such defects do not diminish as time elapses, but, on the other hand, must of necessity get worse. To neglect the repair of such defects at their first appearance is a "penny wise, pound foolish" system of working, since the expenditure of a few shillings in the first stage of a defect may well obviate the spending of as many pounds if it is allowed to develop.

The authorities of the churches where these complaints arise would do well to have the frames and fittings examined with a view to their being remedied.

The Provincials.

CORRECTED ISSUE.

SAWSTON, CAMBS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 5.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2.	REUBEN SANDERS 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	KEITH HART 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal of Bristol in Cambridgeshire.

HEREFORD.

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

On Monday, August 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELBERT,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES.

Tenor 44 cwt. in C.

FRANCIS E. DAWE Treble.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 6.
WILLIAM SHORT 2.	SAMUEL GROVE 7.
REV. E. V. COX 3.	ROBERT MATTHEWS 8.
THOMAS MILLER 4.	JAMES E. GROVES 9.
WILLIAM D. JAMES 5.	JOHN NEAL Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

The band wish to tender their best thanks to the Dean and Chapter for so readily granting permission for the peal, and also to Messrs. Williams and Taylor, and other members of the local ringers, for their kindness in having everything ready for the visitors.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK C. LAMEERT .. Treble.	JOHN SPENCER 4.
ARTHUR J. NAUNTON 2.	FRANCIS NAUNTON 5.
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON .. 3.	JOHN LARTER Tenor.

Conducted by F. C. LAMEERT.

Arranged for Mr. A. G. Bennington, of Deptford, London.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. Treble.	HARRY BUNGAY 5.
CHARLES EDWARDS 2.	ARTHUR HARDING 6.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 3.	ROBERT H. YOUNG 7.
GEORGE MARTIN 4.	RICHARD BUCKLAND Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

HORNSEY.—On Sunday evening, August 11th, after Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor: J. Plumb, A. Howell, F. Tubbs, F. Fensom, F. Barker, C. H. Ross (conductor). Messrs. Tubbs and Barker hail from Finchley.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, August 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5137 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

REV. ERNEST V. COX .. Treble.	MORRIS J. MORRIS 7.
ALF PADDON SMITH 2.	*FRED WILFORD 8.
WILLIAM SHORT 3.	WILLIAM D. JAMES 9.
ALBERT WALKER 4.	SAMUEL GROVE 10.
JOHN NEAL 5.	JAMES E. GROVES 11.
REV. C. CAREW COX .. 6.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. Tenor.

Composed by the late Hy. JOHNSON, and

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

This is Mr. A. P. Smith's 150th peal, fifty of them being Stedman Cinques. *First peal on twelve bells.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. LAMBERT .. Treble.	HERBERT PRATT 4.
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON .. 2.	THOMAS CRANE 5.
JOHN O'NEILL 3.	JOHN LARZER Tenor.

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Arranged for Mr. A. G. Bennington, who hails from Deptford, London.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS .. Treble.	WILLIAM HORNE 5.
GEORGE UPSHALL 2.	EDWARD CLAPSHAW 6.
FREDERICK A. BARNETT .. 3.	THOMAS UPSHALL 7.
JOHN T. HENSMAN 4.	ALFRED R. ELKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal by the tenor-man. Mr. Hensman hails from Northampton, and was proposed a member previous to starting. Rung with the bells fully muffed as a tribute of respect to the late Secretary of the local band, W. Lowman, who was interred that afternoon.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 7, 1912, in Two Hours and .. Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford Treble, Kent, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

BEN SADDINGTON* .. Treble.	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 4.
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2.	CHARLES W. BIRD 5.
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN .. 3.	†BERNARD J. SADDINGTON Tenor.

Conducted by B. J. SADDINGTON.

*First peal containing Treble Bob methods. †First seven method peal as conductor.

CRETINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Friday, August 9th, for practice, several 120s of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. Alfred Wightman, George Wightman, William Wightman, George Wightman, junr, Leslie Wightman, E. Ling, H. Hall, A. Taylor, W. G. Crickmer, E. Hall (London). Also some rounds and call-changes, with Hector W. Crickmer (aged 9), 2; S. Wightman, sen. (aged 82), tenor.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE,
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS).

On Thursday, August 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

FARNER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

THOMAS HASTINGS* .. Treble.	WILLIAM HALE 5.
WILLIAM HASTINGS 2.	ALBERT WRIGHT 6.
WILLIAM IRELAND 3.	FRANK COLR 7.
HARRY SMITH* 4.	HUBERT HANKS Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

*First peal.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain and Oxford Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

DENNIS MALLETT* .. Treble.	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY .. 4.
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2.	CHARLES W. BIRD 5.
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN .. 3.	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

*First peal containing Treble Bob methods.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

FREDERICK ROOPE .. Treble.	GEORGE BAXTER 5.
WILLIAM SEELE 2.	FREDERICK SPRIDGE 6.
CHARLES ROOPS 3.	WILLIAM ROOPS 7.
CHARLES BAKER 4.	FREDERICK BOBBETT .. Tenor.

Composed by D. PRENTICE, and Conducted by F. ROOPS.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 22 cwt.

ARTHUR E. PAYNE .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. 5.
E. MAURICE ATKINS 2.	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN .. 6.
MATTHIAS HOBBS* 3.	WALTER GILBERT 7.
ALFRED KNIGHT 4.	FRANK KIRK Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

*First peal of Double Norwich. This is the conductor's 50th peal for this Association.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES HOUGHTON .. Treble.	ALFRED KNIGHT 5.
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2.	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 6.
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN .. 3.	ROBERT F. TURNER .. 7.
ARTHUR E. PAYNE 4.	JAMES W. WARD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

The composition of this peal, now rung for the first time, contains all the 6-3s, 6-4s and 6-5s and the 6th her extent home in six-course blocks.

HERSHAM, SURREY. THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ERNEST PYE Treble.	JOHN H. B. HESSE 5.
ALFRED W. GRIMES 2.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	BERTHAM PREWETT 7.
CHARLES T. COLES 4.	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

This was J. H. B. Hesse's 150th peal. They have been rung in 53 towers, in 11 counties, and for 12 Associations.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS. THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 10, 1912 in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S THREE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

E. MAURICE ATKINS .. Treble.	FRED WILFORD 5.
THOMAS W. JORK† 2.	†WILLIAM JACOBS 6.
HARRY GAYTON† 3.	†ARTHUR JORK 7.
DAVID J. NICHOLS 4.	ARTHUR CHAPMAN Tenor.

Conducted by W. JACOBS.

†First peal of Major. Messrs. Gayton and Jacques hail from Harrold and Olney, Beds., respectively; Messrs Jork belong to the local band, and kindly rang on the band meeting short for Stedman Triples.

RUSHTON, NORTHANTS. THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

ALFRED KNIGHT Treble.	JAMES HOUGHTON 4.
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2.	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN 5.
E. MAURICE ATKINS 3.	DAVID J. NICHOLS Tenor.

Conducted by D. J. NICHOLLS.

WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE. THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 10, 1912 in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY AND ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt. 0 qrs. 8 lbs. in C sharp.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Treble.	*WILLIAM T. TUCKER 6.
FREDERICK G. MAY 2.	*WILFRED ANDREWS 7.
ALAN R. MACDONALD 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 8.
CHARLES H. RUSSELL* 4.	ALFRED H. PULLING 9.
MAURICE SMITHER 5.	*OWEN H. GILES Tenor.

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

*First peal on ten bells.

EAST MOLESLEY.—On Sunday, August 4th, for evening service at St. Mary's Church, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Brown, W. J. Hall, J. Howes, Miss E. Fisher, W. Halls, J. Baldwin, S. Woods, H. Waters. Conducted by J. Howes.

FINCHLEY.—On Thursday, August 8th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (26 singles). G. Saunders, W. Webb, E. Tubb, B. Tubb, F. Tubb, C. H. Ross (conductor). First 720 by the ringer of the treble. Also 360 College Single, conducted by E. Tubb.

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

On Saturday, August 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. JOHNSON'S VARIATION OR MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

THOMAS J. BRATTON .. Treble.	WILLIAM D. JAMES 5.
JOHN NEAL 2.	*THOMAS MILLER 6.
SAMUEL GROVE 3.	JAMES L. WELLS 7.
MORRIS J. MORRIS 4.	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

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

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods: Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Court, Grandsire, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

FRANK SHEPHERD .. Treble.	JOHN HOUGH 4.
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON 2.	HERBERT HURDMAN 5.
WILLIAM J. SMITH 3.	DAVID COTTON Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID COTTON.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 12, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

WILLIAM STEELE .. Treble.	BERTIE J. HEWCHIN 5.
JOHN F. WILSON 2.	ALFRED FENNEL 6.
JOHN ALDIS, SEN.* 3.	GEORGE HOWCHIN 7.
ALBERT G. WARNES 4.	FRANK DAVEY F.N. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by WM. STEELE.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell.

Handbell Peals.

CAMBRIDGE—THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

In the President's Rooms, Trinity College,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 1-2.	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 5-6.
REV. E. BANKES JAMES 3-4.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 7-8.
REV. E. H. TYRWHITT-DEAKIN 9-10.	

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

First clerical peal on handbells. Umpire—T. R. Dennis.

CAMBRIDGE.—THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, August 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

In the President's Rooms, Trinity College,

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

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 1-2.	REV. E. BANKES JAMES 5-6.
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 3-4.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 7-8.

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

First clerical peal of Major on handbells. Umpire—R. O. Street.

The following peals were rung during a tour in Norfolk and Suffolk by members of the St. John's (Waterloo Road), band.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK,

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 7½ cwt.

CHARLES MILLS Treble.	*FRANK I. HAIRS 5.
ALFRED W. GRIMES 2.	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 6.
THOMAS FORD, JUN. 3.	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7.
ERNEST F. POPPY 4.	†CLEMENT MORE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CLEMENT MORE.

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

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
CHARLES BAKER 2.	FRANK I. HAIRS 6.
FRED ROOPE 3.	CHARLES T. J. P. BRICE 7.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 4.	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by F. BENNETT.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
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FRANK I. HAIRS 3.	*WILLIAM ROOPE 7.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 4.	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor.

Conducted by F. BENNETT.

Middleton's Composition. *First peal of Old Cambridge. First peal of Old Cambridge on the bells.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR.
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE HOWCHIN Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
ALFRED W. GRIMES 2.	WILLIAM HEWETT 6.
EDWIN WHITING 3.	FRANK I. HAIRS 7.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL, and

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANGROFT,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 45 cwt. in B.

JOHN E. BOSTON* Treble.	*FRANK I. HAIRS 7.
ALBERT G. WARNES 2.	WILLIAM HEWETT 8.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 9.
GEORGE HOWCHIN 4.	*JOHN H. B. HESSE 10.
FRANK BENNETT 5.	FREDERICK R. BOBERTT 11.
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 6.	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Treble Twelve.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE* Treble.	*FREDERICK R. BOBERTT 5.
WILLIAM HEWETT 2.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
ALFRED W. GRIMES 3.	FRANK I. HAIRS 7.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Norfolk Surprise. First peal of Norfolk Surprise in Norfolk.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble.	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 5.
ALFRED W. GRIMES 2.	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 6.
GEORGE HOWCHIN 3.	FRANK BENNETT 7.
WILLIAM HEWETT 4.	FRANK I. HAIRS Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by A. W. GRIMES.

First peal of Double Norwich as conductor.

AYLSHAM.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES.
Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM HEWETT Treble.	JOHN H. B. HESSE 6.
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2.	FRANK BENNETT 7.
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN* 3.	FRANK I. HAIRS 8.
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 4.	ALFRED W. GRIMES 9.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 5.	*JOHN MOY Tenor.

Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and Conducted by F. BENNETT.

*First peal of Stedman Caters.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM HEWETT Treble.	FRANK I. HAIRS 5.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 2.	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 6.
GEORGE H. SPARROW* 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 4.	PETER LAFLIN Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

*First peal of Superlative.

Date Touches.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

WALSOKEN.—On Saturday, August 10th, at All Saints Church, a date touch of Bob Minor (1912 changes), in 1 hr. 6 mins. G. Jutson (conductor), J. Jutson, T. Blunt, A. Sargeant, J. Storey, R. Narborough. This was rung after an attempt for a peal.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Monday, August 12th, at St. Mary's Church, a date touch of Minor, being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Bob and 112 Plain Bob, in 1 hr. 2 mins. F. Davis, T. Vaughan, J. Jutson, F. Cooke, H. Traynar, G. Jutson (conductor).

Miscellaneous.**THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.**

SWANSEA.—On Sunday, August 11th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, 1008 Stedman Triples, in 37 mins. F. Curtis, P. Kneath, E. Searie, H. T. Gowllett (London) J. A. Hoare, J. Davies, F. Morgan (conductor), E. Davies.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, July 31st, 224 Double Norwich. P. Potter, A. F. Bailey, C. F. Bailey, A. Keeble, F. W. Bailey, J. M. Bailey, G. F. Thompson, S. J. Wolfe (Lincoln). Also 504 Stedman Triples. F. W. Bailey, C. Samson, J. M. Bailey, A. Keeble, S. J. Wolfe, G. F. Thompson, C. F. Bailey (conductor), L. P. Bailey. On Tuesday, August 6th, 640 Double Norwich. P. Potter, A. F. Bailey (longest length in the method), E. H. Bailey, A. Keeble, F. W. Bailey, C. F. Bailey, E. S. Bailey, J. M. Bailey. On Saturday, August 10th, 576 Superlative Surprise. A. F. Bailey, F. W. Bailey, E. S. Bailey, C. F. Bailey (conductor), G. Wilson, E. H. Bailey, J. M. Bailey.

PULHAM MARKET (Norfolk).—On Sunday, August 11th, for morning service, 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. G. Baxter, S. Annison, C. Baker, F. Burrows, F. Copeman, F. Borrett, F. Roope, C. Roope, Conducted by F. Borrett. Longest length by the 2nd and 4th ringers.

A LOST BREVIARY.

The Rev. Hawtrey J. Enraght, vicar of Ranworth, Norwich, is making an appeal for help in recovering a fifteenth century breviary bequeathed in 1478 by William Cobbe to the Church of St. Helen, Ranworth, but which disappeared from here many years ago. In the course of the appeal he says:—"I may mention that Messrs. Ellis have lent the same to us for three months, with a view to our making an effort to recover it."

The catalogue price is £575, but if we can secure it we can have it for £500. Those who have seen it describe it as exceptional and worth the price asked, for, though rebound, the inset is in a very perfect condition. The patronal and dedication festivals are both marked in the calendar for the church of Ranworth—the patronal for August 18. We are therefore next Sunday once again keeping the festival of St. Helen. We are making a real effort to restore it to its proper home. May I add that it is now on view here, and that we earnestly appeal for help."

WORCESTER.

At Worcester a series of eleven statues, filling the niches in the east front of the Edgar Tower, the gateway into the College-green, has been unveiled by the sub-dean. They represent four great epochs in the history of the See during its first 400 years—the founding of the See in the seventh century by Ethelred Rex, Osric Subregulus, and Boset, the first bishop; the recovery of it from the Danes in the ninth century by Etheldred Dux, Ethelfreda "the Lady of the Mercians," and Werfrith the scholar bishop who assisted Alfred; the Benedictine occupation of the See in the tenth century by King Edgar, St. Oswald, and Winsin, the first Prior; and in the eleventh century, the founding of the present Cathedral by St. Wulstan and his historian monk, Florence of Worcester. The figures are executed in terra-cotta, and are the work of Mr. R. F. Wells, of Chelsea.

On Friday last the beginning and the end met at Cretingham when Hector W. Crickmer, aged nine, rang the second, and S. Wightman, sen., rang the tenor in some call changes.

A parish hall is being erected in connection with St. Matthias' Church, Plymouth, from plans by Messrs. Carder and Carder, of Plymouth and Truro. It occupies a site in Clifton Place and Bedford Park.

The complete restoration of the dilapidated portion of the chancel in All Saints' Church, Mundesley, was decided on at an adjourned vestry meeting on Friday. The architects are Messrs. Lacey and Upcher, of Norwich, and the work is estimated to cost about £680. The nave was restored at a cost of £3,000 a few years ago.

The living of Tynemouth, vacant through the resignation of Canon Crawhall, has been offered by the Duke of Northumberland to the Rev. Richard E. Holmes, M.A., Vicar of Holy Trinity, South Shields, who has accepted the offer. The new Vicar, who is the oldest of the eight sons of the late Mr. Richard Holmes, the well-known Pontefract antiquary, has held his present living sixteen years, having previously been curate in the same parish for nine years. He has been a member of the South Shields Education Committee, and was for many years Chairman of the School Board.

The church of Whitcombe, near Dorchester, the first charge of the Rev. William Barnes, poet and philologist—a building of much historic and archaeological interest—was re-opened on Saturday afternoon, after renovation. When the Early English east wall of the chancel was being taken down for more stable re-erection, three of the largest stones were found to have been portions of a richly-carved cross of Scandinavian (not Celtic) type. A well-preserved fresco of St. Christopher was uncovered beneath the coatings of whitewash on the north wall, and also Early English arcading in fresco.

The Archbishop of York announces in his monthly letter to the diocese that he proposes to take six weeks' holiday, commencing on August 6th. Since last September, he says, he has been able, "besides bearing the heavy burden of daily correspondence, of administration, and of endless committees," to visit 132 parishes, and to give fifty-four addresses at public meetings and special occasions in the diocese. He has also spoken or preached on twenty occasions in the Northern Province. He adds, "After this hard work, though I thank God I have not lost a single day through ill-health, I am sure that you will not grudge me six weeks of comparative relief from labour."

The story of the wonderful cow with the unfailing supply of milk, which we quoted in a recent issue, is connected with other places as well as Stanion church. On the borders of Shropshire and Montgomeryshire is Corndon Hill, some 1,648 feet high. Here we find the remains of a circle of unhewn stones, probably of Druidic origin. But native tradition has another tale to tell. Long years ago, when this district was more thickly populated than it is at present, a famine fell upon the land. The country people were saved from starvation by a beautiful white fairy cow, which came every evening to be milked on the spot which is now known as Mitchell's or Madge's Fold. There was always enough to fill a pail for every comer. At last a wicked old witch came for her supply, but she milked the cow into a sieve, and the milk ran into the ground and was wasted, after which the fairy cow came now more. The witch was turned into a stone and shut in by the other stones of the circle. In the church of Mindleton-in-Chirbury, the sandstone pillars were elaborately carved by a former Vicar, and on one is depicted the story of Mitchell's Fold, the fairy cow being milked by the malicious witch.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

About 600 members of the Chester Diocesan Guild at Chester on Monday week celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization, which was founded in 1887 by the Archdeacon of Chester. Preaching at a special service in the Cathedral in the morning, the Bishop of Chester said if bellringing was a good thing, and a thing to be recognised among the ministrations of the Church, bellringers ought to give of their very best. If they had a full peal of bells, and even if they had skilful ringers, and there was not in the belfry a spirit of reverence worthy of the high calling of bellringers, then the downfall was a sad and lamentable one.

At the annual meeting of the Guild, Archdeacon Barber was unanimously re-elected Master, and the Rev. A. T. Beeston (Stockport), Hon. Secretary. It was decided to hold the next annual gathering in Stockport on the last Saturday in July. The annual dinner followed, at the conclusion of which the Bishop, on behalf of the ringers,

handed a handsome silver salver to the Master and founder, and a purse of gold.

ALTAR FRONTALS.

A correspondent of *The Standard* draws attention to a beautiful piece of bobbin-made lace for an altar frontal on view in the British Section of the Latin-British Exhibition. "The frontal" she writes, "is to be presented to Tonbridge School Chapel. As far as we can discover it is an entirely new departure in church work, and will open up a new field for workers in which there is small expense and no worry of matching silks. The design consists of the arms of the school, which will form the centre of the cross, which consists of broad lace insertion, with pattern of grapes and foliage. The arms are woven in a wonderful manner; the lions and boars' heads stand out clearly."

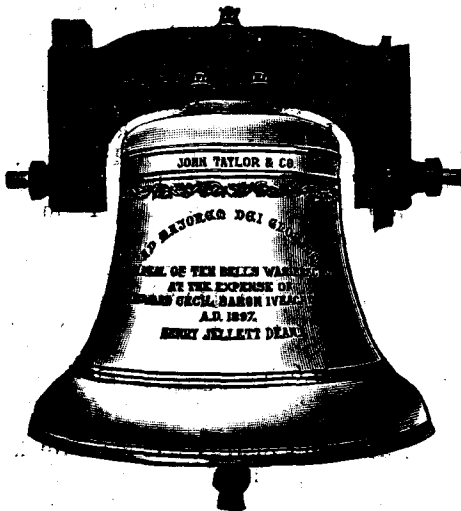
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THE BELLS OF WAREHORE, KENT.

The Rev. Wm. C. Battiscombe, Rector of Warehorne, Ashford, Kent, writes to *The Standard* :—

"May I be allowed to appeal to those of your readers who are interested in church bells? I, together with the parishioners of Warehorne parish (Kent), am endeavouring to raise funds to repair our church bells. One is broken in half, one is cracked, and therefore unsafe to ring. The other three require 'turning,' and other work is necessary to put the whole in working order. Our population is about 350—entirely agricultural, consisting of a few farmers and agricultural labourers.

"All are willing to help, but the amount required (£100) is beyond our power to raise without aid from outside. We shall be most thankful for the kind assistance of any willing to help us.

CHURCH DEFENCE PETITIONS.

The petitions from the English dioceses against the Government Bill for the Disendowment and Disestablishment of the Church in Wales are beginning to be received at the Church House, Westminster. The one from Cambridge contains the names of nine heads of houses, three Regius professors, seven other professors, and the Public Orator of Cambridge University. The latest date for the receipt of petitions is September 30th.

CHURCH ITEMS.

St. Ethelburga's Church, Bishopsgate Street, is being restored and decorated at a cost of £3,000.

About 100 girls of the Church Nursing and Ambulance Brigade, a sister organisation to the Church Lads' Brigade, have been encamped at Beach House, Worthing.

For a new mission Church at Isleworth, the Rev. W. Marsh Rapson has drawn the plans, to the satisfaction of the surveyor to the District Council.

In succession to the Rev. A. H. Grant, recently appointed the royal chaplain at Sandringham, the Rev. John Williamson, of Sheffield, has been appointed rector of Great Warley, Essex.

Lord Selborne has undertaken to move, at the Winchester Diocesan Conference in October next, a resolution for the appointment of a committee to prepare a scheme for the proposed division of the diocese.

The Ven. Francis Lear, Archdeacon of Sarum, has just celebrated the jubilee of his appointment as a canon residentiary of Salisbury. He is 89 years of age, and has spent nearly the whole of his life in the diocese.

In aid of the Canon Green Memorial Church, Clapham, the recent fair realised a sum of £1,758, and after meeting the expenditure in connection with the organisation of the fair, a sum of £1,300 has now been paid into the church account.

Alderman Cooper and Mr. A. L. Bower, Sheriffs-elect of the City of London, have appointed as their official chaplains the Rev. Canon G. C. Bell, Rector of St. Michael's, Cornhill, and the Rev. P. Clementi-Smith, Rector of St. Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe, Blackfriars.

At a representative meeting recently held of the congregation and parishioners of St. Gabriel's, Cricklewood, it was decided that as a memorial to the late Vicar the east window should be filled with stained glass, a project which Mr. Clibborn always hoped to see completed.

At Holbeach, South Lincolnshire, the Vicar, the Rev. F. W. Hutchinson, declines to allow the church bells to be rung in future as a fire alarm, holding that it is a custom which has led to much irreverent treatment of God's house; but the urban council has, it is stated, been offered the use of the seventh bell, commonly known as the "Pancake Bell."

The annual service of the Guild of St. Luke will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on the evening of Tuesday, October 22nd. The preacher will be the Bishop of Stepney, who is a son of Sir James Paget, the famous surgeon. The Lord Mayor—the only medical man who has filled the office—will attend with the Sheriffs.

The Archbishop of York, in detailing some of the pressing engagements which occupy a Bishop's time, made special mention of the amount of letter-writing which is imposed on a diocesan. Many leading clergymen of the second order of the ministry find the same. Well-known clergymen spend many hours each day—to say nothing of the night—in dealing with correspondence. Where this refers to matters of real importance, and especially to matters connected with advice in spiritual difficulties, the time is given ungrudgingly. But it is a well-known fact that some of the most urgent and exacting correspondents are people whose affairs are of the most trivial description.

There is a story of a "West-end" lady who wrote to a City clergyman that she thought her cook had "Roman Catholic tendencies," and asked him to come and talk to that domestic. The parson's reply was to the effect that if she was really a good cook he advised her employer to "look over" the "Roman Catholic tendencies." A somewhat similar anecdote used to be told of Osborne Gordon, a former dean of Christ Church, who took a country living. The local butcher wrote to him to say that he was much troubled in mind about justification by Faith.

Gordon's answer was, "Now my good man, just you fix your thoughts on giving me and your other customers the best beef and mutton you can, and don't bother your head about justification by Faith!"

The excavations now being carried out under Mr. Bligh Bond's directions at Glastonbury Abbey, are confirming the beliefs of antiquaries as to the magnificence of the pile before its destruction in the sixteenth century. Mr. Bligh Bond is exercising the utmost care, and is acquiring from old manuscripts and local tradition much information about the Abbey. On the south-western side has been found the site of the monks' herbal garden, and the upturning of the soil has liberated some hibernating seeds causing some simples, unknown elsewhere in the district, to fructify. Mr. Bond, it is said, regards the duty entrusted to him as a sacred trust.

"Truth" does an injustice to the Archbishop of York, whom—with not too much courtesy—it accuses of "talking nonsense" in stating that "three Bishops whose health is broken up are being helped on to the grave" by the postponement of a measure for facilitating the sub-division of dioceses. The writer asks why these Bishops do not resign, if they are so infirm. The answer is that the Archbishop was not referring to Bishops who are past work. Such, of course, ought to resign. The allusion was to three concrete cases in which not only the present occupants of the sees, but any possible Bishops who may come after them, are given more to do than any one man can perform if he is to discharge his duty adequately.

Whoever the other two Prelates may be, the Bishop of Oxford is perhaps one of the three. He has himself said that a diocese covering the three counties of Oxford, Berks. and Bucks. cannot be properly administered by one Bishop without the risk of his breaking down. Nobody, surely, is going to allege that Dr. Gore is past work and ought to retire. He has strength enough for the work of a diocese of manageable size. It is contended, not without show of reason, that 250 parishes are quite enough for a Bishop to superintend. With that number he could reasonably expect to spend a week-end in every parish once in five years.

On Tuesday last a stained-glass window was dedicated in the parish church of Blaisdon, Gloucestershire, in memory of the Rev. E. Douglas Jones, Rector of Blaisdon 1896-1911. The window represents St. Michael and St. George clad in full armour, the military character of the subject according with the fact that the late Rector served for several years as an officer in the army before taking Holy Orders. The choice of subject was also guided by St. Michael being the patron saint of the church, and St. George a saint which Mr. Jones held in special veneration. The ceremony of unveiling and dedication was performed by the Rev. P. L. Park, rural dean of the North Forest and Vicar of Highnam, and the service was attended by a numerous gathering, not only of parishioners, but also of the clergy of the deanery, by whom the name of Edward Douglas Jones is still affectionately remembered.

Last week the Bishop of Thetford visited Brampton in order to consecrate an addition to the churchyard which had been given by Mr. P. E. Sewell, of Buxton. The Bishop chose as his text Romans vi. 22, "The end everlasting life." His lordship congratulated them on the enlargement of their churchyard, the land having been given as a gift to God by a gentleman interested in the parish. He specially referred to the interest the working men of the parish had taken in the work. They had after their day's labour come, some sixteen of them, and made the place as they now found it. Referring to the processional cross used that day, he said that it had been beautifully made of old oak, and presented by one of the parishioners. The service in the church was taken by the Rector, the Rev. V. C. A. FitzHugh, and the Lesson was read by the rural dean, Canon Hoare. After the service in the church, the Bishop, preceded by the cross-bearer and the churchwardens, and followed by several of the neighbouring clergy, the choir and the congregation, proceeded to the new piece of land, which was then formally consecrated. This was an especially interesting occasion, as no resident in the parish had any recollection of any previous visit by a bishop.

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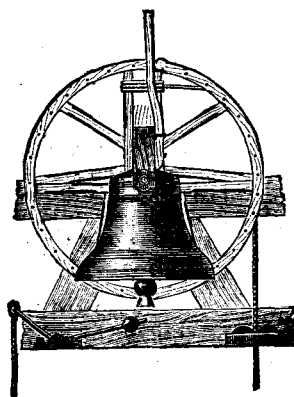
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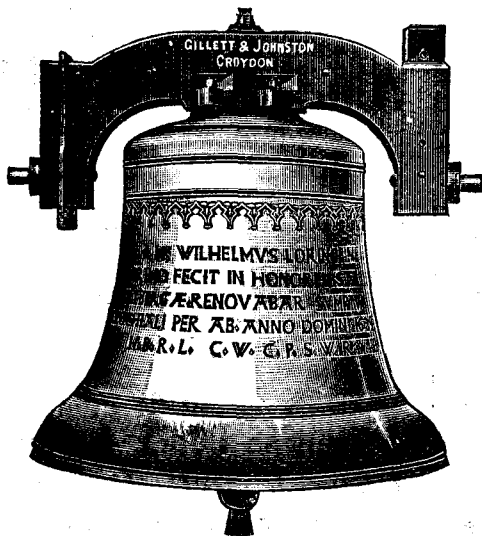
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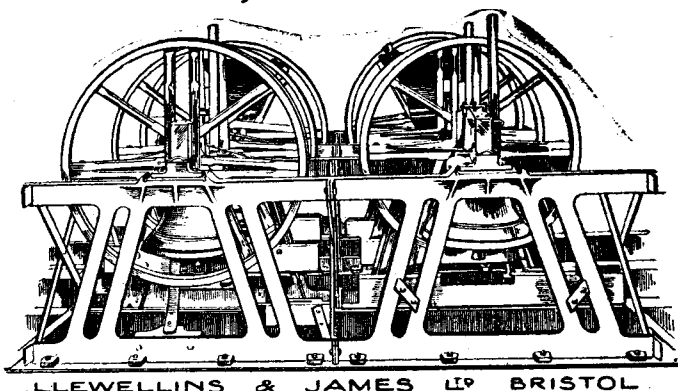
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UNVEILING OF A PEAL-BOARD.

CHRIST CHURCH, COSELEY.

On Saturday afternoon, at Christ Church, Coseley, Staffs., Mrs. W. Hawthorne (wife of the Vear's warden), unveiled a peal-board for the ringers, which had been presented by a former ringer and chorister, Mr. W. Cheshire. The actual act of unveiling was preceded by a service of dedication, performed by the new Vicar (Rev. J. Arthur Price), with whom were the Rev. S. Floyd (curate), and the Rev. E. V. Cox (Clerical Secretary to the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford), Bro. Thomas, the choir, and Mr. Walter J. Turner (organist). Amongst those at the service were Mrs. and Master Price, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Hawthorne, Mr. and Mrs. Marsden, Mrs. Clendinnen, Miss Macpherson, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. E. Nichols, Mr. G. D. Lloyd, Mr. H. Mason (Old Hill, representing the Dudley Guild), Mr. A. E. Parsons (Old Hill, representing the Worcester Association), and ringers belonging to the Archdeaconry of Stafford from the following towers: Bilston, Bradley, Lichfield, Sedgley, Walsall, Tipton, Smethwick (including Miss Pigott), Wednesbury, Wollaston, Willenhall, West Bromwich (All Saints and Christ Church), Wolverhampton (St. Peter's and St. Luke's), and the Coseley ringers. The service was fully choral.

Ringling commenced at 3.30 with a touch of Canterbury Pleasure Major by the Coseley ringers, and was taken up by the visitors before and after the service in the methods of Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford Bob, and Darlaston Bob Triples, Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich and Bob Major, the bells going up to 9 p.m.

The newly-inducted Vicar of Christ Church, Coseley, preached an admirable sermon, taken from Num. x., 1 and 2—"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.'"

THE SERMON.

This, said the Vicar, is the first recorded account of a divinely ordered instrument used for the calling together to God's House of God's own people. For many years the trumpets were used for the purpose assigned to them in my text. At what period they were superseded by the use of bells we cannot give a very accurate conjecture, but almost as far back as English history go, we are told that bells were used for the purpose of calling to God's House those who believed in His name—and they have played an important part in the services of the Church. Before I speak of the message contained in the ringing of the bells, let me pay a tribute to the donor of the board, a gift which has occasioned the felicitous gathering of to-day. Mr. Cheshire was inspired to give a peal-board to the place of his birth, to encourage an Art in which he had long taken an interest, and our own ringers responded to his offer by enthusiastic, keen, and arduous practice, until they deservedly won the proffered reward. To Mr. Cheshire for his gift we offer our gratitude, and to the ringers we offer our congratulations on attaining that proficiency necessary to the acquisition of the board. As long as the board stands in the church there will stand a monument to Mr. Cheshire's interest and generosity, and to the ringers self-sacrificing efforts to make the call to God's House worthy of this beautiful church, and of the parish to which we belong. It would have been more fitting if my

honoured predecessor were taking my place to-day, but God willed otherwise, but I have been long enough in the parish to note with extreme pleasure that in the bellringers we have a set of churchworkers, who in devotion to their part of church service are second to none in their love for God's work.

MESSAGE OF THE BELLS.

In considering the usefulness of church bells, it may be proper to say first that they render a worthy claim for their existence in protecting the temporal welfare of communities where their voice is heard. I want, especially this afternoon, to emphasise that part of their message, which is most apparent that of reminding the world that God lives and God rules. The bells certainly have an important duty to calling the faithful unto God's presence. By them the worshippers are told at what hour services of the churches are held.

I believe, at a former service, you were reminded what a useful and noble part the bells could play in the calling together of God's elect to the Holy Communion, and no greater service, my brothers, could you render than that.

But the bells also are daily preachers. You remember how St. Paul says "To all is given diversities of gifts, which are to be used for God's glory," and if you (the ringers) accept your gift of bell-ringing as a sacred charge, who can tell what may be the result of your work. To the priest is given the charge of standing at the altar and disseminating the gospel of love. To the evangelist is assigned the duty of visiting the homes of our people, and there tell them of God's love. To the Sunday school teachers is allotted the task of training the child's mind in the way it should go, but owing to the multiplied interests of this age of acceleration how few comparatively come under their sway. But none can get away from the sound of the bells. Amid all the indifference of our ever increasing materialism, the bells proclaim aloud the message that the Lord reigneth. The world at large cannot hear the bells without being reminded that the church is near, and they cannot think of the church without being reminded of Him who is the head of the church, and it must be difficult for them to think of Him without reflecting on His neglected claims. So you see my brethren, that to thousands who do not come within the precincts of hallowed places, the bells proclaim the message that over all the discordant elements of present-day life there is One who claims the allegiance of all.

It would be quite true to say that there never was a time when the ringing of the bells was more necessary than at present to remind men that above all the din of industrial strife, unseen mid the mists of multifarious earthly pursuits, there is One to whom by creation and redemption we belong.

On Bell Rock in the German Ocean, there is a lighthouse, and there are two bells that every half-minute ring out through the fog, through the darkness, through the storm, and over the sea, "Beware, beware," and so Sunday by Sunday you ring your message that not only shall the wicked be turned into bell, but those that forget God. To you is given a most noble work, that of pronouncing to all them the fact of God's existence. Inside the sanctuary the inner mysteries of religion are unfolded, but you proclaim the fact that God IS. It is within the knowledge of some of us how the ringing of the bells has aroused a slumbering conscience into an active performance of duty. Years ago one fine Sunday morning, eight young law students were strolling along the banks of one of the tributaries of the Potomac river. They were going to a secluded spot in a grove to murder the precious hours of that holy day by playing cards and drinking wine. Each was the son of Christian parents. As they were sauntering along and amusing each other with idle jests, the bells were heard calling the people to a place of worship. Suddenly one of them stopped, and told how the bells recalled to him his mother's farewell assurance that when the

bells rang she would pray for him, and he expressed his determination to go to church. They all followed him, and they became an enthusiastic band of workers. When the last day shall come and all things shall be revealed, who will be able to count the number that, drawn by the sound of the bells, have come within hearing of the gospel of love. You may regard the proficiency to which you have attained as proficiency in the art of calling men to repentance. Take your work as a sealed packet from the hand of God. Be increasingly conscious of the part which you play amongst the many expedients devised to extend the kingdom of God. Pray before you engage in your work that the result of your labours may not only be to call the faithful to assemble in the House of God, but that the bells may be a solemn reminder to those who are indifferent that they too have a duty to pray to their God, and our prayers will be mingled with yours that those who hear may perceive in your handiwork the voice of Him who is ever willing to receive all who come to Him in faith. By so doing you will fulfil the Apostolic injunction. "Do all things to the glory of God."

THE DEDICATION.

At the conclusion of the service the sentences of dedication were said by the Vicar, and the peal board was unveiled by Mrs. W. H. Hawthorne.

The inscriptions on the board are as follows:—

"Society of Bellringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. On Friday, May 26th, 1911, eight members of this church rung upon these bells, in honour of Queen Mary's birthday, Groves's variation of Parker's 12-Part peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, in two hours, forty-one mins. Wm. A. Jeavons, treble; Arthur Baker, 2nd; Walter Grinsell, 3rd; Samuel Pearce, 4th; Benjamin Gough, 5th; Samuel Baker, 6th; W. Fisher, 7th; Albert E. Law, tenor. Conducted by W. Fisher.

On Tuesday, December 26th, 1911, eight members of this church rang upon these bells to commemorate the 28th anniversary of the institution of the Rev. W. Spencer, Vicar of Coseley, J. J. Parker's 10-Part (No. 1.) Peal of Oxford Bob Triples, 5,000 changes, in two hours and forty-three minutes. Wm. A. Jeavons, treble; Arthur Baker, 2nd; Joseph Roberts, 3rd; Samuel Pearce, 4th; Benjamin Gough, 5th; Samuel Baker, 6th; William Fisher, 7th; Albert E. Law, tenor. Conducted by William Fisher. This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and by all except the conductor.

On Tuesday, February 6th, 1911, eight members of this church rang upon these bells, in honour of the safe return from India of their Majesties King George and Queen Mary, a peal of Bob Major, 5,040 changes, in three hours and nine minutes. Composed by Sir Arthur P. Heywood, Bart. Wm. A. Jeavons, treble; Arthur Baker, 2nd; Walter Grinsell, 3rd; Samuel Pearce, 4th; Benjamin Gough, 5th; William Fisher, 6th; Richard Dunn, 7th; Samuel Baker, tenor. Conducted by William Fisher. First peal of Major by all excepting the ringers of the 5th (Ben Gough), 6th (W. Fisher), and tenor (Samuel Baker). This is the first peal of Major ever accomplished by a Coseley Band of Ringers.

W. Spencer, M.A., R.D., Vicar; W. H. Hawthorne, W. E. F. Marsden (churchwardens).

This peal tablet was presented by William Cheshire, Esq., a former ringer and chorister of this church, in honour of the first peal of Major being rung by a Coseley band of Ringers."

THE SOCIAL PROCEEDINGS.

About 80 sat down to tea in the schoolroom, the catering being under the supervision of Miss Law, assisted by the ringers' wives and friends.

Letters of apology were read from a number of friends who were unable to be present, and much regret was felt at the enforced absence, through indisposition of Mr. Wm. Cheshire, the donor of the peal board.

The Vicar, in welcoming the visitors, referred to the spirit of co-operation which existed among them, as was shown by their presence there. They were all part of one great church and one brotherhood. He was pleased to see his clerical brother, Rev. E. V. Cox (from Rushall).

Mr. B. Gough having announced that Mr. Cheshire had sent photos of the peal board to all the ringers whose names were on the board, and to the vicar and church-

wardens, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Cheshire for presenting the peal board. Mr. Cheshire was an old ringer, and with him (the speaker) used to travel about to the different belfries. Mr. W. R. Small was the instructor to their band many years ago. Mr. Pardoe introduced change-ringing into Coseley, while Mr. Cheshire was the first Coseley man to ring a peal of Stedman Triples. A little more than a year ago Mr. Cheshire promised them the peal board when they could ring a peal of Major. They started with Bob Major, and accomplished it at the second attempt. The peal board would proclaim the names of the ringers to their children's children, and would hand them down to posterity.

Mr. W. Fisher seconded, and the proposition was carried with acclamation.

Mr. A. F. Law proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Hawthorne for having unveiled the board, Mr. S. Baker seconded and it was enthusiastically accorded.

Mrs. Hawthorne, in response, said it had given her very great pleasure to be present.

Mr. W. H. Hawthorne (vicar's warden) said he was proud both of the choir and the ringers of the church—the latter were young men that he had very great respect for, and they were always at their posts.

Mr. W. E. F. Marsden (people's warden) proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for preparing the tea. He was proud of their ringers, and thought they came in oftener to church than most ringers. Bells to him stood for unchangeableness; other things about a church might vary, but the beauty of the bells always remained the same. Like the church itself they went on for ever. He hoped that the ringers who were so fond of the bells, were fond of them for a higher and greater reason than the pleasure they got out of them by hearing them ring. He hoped they felt they were part of the ministry of the Church. Their bells called the people to God's House, so he hoped they were proud of that House of which the bells were a part. He was proud of the fact that they could find all of the ringers at the communion table, which was the test of churchmanship.

The Rev. S. Floyd seconded, and the vote of thanks to the ladies was heartily endorsed.

Mr. W. Rock Small (Tipton), proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy, choir and others who had officiated at the service. They were all pleased with the Vicar's words that afternoon, and he thought that the new Vicar was the right man in the right place. Their Vicar would look after the ringers. If the Vicars always understood the ringers, there would be more harmony between Vicar and belfry than often existed. It was always a pleasure to visitors when harmony existed. He had been a bell-ringer in that neighbourhood for fifty years, and he could assure the Vicar that the present times in respect of ringers could not be compared with early days. In past years the bellringers were not of the class that they were at the present time, and at the same time they did not receive the encouragement that they ought to have had. The old days of conviviality in the belfry were past. There was a great improvement in change-ringing. Bell-ringing was not frolicking, and often meant four or five hours' conscientious work. He could say that more than half the ringers now attended church once, if not oftener on the Sunday.

Mr. Harry Mason (Old Hill), in supporting, mentioned that he had only been to Coseley on one previous occasion, and that was to ring. It was only right and proper that ringers should be left alone in the belfry and be permitted to lock the door so as to keep their minds on the peal. He

was always interested in sermons on the antiquity of church bells, as one always heard something new about them.

The Rev. E. V. Cox (Rushall) said that as gradually the ringers were becoming regular at church, so gradually the clergy, as a body, were beginning to realise the admirable work that the ringers did.

Mr. A. Parsons (churchwarden, Holy Trinity, Old Hill) spoke of the great improvement in the church that he noticed after twenty years' absence.

The Rev. S. Floyd, as one who had passed eight years in the Bahamas, spoke of the pleasure of hearing church bells on one's return to the homeland.

The Vicar (Rev. J. A. Price) said there was no better friend of the Coseley bell-ringers than Mr. W. H. Hawthorne. He firmly believed that the bell-ringers should go higher up. The churchwardens, in conjunction with himself, would do their best in the matter.

Several ringers then gave selections on the handbells in a most acceptable manner.

NOTES.

Readers in the Ashford District will note that the annual meeting takes place to-day (August 24th).

Congratulations are extended to Mr. Martin Stewart, of Wimborne, Dorset, on his marriage.

Mr. Jos. Davies is spending a well-earned holiday (home from Northern Nigeria), and is getting in some ringing practice.

Best wishes for continued happiness to Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Witchell, of Erdington, Birmingham, who on Wednesday, August 14th, celebrated their silver wedding.

If any compositor a ringer on 6 bells is seeking a change, there is a chance of obtaining a permanency as second hand. Letters addressed to "Leader," Bell News Office, Walthamstow, N.E., will be forwarded to the proper quarter.

Congratulations to Mr. F. Claydon, who has this week conducted his first peal at Halstead, Essex; and to Mr. Fredk. Precey who did likewise at Salisbury.

Mr. Fred Hickling conducted his first peal of Stedman Caters, at St. Alkmund, Duffield, on Saturday last.

We have given a full report of the unveiling of a Peal Board at Coseley, Staffs. because there is much in it to interest members.

Ringers will extend their sympathy to the members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who started for a peal of Grandsire Triples at Old Windsor on August 10th, but were stopped after ringing 2 hrs. 5 mins. by the breaking of a rope.

Sympathy will also be extended to the families of Mr. W. Whitehouse, of Oldswinford, Worcestershire; and Mr. Rowland Fenn, of Barking, who are mourning the loss of loved ones.

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The members of this Guild spent a good day on the occasion of their annual outing. Spent it too in a way peculiar to members of the Exercise—not in rushing about the country, eating and drinking and seeing nothing, but in gaining knowledge and experience of their Art by practising with the bells of the various places visited.

Leaving Taunton at a little after eight o'clock in a large motor brake, a grand run of about thirty miles through delightful scenery brought the party to Blagdon, near Bristol, where, at the parish church, they had the first pull and succeeded in bringing round touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. The ring comprises a good set of eight bells, tenor about 19 cwt. Having refreshed the inner man the brake was again boarded, and they were soon spinning along the road to Wrington, where is a very fine ring of ten bells in splendid going order. In a very few minutes after arriving the bells were raised to Grandsire Caters. The tone of the bells was much admired; that of the tenor, weighing nearly 38 cwt. is especially rich.

Once more on the road Congesbury was soon reached, and here luncheon was provided for the hungry party. With appetites whetted by contact with the sweet country air and the exercise this was keenly appreciated, and in a very short time the many viands prepared had disappeared. Then a visit was paid to the Church with its peal of eight, tenor about 38 cwt. Much to the delight of some of the party there were no steps to mount to reach the bells. Stedman Triples was the order, and several touches were brought round.

Canwell was the next place to be visited with its peal of six, tenor about 24 cwt. Although these were rehung not many years ago, they required some handling, but several touches of Stedman Doubles and Grandsire Minor were successfully brought round.

The next stopping place was Burnham, and after having tea, a move was made to the tower, where several old friends were met, and touches of Stedman and Bob Major rung. Then a short stroll on the sea front and a chat with the old friends brought the time for saying "Good night," and a start was made for the 20 miles run home.

All went well until about six miles from the end of the journey, when the motor came to a standstill, and for a while it seemed that the only way of reaching home would be by means of Shanks's pony. A little coaxing, however, put things right, and home was safely reached at half-past ten, thus ending one of the most successful outings the Guild have taken part in. Through the medium of our columns the members wish to thank the incumbents of the churches visited for granting permission to use the bells; the steeple-keepers and the many friends who assisted in making the day the grand success it was.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

It will be noticed that a monthly meeting of the above Guild is to take place on Saturday, 31st inst., at Monks Kirby. The Church at this place contains a fine peal of six bells with a tenor about 28 cwt. It is hoped that ringers who can possibly do so will avail themselves of this favourable opportunity of ringing upon them.

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Correspondence.

To the Editor.

A CANDID FRIEND.

SIR,—As a ringer I venture to write to you, and the promotion of the science of change-ringing is my chief reason for so doing.

I am at present from home, and yesterday and on the previous Sunday I heard church-goers called to service by chiming apparatus in different places. I know many churches where ringers are too apathetic to ring on Sundays—wary of their old monotonous call-changes and afraid of attempting anything beyond that. At Mark, Somerset, where I live, we ring for every service, but there are probably hundreds of churches with 5, 6 and 8 bells where they do not and are afraid to tackle "scientific ringing." I have been about a great deal and know many such places, and to talk to such men as one finds as ringers (!) in such churches about "Triples, Caters, Treble Bob, Surprise peals," etc. is to discourage them. To show them records of 5000s in your paper fills them with dread, and they feel that their own case is hopeless. From my own knowledge and observation I am certain that some simple method is urgently needed; many teams begin Grandsire and give up in despair. I have rung in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and I know the difficulties and what slow progress most learners make. These men want a simple method which they feel they can grasp without failure. The number of six bell towers where almost nothing is done is very large, and they are those who need an awakening.

I have evolved—I will not say invented—what is so far as I am aware a new method of ringing Doubles and Triples. Mr. Troyte says the application of the 3-bell course simply will not produce the extent on five bells, hence the necessity for the "slow" and "quick" work which make Stedman difficult. My method has the 3-bell course for its foundation in every "six," and the duties to be learned and the ropes to be watched are reduced to a minimum. The work is much easier than Grandsire or Plain Bob, and the music will be found melodious and pleasing. By my method any young ringers who can do 3-bell work should be able to accomplish the "hundred and twenty" alter a few practices.

If, as I think, there is no other method than Stedman founded on this principle, I should be very glad to hear from you as to the advisability of placing this system of mine before the ringing community and to know how it should be done and whether you think it would be likely to receive a welcome.

I am, dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

R. A. C.

[It is possible that the method hinted at by our correspondent is but a system of plain changes as given by Stedman in his "Tintinnalogia," and again in "The Bells of England" by the late Dr. Raven. Anyway, if he will send the method on we will look into its merits. The remainder of his interesting epistle is fully dealt with in the editorial.—ED.]

ASTON (Birmingham).—On Sunday, August 18th. at the Parish Church, for morning service, 531 Grandsire Triples. A. Edgerton, J. Jones, H. Jones, J. Hopkin, P. Bennett (conductor), W. G. Ellis, W. Davies, C. Allen. For evening service, 1277 Grandsire Caters. A. Edgerton, J. Jones, A. Jones, P. Laffin, H. Jones, J. Hopkin, F. Bennett, W. G. Ellis (composer and conductor), W. Davies, C. Allen. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. G. Ellis.

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42563	-	-	-	-	-
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53462	-	-	-	-	-
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54326	-			-	-
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Repeated.

The 6th extent in 5-6. The least number of changes yet composed in the method with these qualities. For 5088 add single twelfth course-end, and repeat omit before; add twelve courses with 6th home, and repeat omit w and m first course.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OLD WINDSOR (Berks.)—On Saturday, August 10th, at St. Peter's Church, an attempt for J. J. Parker's one-part peal of Grandsire Triples lasted 2 hrs. 5 mins. when the 7th rope broke. The attempt was arranged for Mr. H. A. Rees, of Tenby, South Wales, who was on a visit to Slough. H. A. Rees, J. Gutteridge, jun., J. Gutteridge, sen., W. Welling, W. H. Fussell, W. Henley, A. Harding, F. Gutteridge. The longest length with the three local members of one family ringing together. Messrs. Rees and Gutteridge were elected life members of the above Guild before starting the peal.

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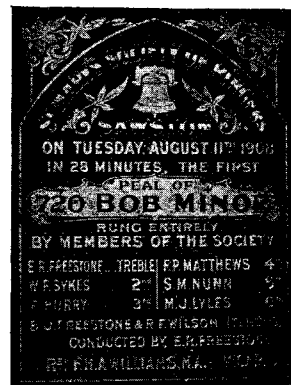
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 1912.

ON another page a correspondent from Exmouth gives a graphic account of the difficulties to be surmounted in teaching change-ringing to those who are in darkness in the Art. We happen to know from experience that such is often the lot of the enthusiast who would teach "round-ringers" the rudiments of change-ringing. "To shew them records of 5000s in our paper fills them with dread!" We can quite understand it and also the cause of it. When we were learning the same awe filled us when attempting to probe the "mystery" of change-ringing; and the best book obtainable was "Hubbard's Campanalogia," an excellent handbook by the way, but now out of print. Unfortunately there seems to be nothing in ringing literature at present calculated to infuse any encouragement into beginners, nor any *brochure* of much use to those at the bottom of the ladder. We gauge that the reason is because ringing writers pen their epistles in the language of the *expert*. They forget that their phraseology ought to be as simple as it would be to an infant school, if those to whom it is directed are to digest it. As a matter of fact most books on ringing rush into compositions before they have explained the plain hunt or the movement of changing at all! Thus it happens that more frequently than not some of the best ringers have been virtually self-taught or helped by one of their own class rather than by books. Although most Associations have a rule authorising the payment of ringing instructors for those bands that require them, we venture to say that there are not half a dozen in the land whose funds will permit of paying for instruction. Thus the local colt is left to his own devices for picking up what information he can. This points at once to the necessity of a booklet on the first steps to change-ringing, written by one who has had experience in teaching. There are men in the Exercise who could do this work admirably, but it entails both time, trouble and expense. Yet the necessity is here, and we firmly believe more good would ensue from such a work than from further publication of peal compositions which seem none too saleable. In a word the Central Council is the body to produce "Steps to Change-Ringing." Unconsciously it has "run before it walked," to use a homely phrase, but we say unhesitatingly that the requirement of to-day is a manual of instruction for beginners, and in our opinion the Central Council ought to move. We should like the views of some of our friends on this matter. The C.C. has both the men and the money. The accumulated funds look like being a white elephant, and money spent upon education in the Art is well spent. If such a booklet was written in the right vein, and in about ten pages, it would pay Associations to take quantities to *give away* in remote districts, for members would ultimately accrue, and such pioneer work would be found to be more profitable than paid instructors; although it goes without saying that such literature would be a valuable adjunct to the teacher where one is provided. What is wanted now is the booklet.

A DIAGRAM OF UNION TRIPLES (1893), may be had gratis, on application by letter to W. H. THOMPSON, 5, Sillwood Street, Brighton, to whom the unsold remainder has been returned by the publishers.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble.	MAURICE F. R. HERRERT .. 5.
ERNEST PYE 2.	ALFRED W. GRIMES .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADK 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
CHARLES T. COLES 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The Provinces.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, August 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LDKE, BLAKENHALL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM D. JAMES .. Treble.	*ALBERT MILLS 5.
DANIEL JONES 2.	*WILLIAM H. LAWLEY .. 6.
ALBERT LITTLE 3.	ALFRED FALLON 7.
JESSE SCREEN 4.	HERBERT KNIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

*First peal of Stedman.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

FRANK W. ROMAINE .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5.
HARRY C. MARSH 2.	*FREDERICK PRECEY 6.
JOHN S. RUMMING 3.	ROBERT P. KNIGHT 7.
LEONARD HARRIS 4.	ALBERT SOUTHEY Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK PRECEY.

*First peal as conductor.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND (B.C.),

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
WASHBROOK'S No. 1. Tenor 15 cwt.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL Treble.	GEORGE ROBERTS 5.
JOHN JENNINGS 2.	THOMAS BLOORE 6.
JOSEPH W. TIMMS 3.	BERTHEM G. LEEDHAM .. 7.
GEORGE PARSONS 4.	JACOB SEABORN Tenor.

No Conductor mentioned.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Witchell, who celebrated their silver wedding on the above date. The band heartily congratulated them, with thanks for their generous hospitality after the peal.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE, SEN. .. Treble.	FRANK SHARP 5.
THOMAS E. SONE† 2.	FREDE. S. MACRY 6.
LEONARD STARTUP* 3.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 7.
FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON 4.	*ALBERT PRICE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES.

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

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 15, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN .. Treble.	REUBEN SANDERS 5.
ARTHUR B. WIFFIN* .. 2.	HARRY F. DAWKINS 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	ALFRED W. GEIMES 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. F. Dawkins.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 15, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE WHITEHAND .. Treble.	A. G. BENNINGTON 5.
GEORGE H. CROSS 2.	GEORGE HOWCHIN 6.
FRANK H. DAVEY (E.N.) .. 3.	ALBERT G. WARNES 7.
FRED J. HOWCHIN 4.	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Arranged for A. G. Bennington, of Deptford. The ringers wish to thank the Rector (the Rev. A. C. W. Upcher) for use of the bells.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt 2 qr. 4 lb.

WILLIAM G. GREICMER .. Treble.	†E. HOBART SMITH 5.
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN* 2.	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 6.
ROBERT H. HAYWARD .. 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 4.	WILLIAM FLOREY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN,

†First peal in the method and first attempt. *First peal in the method on tower bells and first attempt. Quickest peal on the bells

LEWISHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 15, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 22½ cwt.

FRANK BENNETT Treble.	*WILLIAM FOX 5.
ERNEST B. CROWDER .. 2.	GEORGE DUFFLING 6.
ALFRED JAMES* 3.	ISAAC EMERY 7.
HUBERT J. BLACKWELL .. 4.	*ARTHUR BYGRAVE Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

*First peal in the method.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Monday, August 16, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

CHARLES WILLIAMS* .. Treble.	REV. ERNEST V. COX .. 5.
WILLIAM D. JAMES .. 2.	THOMAS MILLER 6.
GEORGE F. SWANN .. 3.	SAMUEL GROVE 7.
MORRIS J. MORRIS .. 4.	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

*First Surprise peal, and rang on the 24th anniversary of his first peal.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK C. RICH .. Treble.	SYDNEY HILLIES 5.
LOUIS A. WILSON 2.	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 6.
THOMAS HOGSFLESH .. 3.	GILBERT H. HARDING .. 7.
CHARLES J. GARDINER .. 4.	LUTHER P. SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by G. H. HARDING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, the ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. Messrs. T. Hogsflesh and L. P. Smith were elected members of the Salisbury Guild previous to commencing the peal.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.)

On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE ALLDER .. Treble.	HERBERT COX 5.
JOHN BEAMS 2.	JAMES BLACKMORE 6.
ERNEST ELDEIDGE .. 3.	GEORGE MARTIN 7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. 4.	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

Mr. Beams, for whom the peal was arranged, was made a member of the above Guild before starting.

LYMINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EADBURG,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART.

ERNEST FISHER .. Treble.	GEORGE H. DAYNES .. 5.
LOUIS HEAD 2.	ALFRED G. KEDWELL .. 6.
ERNEST CHEESMAN .. 3.	WILLIAM H. WOOD .. 7.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. 4.	JACE SEER Tenor.

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

This is Jack Skeer's first peal. The peal was arranged for George H. Daynes, captain of the band at St. Nicholas, Deptford.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

GILBERT GUEST .. Treble.	WILLIAM GOODMAN .. 6.
SAMUEL PEARCE† .. 2.	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. .. 7.
SAMUEL SPITTLE .. 3.	BENJAMIN GOUGH .. 8.
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER† 4.	HARRY GOODMAN .. 9.
FRANK W. PERRENS* .. 5.	CHARLES FAULKES .. Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT, and

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor (Mr. John Goodman, jun.), his brother-ringers wishing him "many happy returns." *First peal of Caters. †First peal of Grandsire Caters with a bob bell. ‡First peal of Grandsire Caters. Messrs. Wallater and Perrens belong to Willenhall parish church; Pearce and Gough to Coseley parish church; and the remainder to Dudley parish church.

LEEDS.—On Monday, August 11th, at St. Francis (R.C.), a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes). N. Binns, T. McHale, J. McHale, J. Watson, P. Larvin, W. Powell, E. Mullins (conductor).

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN WYATT Treble.	JOHN HOYLE 5.
JARFOLD HAYWARD 2.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. 6.
WILLIAM H. CORRETT .. 3.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 7.
WILLIAM A. GARRARD .. 4.	GEORGE A. COOK .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

SHEEPY MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

First Treble Bob peal on the bells.

HORNCURCH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

ARTHUR R. KEELING† .. Treble.	ARTHUR J. NEALE 5.
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN* .. 2.	ARTHUR EDWARDS 6.
ARTHUR SPELLER* 3.	ARTHUR B. WIFFIN 7.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD .. 4.	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

†First peal. *First peal of Kent Treble Bob. Messrs. Keeling and Shepherd were proposed members previous to starting.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM ROOT Treble.	HORACE H. COOPER 5.
JAMES FLEOTY 2.	ERNEST RIDGEWELL 6.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOOTHAM .. 3.	ERNEST NEWMAN 7.
LEWIS WISEMAN 4.	FRANK CLAYDON .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. CLAYDON.

Taken from Clavis. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Root; and also as a farewell peal to the Vicar, the Rev. J. Oakley.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 11½ cwt.

EDWARD I. STONE .. Treble.	GEORGE BULL 5.
WILLIAM J. SMITH 2.	LEONARD BULLOCE 6.
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON .. 3.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 7.
JOHN H. SWINFELD 4.	ALBERT P. WAKLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON, and

Conducted by ALBERT P. WAKLEY.

First peal of Double Norwich as conductor.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. Treble.	JOHN CAPP 5.
HERBERT RANN 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER 6.
JOHN T. RICHMAN, M.A. .. 3.	A. D. STONE 7.
GEORGE PENFOLD 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

CLIFFORD DAWSON* .. Treble.	JOSEPH DAVIES 6.
NEVILLE WIDDOWSON .. 2.	BART MITCHELL 7.
ARTHUR BRAINES* 3.	EDMUND WILLIS 8.
ALBERT H. WARD 4.	FRED HICKLING 9.
HERBERT DAY 5.	ARTHUR BOTLER .. Tenor.

Composed by DR. A. B. CARPENTER, and

Conducted by FRED HICKLING.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. †First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. Arranged for Jos. Davies, who is home for a holiday from Northern Nigeria, West Africa, and this is the first time this peal has been rung by this society.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS .. Treble.	FRED J. HOWCHIN 5.
FREDK. KNIGHTS 2.	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 6.
A. G. BENNINGTON 3.	A. G. WARMES 7.
WILLIAM A. HEMPEL .. 4.	GEORGE HOWCHIN .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. J. HOWCHIN.

Arranged for A. G. Bennington, of Deptford. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. Canon J. Still for the use of the bells.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch.)

On Monday, August 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS .. Treble.	CHARLES E. PERKINS .. 5.
FRED BRACE 2.	†JAMES W. NEWMAN 6.
WILLIAM NEWMAN 3.	CHARLES F. WHITE 7.
ALFRED DODD* 4.	WILLIAM A. PUGH .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late W. Whitehouse, for 19 years a ringer and tower-keeper at this church.

BARKING (Essex).—On Saturday, August 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. C. Hardy, A. Beard, F. Russell, G. W. Faulkner, E. Andrews, J. J. Norris, G. Cotts (conductor), E. A. Davies. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. Rowland Fenn, sen., a sidesman of St. Margaret's Church, and a warm friend of the local Society, of which his three sons are members.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

CHARLES MILLS* Treble.	GEORGE ARCHER 5.
THOMAS FORD, JUN.* .. 2.	FREDERICK ROOPE 6.
CLEMENT MORE 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE 7.
JOHN SOUTER 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT Tenor.

Composed by Y. GREEN, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

*First peal in the method.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 20, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF ORANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM DELLOW† Treble.	GEORGE DENT 5.
FREDERICK C. PERRIN .. 2.	HENRY G. THOMPSON .. 6.
LAURENCE G. THURGOOD .. 3.	HENRY G. ROWE 7.
HARRY SMALE 4.	GEORGE RADLEY Tenor.

Composed by JOHN ASPINWALL, and
Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

†First peal in the method. Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob.

Handbell Peals.

A SILENT PEAL.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At "Leyland," Queen's Road,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD .. 1-2.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. 5-6.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 3-4.	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 7-8.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Umpires—Messrs. F. Shepherd, sen., R. J. Polley, and J. Loveridge.
This peal was rung on strictly non-conducted principles, not a word being spoken, or any signs made.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

At "George the Fourth," Brunswick Street, Haggerston,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 1-2.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. 5-6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3-4.	WILLIAM PYE 7-8.
ERNEST PYE 9-10.	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire—A. W. Grimes. Rung as a birthday compliment to the
Rev. A. H. Boughey and W. Pye, both falling on the same date.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At "Leyland," Queen's Road,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 1-2.	*JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 5-6.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD .. 3-4.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. 7-8.

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire—Mr. R. J. Polley. *First peal of Major on handbells.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.

MIDDLETON.—On Monday, August 19th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1912 Bob Major, composed by H. Price, in 1 hr. 9 mins. J. Hollow, W. Schofield, E. B. Shaw, T. R. Driver, S. Stott, J. H. Bastow, D. Renshaw, T. Wellens. Conducted by Samuel Stott. J. H. Bastow hails from Oldham; the rest are local ringers.

Miscellaneous.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

FINCHLEY.—On Sunday, August 18th, 720 Oxford Bob. G. Webb, E. H. Tubb, F. Tubb, W. Webb, B. Tubb, F. Barker (conductor). Also 360 Plain Bob. G. Webb, W. Webb, F. Tubb, J. Roberts, B. Tubb, F. Barber (conductor). J. Roberts hails from Northaw.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WEEKLEY (Northants).—On Saturday, August 17th, 720 Bob Minor. Geo. Black, C. Cooper, C. Swan, E. Reed, R. Black, M. Hobbs (conductor). First peal of Minor on the bells by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 4th, and 5th. Also several 120s of Grandsire Doubles.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD, S.E.—On Sunday, August 18th, for morning service at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins. R. Fosdike, W. J. Rawlings (first with a bob bell), G. R. Simmonds, F. W. Richardson, J. Crowder, E. B. Crowder (conductor), W. J. Jeffries, J. Law. For evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (taken from the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer's peal), in 42 mins. W. J. Rawlings (first in the method), T. G. Deal, E. F. Pike, F. W. Richardson, E. B. Crowder, F. Bennett, W. J. Jeffries (conductor), J. Law.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On Tuesday, August 13th, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob. J. Avis, G. Jones, G. Ambrose, R. Smith, J. Burles, F. Mitchell (conductor). First 720 by all the band and rung at the first attempt, this being the second 720 in a new method by this band in nine days. On Sunday, August 18th, 720 Oxford Bob. J. Avis, G. Jones, G. Ambrose, J. Burles, F. Hayes, F. Mitchell (conductor). First 720 by F. Hayes, also at the first attempt.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXTON (Cheshire).—On Thursday, August 15th, at St. Saviour's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), in 48 mins. H. Martin, H. S. Brocklebank, J. L. Grant, R. Birchall, G. R. Newton (conductor), S. Moston, S. Barnes, E. Counce. First quarter-peal of Major by S. Moston.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

HINCKLEY (Leicestershire).—On Sunday evening, August 18th, at St. Mary's Church, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. G. Thompson, B. Ridgway, F. Cotton (conductor), W. Sharpe, F. White, J. Garratt, W. H. Inglesant, H. Sharratt.

BRADING (Isle of Wight).—On Sunday, July 21st, for morning service, 352 Bob Major. P. Pain, M. Pink, E. Squibb, G. Wilkins, W. Pain, C. Price, F. Chaffey, H. Jennings (conductor). On Tuesday, August 13th, for practice, 576 Bob Major. P. Pain, M. Pink, E. Squibb, G. Wilkins, H. Kilby, C. Price, F. Chaffey, H. Jennings (conductor). On Sunday, August 18th, for morning service, 336 in the same method. P. Pain, M. Pink, H. Kilby, G. Wilkins, W. Pain, C. Price, F. Chaffey, H. Jennings (conductor). For evening service, 602 Grandsire Triples. P. Pain, F. Chaffey, H. Kilby, G. Wilkins, W. Pain, C. Price, H. Jennings (conductor), A. Pain. Mr. H. Kilby hails from Willesden.

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NEW WORK.

St. Mary's, Oatlands Park, Surrey, will very shortly possess a new ring of eight bells (tenor 12 cwt.) Visitors to the Festival of Empire at the Crystal Palace, will remember the ring of bells used there. These have been secured by the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Mary's, and are to be hung in the tower as soon as the necessary preliminary work has been done. The work will be carried out by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, and we need not hesitate to predict that it will be most efficiently done.

AN "ARTHUR" PEAL.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

On Saturday last, a band of members of the Essex Association of Change-Ringers, all answering to the name of "Arthur," met at the church of St. Andrew, Hornchurch, and rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 5184 changes, in three hours and twenty minutes. This is the second "Arthur" to be rung, the first having been rung at Lewisham on October 31st, 1896, by members of the Kent County Association. The particulars of the present peal will be found in our peal columns.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MARRIAGE.

At Corona Villa, Carnoustie, N.B., on the 20th inst., by the Rev. John F. Dempster, Erskine United Free Church, A. F. MARTIN STUART, Ferndown, Wimborne, Dorset, to BEATRICE CONSTABLE, daughter of the late Thomas Littlejohn, Solicitor, Dundee.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of Notices under this heading is Sixpence for 36 words, for the first insertion; repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 29th at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—A district meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, September 14th. Ringing at Christ Church from 4.30 to 8 p.m., followed by a social gathering at The Cherry Tree hotel.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, September 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. All are welcome. Members are asked to send in all outstanding subscriptions as soon as possible.

C. T. COLES, Hon. Sec.

173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James' church, Accrington, on Saturday, August 24th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

J. WATSON, Branch Sec.

26, London Road, Blackburn.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Seal Chart on Saturday, August 24th. Tower open at 3.30. Service in church at 5. Tea will be provided at Frankfield after the service by the kindness of the Misses Wilkinson.

W. LATTEY, Hon. Dis. Sec.

26, Dukes Road, Tunbridge Wells.

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Hythe on Saturday, August 24th. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Special service at 6 o'clock. Tea (free), at The Wilberforce Temperance hotel at 6.30, to be followed by the annual general meeting. The Vicar (Rev. H. D. Dale), will preside at the tea and meeting.

British School Villas, Tenterden.

C. TRIBE, Hon. Sec.

The Warwickshire Guild.—A monthly meeting will be held at Monks Kirby on Saturday, August 31st. Bells (6) available at 3.30 p.m.

REV. C. C. COX, Hon. Sec.

Shottery.

The Lancashire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Kendal on Saturday, September 7th. Full particulars by circulars.

W. H. SHUKER, } Hon. Secs.
J. H. BANKS, }

106, Bank Street, Clayton.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Twyford on Saturday, September 7th next. Service at 3.30 p.m.

THOS. BEST, JUN., Hon. Sec.

Bletchley.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—In order to facilitate the publishing of future reports: conductors of peals are requested to send particulars of peals called by them within seven days of such performance to

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THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

STOKE (Coventry).—On Sunday, August 18th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major, 1280 changes, O. J. Hunt, J. H. White, W. H. Brunsdon, E. H. Johnson, W. T. Cox, F. E. Pervin, C. Freeman, A. Roberts (conductor). First quarter-peal of Superlative ever rung in the city of Coventry by a local band. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 7th.

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THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DISTRICT MEETING.

A very successful meeting of the London County Association (Northern District), was held at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, N.W., on Saturday, the 17th inst., when touches in the following methods were rung: Grandaire and Stedman Doubles, Double Stedman, Plain Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and Woodbine. A large number of members attended, and the quality of ringing was good. The tower was open from 4 p.m. until 7.15 p.m., when the members adjourned to St. Anne's, Highgate, where an hour was spent in ringing touches of Triples and Major on this very fine peal, which has only just recently been rehung. Having been able to obtain this tower, the arrangements for the business meeting were somewhat altered, this being held at 9 p.m. in the tower at Highgate. A very bright meeting terminated soon after, many remarking what a fine afternoon they had had.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

A successful friendly meeting of Oxford Diocesan Guild members was held at St. Mary's Church, on Saturday evening, August 3rd, when some fourteen members from six neighbouring towers took part in various touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Double Norwich. Three courses of Grandsire Triples was interesting, as the band contained six of the men who were present at the opening of the original peal of six bells after rehanging over thirty years ago, and duly reported in "THE BELL NEWS." W. Wilder, 1; R. Flaxman, 2; A. C. Fussell, 3; W. H. Fussell, 4; J. J. Parker (conductor), 5; W. Henley, 6; G. Alder, 7; J. Clarke, 8.

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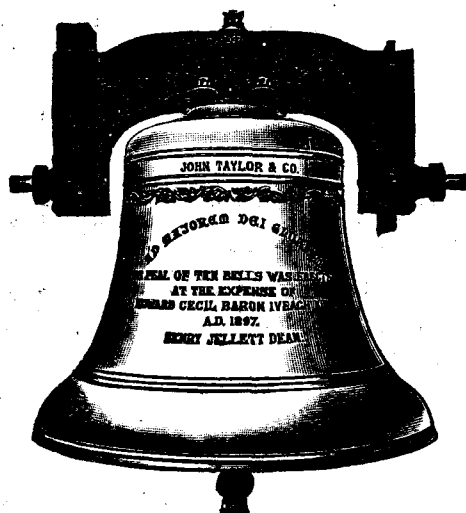
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THE USES OF BELLS.

A question is being raised as to the ringing of Church bells on occasions of secular rejoicing or in connection with other secular purposes. It is greatly to be hoped that the parish clergy are not going to break through the ancient English traditions in this matter. Church bells have from time immemorial been used for what are now called "secular" purposes. In old days the Church included every human interest in her purview. Many things took place inside churches that were not church services.

The Church is a divine society, but it is made up of men. It may well say, "Humani nihil a me alienum puto." At St. Martin-le-Grand and St. Mary-le-Bow the curfew was rung, as it still is by "Tom" at Christ Church. Within living memory a bell at St. Leonard, Shoreditch, called men to their work in a manner less nerve-destroying than that of the modern "hooter." Belfries throughout England resound with the practice of the bellringers' art: merry peals are rung for public rejoicings—coronations, royal birthdays, the Lord Mayor's inauguration, and such like; as well as for weddings and the squire's home-coming. Perhaps it was stretching a point to sanction the joyous peal with which a village interested in racing stables was wont to express its mirth when a favourite horse won a race. But we need not be over-censorious when innocent gladness manifests itself in church bell ringing.

The "Angelus" is, and has been now for many years, rung three times a day from the tower of St. Columba's Kingsland Road, London.

CHURCH ITEMS.

The ceremony of the dedication of the new south transept of Selby Abbey is fixed for September 26th

A new district church is being built at Clacton-on-Sea at a cost of about £7000.

The little village Church at Gipping, near Stowmarket, was reopened last week after restoration.

The Bishop of Winchester officiated at the re-opening of West Horsley, Surrey, Parish Church, which has just undergone restoration.

The Bishop of Ripon will preach the annual Trafalgar sermon at the Navy League service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Sunday, October 20.

The fund being raised to establish a scholarship at St. Paul's Choir School as a memorial of the late Dean Gregory now stands at close upon £800.

St. Michael's Church, Honiton, which was destroyed by fire last year, has been restored, and will be opened by the Bishop of Exeter on Friday, August 30th.

Sprowston Church, in Norfolk, has again been the scene of sacrilege, a cupboard being broken open, a brass alms dish stolen, and a bottle of communion wine consumed.

The Ven. T. T. Churton, Archdeacon of Lewes, has been appointed Archdeacon of Hastings, and the Rev. H. K. Southwell, provost of Lancing, Archdeacon of Lewes.

The rector of Little Ilford, better known as Manor Park, the Rev. Percy M. Baines, has been appointed rural dean in succession to the Rev. H. W. E. Molony, late vicar of Ilford.

While Little Steeping Church, Lincolnshire, was being restored the tomb and effigy of Thomas de Redyng, rector from 1318 to 1354, was discovered. It had been turned upside down to form one of the chancel steps.

Churches throughout the Southwark diocese may, according to an episcopal suggestion, introduce the following intercession in the services—"That employers and employed may learn to render to each other that which is just and equal."

At the Abbey Church of Bourne, Lincolnshire, a window has been filled with stained glass, representing Christ and two disciples, as a memorial of the late Rev. H. M. Mansfield, for 29 years Vicar of the parish, by whose exertions the Church was restored at a cost of nearly £4000.

Clergymen from all parts of the West Country were present at the funeral at Halberton, Devon, of Canon Prideaux, the local Vicar, who worked for thirty-four years in the district of Woolcott Park, Bristol. He had held his latest position for the last three years.

A vicarage is to be provided for the parish of St. Barnabas, Beckenham, as the Ecclesiastical Commissioners have made a grant of £1000 to meet a local benefaction. The church was erected in 1878, the chancel being added in 1885. The Keble College Trustees are patrons.

The ninth annual Church Congress Masonic meeting will be held at Middlesbrough on October 2nd, when visiting brethren will be entertained at luncheon by the local lodges. Cards of invitation may be had from Mr. Alfred Holdsworth, Church House, Westminster.

The Ven. Francis Lear, Archdeacon of Sarum, has celebrated his jubilee as a canon-residentiary of Salisbury Cathedral. He will be eighty-nine next week, and is the son of a former Dean of Salisbury. Two years ago Archdeacon Lear completed sixty years as rector of Bishopstone, Salisbury.

A new altar and reredos are to be placed in the Lady Chapel of Rochester Cathedral, in memory of the late Canon Pollock, who held a stall there for eighteen years, and was specially interested in the Lady Chapel services. A design has been prepared by the Cathedral architect, Mr. Temple Moore,

Another village church where the *Angelus* is rung every evening—Monkton, near Ramsgate. It is regularly rung by one of the choir lads, who talks quite naturally about "ringing the *Angelus*." The Vicar has had printed, by Mowbrays, cards of the *Angelus*, with a little reproduction of J. F. Millet's picture, which are distributed in the parish. The devotion is either said, or, more frequently, sung to Plainsong, before the daily Evensong.

St. Stephen's Church, Barbourne, the northern suburb of Worcester, kept its jubilee on Wednesday, having been consecrated on August 21st, 1862. An anonymous donor has offered to extend the south aisle that it may form a side chapel, to enlarge the vestry, and also to provide an altar of oak in harmony with the choir stalls. At a special vestry the offer of the gifts was accepted unanimously, and the necessary faculty for the alterations has been applied for.

The Rev. S. M. Nourse, vicar of Shute, Devon, addressing Paignton members of the E.C.U. on "Public Worship—Reformation without Revision," urged that the Prayer-book required not revising, but being acted up to. Speaking of the English Sundays Mr. Nourse said that he favoured much earlier services on Sundays so that people cooped up all the week could have the rest of the day for recreation. The Continental Sunday was not such a dreadful day. On the contrary, he thought it quite a good system.

At Dronfield, Derbyshire, the Rev. J. A. Kerfoot, Vicar of St. John's, Abbeydale, Sheffield, has been ordered to pay costs in a prosecution for allowing a stage play to be performed in a tent which was not licensed as a theatre. The piece was a children's fairy play entitled "Alma," which was produced in a tent in the grounds of Abbeydale Park. There were no special costumes, and no charge was made in connection with anything belonging to the children's sketch, although there was a charge for admission to the tent where the concerts were given.

The ceremony of unveiling the monument erected in the parish church of Blythburgh, near Halesworth, by the Royal Academy students to the memory of the late Mr. Ernest Crofts, R.A., Keeper of the Royal Academy, was performed by the Rev. John C. Vawdrey, Vicar of King's Lynn. The fine monument, the work of Mr. Allan G. Wyon, has been placed in the north aisle of the church. It consists of a bust in bronze in bas-relief of the late Academician, surmounted by the coat of arms of the old Suffolk family to which he belonged.

It has been decided to build a Church to the memory of the late Archdeacon Eyre, at Newall, a very poor working-class district of Sheffield, where, for some years past, he had been supporting a Mission Church at his own expense. The Archbishop of York is chairman of the committee, and the money is to be collected in donations of 1s., in order that everyone may contribute. Mrs. Eyre, widow of the Archdeacon, passed away, after a long and painful illness, on the 7th inst., and was buried at Eccleshall by the side of her husband.

At St. Eval Church, Cornwall, a stained-glass window has been dedicated by the Rev. C. Bridgewater, Rector of St. Tudy, in memory of John and Mabel Lock, son and daughter of the Rev. J. Lock, Vicar of St. Breward, who lost their lives by drowning in New Zealand on February 13th, 1912. The sad occurrence will be in the recollection of many. Much sympathy was felt in the parish in which they spent their young days and where their father was Vicar for many years, and a desire was expressed that some memorial should be placed in the church in which they so often worshipped.

A faculty has been granted to the Vicar and wardens of Knowsley, granting permission to decorate the south wall of the chancel with mosaic work depicting scenes from the Nativity; also to remove the present organ and erect a new and larger instrument; to open out a doorway through the wall separating the clergy vestry from the choir vestry. The mosaic work is in memory of the Right Hon. Frederick Arthur, late Earl of Derby, the cost of same, new doorway and part of the new organ being defrayed by the present earl, and the remaining cost of the organ by voluntary contributions.

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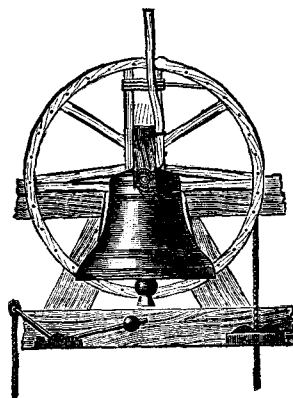
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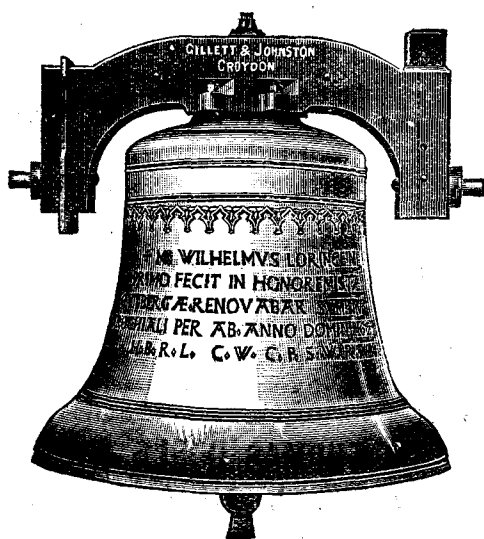
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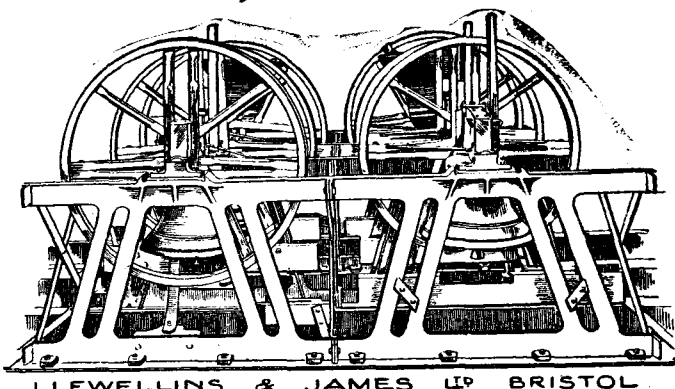
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SMALLEY CHURCH BELLS.

INTERESTING RECEPTION.

Quite an interesting reception was given to the new bells of Smalley Parish Church on their arrival in the village on Tuesday, last week. These, a chime of five (the tenor being the largest in the county of Derby, were provided at a cost of about £1,100 by a bequest of the late Rev. Charles Kerry, a native of Smalley, and late Rector of Upper Stondon, Beds. They were cast at the foundry of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and were conveyed to Smalley by road. Upon arriving at the boundary of the village they were decorated, and a procession, consisting of the church officials, parishioners, etc., was formed and proceeded to the churchyard, headed by the Mapperley Colliery brass band. At the grave side of the donor a short service was held, prayers being offered and an address given by the Vicar, the Rev. B. Phelps, who hoped that the peal would be much admired and appreciated by the village and by all who heard them. The formal dedication of the bells is expected to take place in about a month's time.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—To the glory of God. These five bells were given to this church of St. John the Baptist, Smalley, by the Reverend Charles Kerry, A.D. 1908. Reverend B. Phelps, Vicar. 1912.

2nd.—If any of us be cast again we ought to bear our donor's name. To ignore his gift would surely be a grievous breach of courtesy. Reverend Charles Kerry, donor, A.D. 1908. 1912.

3rd.—Given by the Reverend Charles Kerry in memory of his beloved father, Samuel Kerry, of the Old Green Farm, Smalley, A.D. 1908. 1912.

4th.—Given by the Reverend Charles Kerry in memory of his beloved mother, Elizabeth Kerry, A.D. 1908. 1912.

Tenor.—Given to the Church of his native village by Charles Kerry (late Rector of Upper Stondon, Beds.), who died A.D. 1908, aged 74 years. 1912.

	Diameters.		Weights.		Notes.
	Ft.	in.	Cwts.	qrs. lbs.	
Treble	3	4½	12	0 15	F sharp
2nd	3	9½	16	2 22	E
3rd	4	0½	20	0 0	D sharp
4th	4	6½	27	3 21	C sharp
Tenor	5	1½	40	1 2	B

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The donor of the peal (the Rev. Charles Kerry) died on January 28th, 1908, at the age of 74 years. He was widely known by his writings, the most recently completed being his "History of Smalley," a work which was actually written in the sick room. He was also probably the only clergyman to make stained glass windows, an art in which he was very proficient, and beautiful examples of his work are to be found at Shillington Church, Beds., South Wingfield Church, Derbyshire, and also at Smalley. He had his own private ovens erected for the work, and not only painted but also designed them.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.)

The summer meeting of the above district was held at Seal Chart on Saturday last, and considering the wretched weather and the difficulties of getting there, was very well attended, nearly thirty members being present from Speldhurst, Shipbourne, Hadlow, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, and the local band.

At 5 o'clock a special service was held in Church, which was attended by a good number of parishioners, including Conrad Wilkinson, Esq., one of the churchwardens, and Miss Wilkinson. The Association's special form of service was used, and two hymns were heartily sung, and the Vicar, the Rev. A. H. S. Scott, gave an excellent address, taking his text from St. Luke's Gospel, xii., 31. After service the members adjourned to "Frankfield," where Miss Wilkinson had very kindly provided an excellent meat tea, which it is needless to say, was thoroughly enjoyed. Had the weather been fine it was intended to have the tea on the lawn, but as it was not, it was partaken of indoors.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and it was decided to attempt the next quarterly peal at Hadlow on October 5th, method—Bob Major; conductor—the District Secretary, and the band for the peal was made up. There being no other business, the District Secretary proposed, and Mr. A. Jarvis seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for arranging the service, for his excellent address, and for presiding at the meeting; to the lady who presided at the organ: to Miss Wilkinson for kindly entertaining them to tea; and to Mr. Harding for making the arrangements. These were carried with applause.

The Vicar, in replying, expressed the great pleasure it gave him to meet the members. Personally he had a great respect for the Association and its work, and it shewed great enthusiasm on their part to come there that day through the rain to attend the meeting. He said he met one of his ringers earlier in the afternoon, and expressed his opinion that there would not be any turn up, and he was agreeably surprised to see such a number in Church. He was very proud of his own ringers; they performed their duty in a very reverent manner, and he was very glad that they were members of the Association, and he hoped the Association would visit them again.

This concluded the meeting, and the members enjoyed a look round the greenhouses, and a pleasant walk through the grounds to the Church, and ringing was indulged in by mixed bands until about 9 o'clock.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Tuesday, August 27th, at the parish church, 1216 Kent Treble Bob, with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. H. Pryke, a former churchwarden. W. Sadler, H. Cutmore, A. Shufflebotham, C. H. Howard (conductor), P. Holmes, F. Eley, W. Hammond, W. Grimwade.

THE BELLS OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

It may be the right thing to say that everything one touches in Stratford-on-Avon, must be in some way connected with Shakespeare. This does not seem to hold good, however, in regard to the bells of the Parish Church, for, whatever interests the great poet may have had beyond literature, we are not able to discover that he ever frequented the local belfry, and the information obtainable from the old Vestry books is very scanty as to what bells hung in the tower in his day.

As early as 1502-03 it is recorded elsewhere that John Bedill, alias Sclatter, bequeathed 6s. 8d. to the reparation of the bells, and again in 1552 there is a note which runs as follows:—"Staatford-sup'-Avon. Itm there . . . ij belles Md that the p'ishe have solde sithe' the Last Survey two broken bells to the maynten'nce of theire bridge the pavements of the towne and the relief of the poore."

Under the date 24th October, 1617, we read again, "Item we were scited to Worcester because the Church and Belles were out of order," and on 23rd April, 1622, six years after the death of William Shakespeare, an order was given 'to cast two bells.'

From these few references it may be gathered that there were some bells, probably four or six, in the tower before 1683. In the latter year an entire ring of six was cast by Matthew Bagley, and perhaps the old bells went into the melting pot to form part of this ring. Of these six the treble was recast in 1742 by Henry Bagley, and the third and sixth by Richard Sanders in 1733 and 1717 respectively. Thus the ring appears to have remained until 1887, when it was put into the hands of Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. Two trebles were added to commemorate the Jubilee of the late Queen Victoria—to which the inscriptions upon them bear witness—the third and the fourth in the ring were recast to make the fifth and the 6th respectively of the new eight, and the complete ring of eight was hung in an iron frame, with every bell easily accessible, which is the condition of things at the present time. The inscriptions belonging to the two old bells were preserved, and are incised upon the two recasts. The inscriptions on the two Jubilee trebles are also incised. The inscriptions on all the bells, and their respective diameters and weights are as follows:

		cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
1	Treble. Queen Victoria's Jubilee, 1887 (27½ in.)	5	0	8
2	God Save the Queen, 1887 (28 in.)	5	0	27
3	William Dyde, Thomas Badger, Churchwardens, H. Bagley made M 1742 (30½ in.)	6	0	7
4	Matthew Bagley made mee 1683 (32 in.)	6	0	26
5	Mikell Evitt, Sam Tombs, Churchwardens, R.S. 1733, Recast 1887 (33½ in.)	6	3	22
6	John Wakefield and Thomas Spiers, Churchwardens, 1683, Recast 1887 (35½ in.)	8	2	6
7	John Taylor and John Hunt, Churchwardens, 1683 (39½ in.)	12	cwt.	approx.
8	John Cooks, Richard Goode, Avery Edwardes, Richard Spires, C.W. 1717 (44 in.)	18	cwt.	approx.

There is an Ellacombe chiming apparatus fixed, and an extra hammer below the tenor from which the rope extends down to the floor of the north transept. The bells are rung for Sunday services, and chimed with the apparatus for Children's service. The sermon bell is the tenor, and is tolled from the floor of the transept. This bell is also used as a Sanctus bell. The other ringing customs are:—Ringing on two days a week in Advent, and at midnight on Christmas Eve and on New Year's Eve. At 6 a.m. on Christmas Day, Easter Day, and

Ascension Day, and after Evensong on Harvest Festivals. On Mayor's Day (November 9th), and on Shakespeare's birthday (April 23rd), the bells are also rung at the cost of the Memorial Association.

As far as can be ascertained, only four peals have ever been rung in the tower; one of Stedman Triples, and one Grandsire Triples by the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham; one of Kent Treble Bob Major by the Yorkshire Association; and one of Stedman Triples, conducted by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, for the Midland Counties Association. There are two peal-boards in the belfry recording the Grandsire and Treble Bob peals. The ringing of peals or long lengths is now prohibited, owing to structural defects of the tower and spire; the latter is of stone, and presumably has a tendency to press the tower walls outward, and, as some prevention, they have been bound together by iron rods on each side. The only approach to change-ringing done in the tower, is the plain course of Grandsire Triples, which is rung by heart, otherwise only rounds are rung.

The above notes have been partly derived from information compiled by the late Rev. H. T. Tilley, and which is now published in the book on the Church Bells of Warwickshire.

THE "ACTOR'S" CHURCH.

ST. LEONARD'S, SHOREDITCH.

At the present time, when its restoration is in question, it will interest our readers to note the bequest made to St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, by Nicholas Wilkinson, alias Tooley, one of the original actors of Shakespeare's plays at the Globe and other theatres. He left £80 "to remain as stock for ever, to buy 32 wheaten loaves, to be given to as many poor people at the Church every Sunday after morning prayer." The charity dates from 1624, and the quaint custom of distributing bread to the poor continued to be observed until two years ago, when the yearly amount of the benefaction—£6 10s.—was taken over, with similar bequests, and administered for the poor by the trustees of the parish.

St. Leonard's is the parish church of the original actors world. Near to it stood "The Curtaine," one of the earliest theatres built in Europe, and many of Shakespeare's friends and companions, including those who, like Nicholas Wilkinson, alias Tooley, represented the various characters in the original cast of his plays, lived in the parish and are buried in the churchyard. In the days of Shakespeare's England it was known as the "Actors' Church." It has also a "sermon" benefaction. In 1728 the sum of £25 was left "to the preacher" by Thomas Fairchild, gardener, for a sermon to be preached every Whit-Tuesday on "The Wonderful Work of God in the Creation," or on "The Certainty of the Resurrection of the Dead Proved by Certain Changes of the Animal and Vegetable Parts of Creation." It was formerly the custom for the president and fellows of the Royal Society to attend these sermons.

The King has been pleased to approve of the appointment of the Rev. J. Septimus Powell, vicar of St. Mathias-on-the-Weir, Bristol, to be Rector of Killamarsh, in place of the Rev. F. J. Metcalfe.

The Rev. H. Gresford Jones, vicar of Bradford, has accepted the living of Sheffield, rendered vacant by the death of Archdeacon Eyre. The vicariate is worth £1,400 per annum net, with vicarage house.

NOTES.

Our thanks are due to several correspondents who have sent interesting descriptions of outings, etc.

May we just hint to them that it would be of far greater interest to our readers if items of news were sent in time for inclusion in the following week's issue.

We desire to be quite "up-to-date," so that our readers all over the country may be kept informed of what is going on.

To ensure this, will correspondents keep us informed of what is going on so that we may arrange to be supplied with particulars.

A postcard addressed to us with particulars or a hint as to when and where functions are taking place will be appreciated.

We should also appreciate it if secretaries of Guilds and Associations would send us a copy of their annual reports.

Mr. William Wyles, who for twenty-four years was a bell-ringer at Buckden Parish Church, Huntingdonshire, has resigned. He was also a chorister for thirty years.

We learn that five members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild propose making an attempt for a long peal of Stedman Caters at Holy Trinity belfry, Guildford, starting about mid-day.

A first peal on the bells at Lavenham, Suffolk, since they were rehung, was rung on Saturday. The "go" was excellent.

It will be noted with satisfaction that ringers are ever ready to arrange peals for visiting brethren. This is true camaraderie.

Lady ringers still come to the front. This week the first peal on handbells for the Midland Counties Association by a lady is recorded.

The lady in question is Miss Winifred Sanders who rang in a peal of Bob Major, at Burton-on-Trent.

Ringers will note that the funeral service for Mr. M. A. Wood, is at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, to-day (Saturday), at 2.30 p.m., sharp.

Congratulations are extended this week to the Rev. Pickering, of St. Mary Magdalene, Woolwich, in whose honour a birthday peal has been rung.

In honour of the marriage of Mr. A. F. Martin-Stewart, Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, a peal was rung at Fordingbridge, Hants, and an attempt was made for another at Salisbury.

Mr. John W. Spencer, one of the band at Groby, Leicestershire, is about leaving for Australia, and on Saturday last his comrades presented him with a dressing case as a parting gift.

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THIRD ANNUAL REPORT.

The third annual report of the Warwickshire Guild of Church Bell Ringers which we have received this week contains an interesting account of the doings of that body during the past year—August 1st, 1911 to July 31st, 1912.

From the Secretary's report we gather that the work of the Guild continues to show steady growth and improvement. The number of peals rung during the last twelve months is twenty-four, which constitutes a record for the Guild and exceeds the number of peals rung in the period covered by the last report, viz., from January 1st, 1910, to July 31st, 1911.

Noteworthy amongst those of the past year are a peal of London Surprise Major accomplished by the Rugby company, a peal of Double Norwich Major by the local band at Stoke-in-Coventry, and a peal of Treble Bob Minor in eight methods by the Stoke Golding band. Heartly congratulations are due to these bands. The last-named peal was rung under the joint auspices of the Midland Counties Association and this Guild, and can therefore only score points for the first named Association. The total number of points gained in the twelve months is 362. There have been seven peals of Stedman Triples rung, five of Double Norwich Major, six of Grandsire Triples, one of London Surprise Major, two of Bob Major, and three of Minor. The position of the Guild in the analysis of the Central Council is No. 26, whereas last year it was No. 31. The quarter-peals rung during the year comprise: two of London Surprise Major, five of Stedman Triples, two of Bob Major, three of Grandsire Triples, and one of Double Norwich Major.

The accounts show a balance in hand of £9 12s. 10d., as compared with £12 os. 8d. last year.

The membership of the Guild, deducting seventeen struck off the Register by the Committee, is now 174, as compared with 155 at the time of the last General Meeting. Ten members have rung their first peal, one his first peal as conductor, and thirty-five their first peals in various methods. Altogether ninety-six members have now rung peals for the Guild as compared with sixty-two at the issue of the last report, and eighteen members have conducted peals.

Meetings have been held at Henley-in-Arden, Aston Manor, Hampton-in-Arden and Polesworth, Nuneaton, Warwick and Bedworth. These meetings have on the whole been well attended, but at some the object of such meetings would undoubtedly be better achieved if more of the local ringers put in an appearance so that the advantages of change-ringing might be brought home to them.

As regards the condition of rings of bells in the country; privileges at Solihull had to be curtailed for some time owing to defects in the tower. This has been remedied to some extent, but Henley-in-Arden are now in a similar position and face to face with some necessary restoration. The scheme to augment the ring of six at Tysoe to eight, is for the moment in abeyance. The tower requires a large sum of money spent upon it, and what funds are at present in hand will barely cover this one item. The authorities have now to meet some heavy demands made upon them in connection with their school buildings, so the proposal even to rehang the bells without any augmentation is not likely to be carried out for a very long time. A visit paid by some members of the Guild to Burton Dassett brought to light one or two defects in some recent re-hanging of the six bells in that tower. The use of the eight at Stratford-on-Avon is still very limited as the

result of an architectural opinion on the condition of the tower and spire.

In conclusion, thanks are tendered to the officers and members of the Guild for their efforts to increase its usefulness as a County Organisation, and the opinion is voiced that incumbents who have come into touch with the Guild value its existence and are ready to support the cause of change-ringing and belfry reform where these are at present not understood. Members are urged to be conscientious in their duty as first and foremost Church workers, and to bear in mind that the objects of the Guild will be best attained where the principles of the Church are recognised as governing at all times the practical work in the belfry.

Since the formation of the Guild in November, 1907, peals have been rung at Stoke-in-Coventry, 7; Chilvers Coton, 6; Nuneaton and Rugby, 5 each; Erdington (R.C.), 4; Emscote and Lutterworth, 3 each; Allesley, Bedworth, and Solihull, 2 each; Claverdon, Erdington Parish Church, Gilmorton, Hampton-in-Arden, Henley-in-Arden, Leamington, Shenstone (Staffs.), Stoke Golding, Sutton Coldfield, and Warwick (St. Mary), 1 each; a total of 49.

During the twelve months under review, twelve members have conducted peals as follows:—Adolphus Roberts and Bernard W. Witchell, 5 each; Thomas W. Chapman, Jos. B. Fenton, Waiter Malins, and E. Harry Stoneley, 2 each; Douglas H. Argyle, Harry Argyle, Thos. Bloore, Rev. C. Carew Cox, Frank E. Pervin, and Jos. H. White, 1 each.

First performances recorded during the year were a peal of eight Treble Bob Minor methods, 5760 changes, on November 18th, 1911, at Stoke Golding, in 3 hrs. 16 mins., conducted by E. Harry Stoneley; a peal of London Surprise Major, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 33 mins., at St. Andrew's, Rugby, on January 1st, 1912, conducted by Jos. B. Fenton.

The Rev. James Lindsay, aged 82, formerly rector of West Langdon, near Dover, died very suddenly outside Martin Mill Railway Station. It is stated that while walking to Guston to visit a friend he jumped over a little stream and then dropped dead. Medical evidence showed that death was due to rupture of the heart, and the doctor said that such a jump would be sufficient to cause the rupture. A verdict of death from natural causes was returned.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—On Wednesday, August 21st, at St. Martin's church, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstan's) came to grief in the sixth part. F. W. Romaine, H. C. Marsh, R. P. Knight, L. Harris, G. Neale, F. Percy, J. S. Rumming, C. Gaisford. Rung in honour of the marriage of A. F. Martin-Stewart, Esq., Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, which took place in Scotland the previous day.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Thursday evening, August 22nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins. S. Dawson, F. Ring, J. Cheesman (conductor), G. Dawson, R. Smith, F. Mitchell, W. Lane, A. Broome. First quarter-peal in the method by F. Mitchell, and was rung at the first attempt. Messrs. S. and G. Dawson hail from Duffield, Derbyshire.

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FIRST PART.

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64235		-	-	-
52436		-	-	-
45236		-	-	-
24536		-	-	-

SECOND PART.

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36524
45623
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52643
65243
32546
53246
25346

THIRD PART.

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46325
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Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on September 3rd and 17th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 3rd; Southwark Cathedral on the 10th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 12th and 26th; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th; all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—A district meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, September 14th. Ringing at Christ Church from 4.30 to 8 p.m., followed by a social gathering at The Cherry Tree hotel.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association, late the St. James' Society.—A meeting of the Association will take place at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, N.W., on Thursday, September 19th. Tower open at 8 p.m. All ringers are invited.

F. J. HARDY, Hon. Gen. Sec.

34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, September 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5

o'clock. All are welcome. Members are asked to send in all outstanding subscriptions as soon as possible.

C. T. COLES, Hon. Sec.

173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

The Warwickshire Guild.—A monthly meeting will be held at Monks Kirby on Saturday, August 31st. Bells (6) available at 3.30 p.m.

Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Sec.

Shottery.

The Lancashire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Kendal on Saturday, September 7th. Full particulars by circulars.

W. H. SHUKER, } Hon. Secs.
J. H. BANKS, }

106, Bank Street, Clayton.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks. Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Twyford on Saturday, September 7th next. Service at 3.30 p.m.

THOS. BEST, JUN., Hon. Sec.

Bletchley.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Upham on Saturday, 7th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at The Brushmakers Arms.

JAS. W. ELKINS, Dis. Sec.

The Salop Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, September 14th. Ringing at St. Mary's at 2.30 p.m. St. Chad's and St. Alkmund's open during the afternoon. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. in St. Chad's vestry. Short service at 5.30 p.m. in St. Chad's church. Preacher—Rev. C. B. Crowe (Coalbrookdale). Tea at 6.0 p.m. in St. Chad's parish room.

REV. H. B. BECKWITH, Hon. Sec.

Ridgemoor, Shrewsbury.

The Dudley and District Guild.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at St. Martin's, Tipton, on Saturday, September 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. De Vine, M.A. R.D., who will also preside at the business meeting afterwards.

66, Himley Road, Dudley. HERBERT SHEPPARD, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. George's, Gravesend, on Saturday, September 28th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service in church at 5 p.m., followed by tea (for which 3d. per member will be charged), and meeting in the Church House. All those intending to partake of tea should notify me not later than Wednesday, September 25th.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN, Hon. Dis. Sec.

77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—In order to facilitate the publishing of future reports, conductors of peals are requested to send particulars of peals called by them within seven days of such performance to

T. HERVEY BEAMS, Asst. Hon. Sec.

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In Memoriam.

MATTHEW A. WOOD.

Yet another veteran has gone to that bourne whence no traveller returns. Just after one o'clock on Tuesday morning, Mr. Matthew A. Wood, who will be remembered as the host of those ringers who were wont to visit Bethnal Green for Sunday ringing some thirty or more years ago, passed away. We tender our sincere sympathy to those who are left to mourn for him.

We are requested to state that the funeral takes place on Saturday afternoon. There will be a service at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, at 2.30 sharp, and the interment is at Abney Park Cemetery, at 4 p.m.

We hope to give an account of his ringing career next week.

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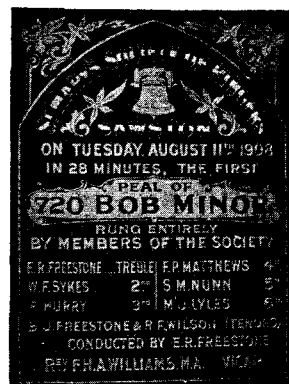
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 1912.

THE TEACHING OF BEGINNERS.

OUR leader of last week has brought a letter from Mr. J. J. Parker, who expresses sentiments quite in accord with our own. We publish it in extenso in the hope that discussion may be evoked, which will lead to something being done to help forward the training of the younger members of the Exercise. Surely among the many members who have had in hand the task of instructing youngsters there is one who can write a brochure simple enough to be understood and appreciated by those who have just made a start in the Art of Change-ringing. Our pages are open to all who care to express their opinions, and that they may be freely used for the purpose, with the result of benefiting the whole Exercise, is our sincere wish.

CHURCH BELLS FOR SECULAR PURPOSES.

Our columns last week included an item on the secular uses to which church bells have been and are put. After detailing some of these uses there was an intimation that a movement was on foot to curtail the occasions on which bells are used for other purposes than the calling of people to worship. Why there should be any objection to this form of expressing joy and pleasure it is difficult to imagine, since from the very earliest days of bell-ringing this has been one of the most frequent methods of celebrating great public events. Was a King crowned—church bells were rung; was a great man—be he King or commoner—married, the event was celebrated in the same joyous fashion; was a son or daughter born to the reigning monarch the bells pealed forth the glad tidings to the nation; was a victory won or a war ended the first note of triumph or gladness came from the belfries up and down the land. On these and all other occasions of public rejoicing the bells from the church steeples have pealed forth their pæans of merriment, and it is difficult to imagine what an English celebration would be like were an edict to go forth that the bells were not to ring. We do not for a moment suppose that the movement will be successful, but it behoves all lovers of the Art and all Churchmen to be ready to uphold the privilege should it be attacked. No ancient custom or rite seems to be safe from attack, and more especially is this the case where the Church is concerned. This being so bell-ringing is as likely to be attacked as any other; so let us be prepared. Let every church bellringer make up his mind that Campanology has its full share in proclaiming glad tidings and expressing joy, and let each one do his best to create a public feeling in its favour.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

It will be noticed that a monthly meeting of the above Guild is to take place on Saturday, 31st inst., at Monks Kirby. The Church at this place contains a fine peal of six bells, with a tenor about 28 cwt. It is hoped that ringers who can possibly do so will avail themselves of this favourable opportunity of ringing upon them.

JAMES GEORGE, Ringing Master.

50 Craven Road, Rugby.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED W. GRIMES Treble.	JOHN W. JONES 5.
J. ARMIGER TEOLLOPE .. 2.	BERTRAM PERWETT 6.
FRANK I. HAIRS 3.	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. 7.
ERNEST BRETT 4.	JOHN H. B. HESSE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

Arranged for Mr. J. W. Jones, who hails from Newport, Mon.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWARD T. WIGG† Treble.	HARRY C. BECKFORD .. 5.
WILLIAM J. ALDRIDGE .. 2.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 6.
ERNEST PYE 3.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	*WILLIAM HORSLEY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal in the method. *First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector, the Rev. —. Pickering.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, E.,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qrs. 4 lbs.

ALBERT A. HUGHES Treble.	CHARLES T. COLES 5.
WILLIAM J. KEMP 2.	BERTRAM PERWETT 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	HENRY DEW 7.
ARTHUR J. NEALE 4.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

The Provinces.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble.	FREDERICK PRECEY 5.
HENRY W. WILKES 2.	ROBERT P. KNIGHT 6.
JOHN S. RUMMING 3.	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH .. 7.
LEONARD HARRIS 4.	ALAN R. MACDONALD Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung as a wedding compliment to A. F. Martin Stewart, Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PULHAM MARKET.—On Thursday, August 15th, 1008 Stedman Triples and 672 Cambridge Surprise Major. W. Steele, F. Roope, A. Roope, C. Baker, E. Whiting, W. Roope, F. Borrett, A. Smith. On Sunday, August 18th, for morning service, 672 Stedman Triples. F. Roope, A. Roope, C. Baker, C. Roope, Ernest Whiting, W. Roope, F. Borrett, A. Smith. For evening service, 336 Double Norwich. F. Roope, Edwin Whiting, C. Baker, J. Wilson, H. Garnham, C. Roope, F. Borrett, A. Smith.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MODWEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD .. Treble.	LEONARD BULLOCK 5.
WILLIAM J. SMITH 2.	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6.
JOSEPH H. BRITTAN* .. 3.	ALBERT P. WAKLEY.. .. 7.
THOMAS DICKEN.. .. 4.	FRANK SHEPHERD Tenor.

Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

*First in the method.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, August 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LURE, BLARENHALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HARRY FARLOW Treble.	ALBERT LITTLE 5.
DANIEL JONES 2.	†BENJAMIN CLARK 6.
EDWARD HORTIN 3.	ALFRED FALLON.. .. 7.
GEORGE CLAYBROOK .. 4.	WILLIAM LAWLEY Tenor.

Conducted by A. FALLON.

†First peal with a bob bell.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, August 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM D. SMITH.. .. Treble.	JOHN THOMAS 5.
JOHN W. JONES 2.	ALBERT A. HUGHES.. .. 6.
JOHN H. B. HESSE 3.	SIDNEY CARTER 7.
DANIEL F. GIBBONS .. 4.	ARTHUR HUGHES Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

This peal was arranged for J. W. Jones, who hails from Newport, Mon.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE BOSHEY SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, August 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS R. SCOTT Treble.	ROBERT E. STAVERT 5.
JOSEPH J. ALLEN 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT 6.
RICHARD DARLOW 3.	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.. 7.
FRANCIS A. SMITH 4.	FREDERICK G. GEORGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5184 CHANGES.

ROBERT CHRISTIAN Treble.	BENJAMIN THOMPSON 6.
ARTHUR ELLIS 2.	HARRY WRIGHT.. .. 7.
DENISON HAYWARD 3.	JOHN GOLDING 8.
WILLIAM BLYTH 4.	THOMAS FAULKNER 9.
EDWIN TODD 5.	WILLIAM LEE Tenor.

Composed by E. ANDREWS, and Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, GRASSENDALE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob, and 720 of Woodbine.

GEORGE WOODHALL* .. Treble.	GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 4.
THOMAS J. MORRIS 2.	EDWARD CAUNCE 5.
THOMAS JENNION 3.	JOHN TURNER Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

*First peal on six bells. It was intended to have rung a peal in seven Treble Bob methods, but meeting short, Mr. Woodhall stood in at short notice.

TAUNTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 22, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

JOHN W. JONES Treble.	JOSEPH MADDOCK 5.
ALFRED WYATT 2.	ALBERT E. COLES 6.
SIDNEY WYATT 3.	ISAAC CREED 7.
HENRY J. CREED 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY.. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

First peal of Kent for all excepting the ringers of the treble, 5th. and tenor, and first on an inside bell in the method for the ringer of the 5th. Arranged specially by Mr. C. R. Lilley for Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mon., whose best thanks are given to the band, especially Mr. J. Maddock for getting the use of the bells, and having everything in readiness.

FOXTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM MACE* Treble.	FRANK S. ANDREW 4.
WALTER T. WILSON 2.	CHARLES W. BIRD 5.
GEORGE A. BLAXLEY 3.	E. MAURICE ATKINS.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

*First peal of Minor.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSETSHIRE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

*First peal in the method and first peal on the bells. This peal was arranged specially by Mr. C. R. Lilley for Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mon., whose best thanks are given to the band and to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD, S.E.—On Sunday, August 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 43 mins. R. Fosdike, J. Law, F. W. Richardson (conductor), G. R. Simmonds, W. J. Jeffries, A. G. Bennington, T. G. Deal, C. H. Macklin.

HADLOW, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Friday, August 23, 1912, in Three Hours,**At the Church of St. Mary,***A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.***Tenor 15 cwt.*

ARTHUR H. READER.. ..	Treble.	FREDERICK BUTCHERS ..	5.
STEPHEN J. PERKINS ..	2.	ALBERT RELVE	6.
JIM BEACH	3.	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT..	7.
ANDREW MARSHALL ..	4.	EDWIN LAMBERT	Tenor.

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and
Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

First peal in the method by all the band; also first for the Kent County Association.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, August 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,**At the Church of St. Laurence,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S Tenor 10½ cwt.*

ALAN R. HICKTON	Treble.	ALBERT H. WARD	5.
EDWARD C. GOBY	2.	NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON..	6.
GEORGE WALKER	3.	ALBERT COPPOCK	7.
JOSEPH BAILEY	4.	JOSEPH DAVIES	Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

Arranged for J. DAVIES, of West Africa.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, August 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,**At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES***PARKER'S TWELVE-PART Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.*

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ..	Treble.	THOMAS FITZJOHN	5.
ARTHUR SYMONDS	2.	*WILLIAM STANNARD	6.
PERCY FORDHAM	3.	JOHN R. POULSON	7.
FRED. A. POULSON	4.	HARRY S. RICHOLD	Tenor.

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

*First peal in the method. This was arranged for the 3rd, 5th, 6th and tenor men, who hail from Mildenhall, Thetford, Worlington and Long Melford, Suffolk.

GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, August 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,**At the Church of SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lb.

GEORGE H. GEARY	Treble.	VICTOR GEARY	4.
WILLIAM SMITH	2.	ERNEST GEARY	5.
JOHN W. SPENCER	3.	ERNEST MORRIS	Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal in seven methods on the bells and by all the band. It was rung as a farewell to Mr. John W. Spencer, who is shortly leaving for Australia. At the conclusion of the peal he was the recipient of a gents' dressing case from the local ringers, who wish him every success in his new sphere.

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

FINCHLEY.—On Sunday, August 25th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. G. Saunders, W. H. Tubb, F. Tubb, E. Tubb, B. Tubb, F. Barker (conductor).

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.**THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.***On Saturday, August 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,**At the Church of St. Margaret,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**Being 720 each of College Bob iv., Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Oxford Treble Bob. *Tenor 10 cwt.*

ERNEST STONE	Treble.	WALTER J. HORTON	4.
E. HARRY STONELEY ..	2.	GEOFFREY J. STONELEY ..	5.
THOMAS H. VALLANCE ..	3.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ..	Tenor.

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Rung on the festival of St. Bartholomew, Apostle and Martyr.

Handbell Peals.**BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, August 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,**At the Residence of Mr. G. Sanders, 75, Calais Road,***A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

WILLIAM SHERCLIFF ..	1-2.	ALBERT P. WAKLEY ..	5-6.
CHARLES SANDERS.. ..	3-4.	*MISS WINIFRED SANDERS	7-8.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT P. WAKLEY.

*First peal. This is the first occasion on which a lady has rung a handbell peal for the Midland Counties Association.

Umpire—J. T. Dyke.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.*(THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.)**On Wednesday, August 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,**In the Belfry of St. Andrew's Church, Litchurch.***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5076 CHANGES.**

JAMES PAGETT†	1-2.	†ALBERT H. WARD	5-6.
WALTER WALLACE	3-4.	†ARTHUR BRAINER	7-8.
*BART MITCHELL	9-10.		

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

*First peal on handbells in any method. †First handbell peal of Caters. This is the first peal of Grandsire Caters ever rung on handbells in Derby.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.*On Sunday, August 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,**At 42, Wymer Street.***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;***IN THE KENT VARIATION.*

WILLIAM A. HEMPEL ..	1-2.	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ..	5-6.
ALBERT G. WARNES ..	3-4.	GEORGE H. CROSS ..	7-8.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal of Treble Bob in hand by all. First peal of Kent by the ringer of 1-2. This is supposed to be the first peal of Kent in band in Norfolk.

BEDDINGTON (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, August 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1251 changes), in 50 mins. F. Holder (conductor), J. Trappitt, A. Boxall, A. J. Perkins, E. L. Miles, A. J. Plowman, W. S. Smith, A. J. Trappitt, A. Clayton, C. Gordon. On Sunday morning, August 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 49 mins. A. Boxall, jun., A. J. Perkins, A. Boxall, sen., W. Ives, A. J. Plowman, E. L. Miles, A. J. Trappitt, W. S. Smith, A. Clayton (conductor), N. Brassett. On Sunday evening, August 25th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal (1320 changes), in 55 mins. J. A. Lambert, A. J. Perkins (conductor), E. L. Miles, A. Clayton, Dr. A. B. Carpenter, A. Calver, A. J. Plowman, R. Grimwood, T. King, W. S. Smith.

THE TEMPTER'S POWER.

In foreign lands men journey far
Some thousand miles to see
A baby girl, scarce women are
As corals of the sea.

But here at home Eve's daughters seem
As plentiful as shrimps,
Where often men do not esteem,
But spurn the lovely nymphs.

At home we heard the other day,
A ringer had not seen
Or rang with any charming maid,
In belfry-tower I mean.

How many miles he cantered full
I cannot now inform;
Twas only just to get a pull
Beside her angel form.

He braved the storms upon the road,
And hurried on pell-mell,
Like famous Johnny Gilpin strove
Until he reached the "Belle."

'Tis said his wife remained at home
And questioned him at night;
"Lor, Missis, I'm so pleased," he phoned
"For 'twas a splendid sight."

"To see the lady's dainty sleeves
Her tresses falling slack
How gracefully she bent her knees—
It was a treat!" said Jack.

"If you can't ring," his wife replied,
Void ladies in your train,
You'd better call a 'Go' she cried,
And touch no rope again;

"I don't intend at home to stay
To suit your lady-ringer,"
And now we hear, on washing-day,
She keeps Jack at the wringer.

G.F.M.

Miscellaneous.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARLEON.—On Sunday, August 11th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. V. Davis, F. Bolton, P. Stafford, C. J. Davis, S. Jones, G. Stafford, W. Large (conductor), E. Davis. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. V. Davis, F. Boulton, P. Stafford, H. Holmes, S. Jones, G. Stafford, W. Large (conductor), W. Hewlings. On August 18th, 630, August 25th 532 and 630. Conducted by W. Large.

FOLKESTONE (Kent).—On Sunday, August 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. G. Miller, G. Foord, F. S. Bacon, F. Jordon, H. Croucher, A. G. Kedwell, W. H. Wood, J. Coppins. Composed by H. A. Petts, and Conducted by A. G. Kedwell. This quarter-peal was arranged for F. S. Bacon, of St. John's, Bedford, who was here on a visit.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, July 20th, 720 Victoria Treble Bob. W. Hollocks (conductor), F. A. Poulson, A. Symonds, C. W. R. Grimwood, T. Hollocks, H. Poulson. This was Mr. Grimwood's first attempt in the method. He bails from Tooting, and is a native of Hitcham, Suffolk.

Correspondence.

To the Editor.

TEACHING BEGINNERS.

SIR,—I have read with much interest the communication by "R.A.C."; also your excellent leader in your last issue. There is a good deal to be said one way and another concerning the question of teaching beginners. I consider that a small handbook for beginners is much needed. As a rule our present day works on ringing are much too scientific for learners. Having had thirty-five years' in teaching, I think I know something of the troubles of a learner. I find as a rule, after he has learned to manage his bell, and is being coached through his first Plain Courses, he is most anxious to know for himself exactly what bells he has to follow, and I generally find it necessary to write down the work of the particular bell he is going to ring, shewing the bells he should follow, arranging the figures in such a manner as will assist him in remembering them. With this, and the Plain Course for reference, he generally gets to know something of change-ringing and the better management of his bell. I do not consider it is so much a question of a simple method, for goodness knows Grandsire Doubles is simple enough, but a small work for beginners only. I believe a work of this kind would be most useful in hundreds of towers, and be the means of introducing change-ringing where call-changes are now rung.

Yours, etc.,

J. J. PARKER.

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By W. HYDE INGLESANT.

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THREE-PART PEAL.

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This peal is without a bob at M. Contains twenty-one 8-6s.

Bangor Diocesan Conference has been abandoned for this year.

IPSWICH RINGERS' OUTING.

The bell-ringers of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, when they decided on their annual outing, followed the example set by so many other bands and went "on tour" among the bells. Starting in the early morning they first of all got on the road to Stoneham Aspull which was reached all in good time and the peal of ten were tried with Stedman Caters and Treble Ted. Then breakfast was partaken of at the "Ten Bells," after which a move was made to Mendlesham, where is a peal of five, on which touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung. An interesting diversion was made here. In the priests chambers over the North porch of the church is a fine collection of armour. This the party were given an opportunity of visiting, and under the guidance of the Rector who described the various articles and their history, a pleasant time was spent. Once more on the road and Yaxley was the next stopping place. Here the party were met by the Rector who, while some went to the belfry to display their skill, took the others round the church and described the most interesting parts of it. From Yaxley a start was made for Eye where Mr. F. Day met them. Luncheon having been partaken of, touches of Double Norwich and Stedman Triples were rung on the fine peal of eight in the tower of the parish church. Eye was the extent of the journey, and from here the return to Ipswich was made by way of Thorndon, Debenham, and Helmingham. At Debenham dinner was arranged, but prior to this function touches of Double Norwich, Stedman Triples, and London Surprise were rung. From thence on to Helmingham where a course of Oxford and a touch of Grandsire Triples were rung, and then "right away" was given with Ipswich as the "next stop." This was reached about ten o'clock and the party dispersed to their homes thoroughly satisfied at having spent a grand time, and grateful to all who had assisted them in the attainment of so great a success, Messrs. J. and W. Motts, who made the arrangements, coming in for special meed of praise.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY (Oxon.)—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, August 11th, for morning service, 350 Grandsire Triples. For evening service 168 Grandsire Triples. On Sunday, August 18th, for morning service, 336 Grandsire Triples. On Sunday, August 25th, for morning service, 420 Grandsire Triples. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. All the above touches were rung by the following band: H. Long, A. Brooks, T. Bull, E. Brown, G. Brooks, J. Monk (conductor), J. Brooks, C. R. Walker.

WITNEY (Oxon.)—On Tuesday, August 13th, 168 Grandsire Triples. C. R. Walker, A. Brooks, H. Hollis, N. Spindlow, G. Brooks, T. Bull, J. Monk (conductor). — Robinson. The ringer of the tenor hails from Buckingham. Also 420 Grandsire Triples. H. Long, A. Brooks, H. Hollis, E. Brown, G. Brooks, J. Monk (conductor), N. Spindlow, C. R. Walker. Also 84 Grandsire Triples. H. Long, A. Brooks, H. Hollis, N. Spindlow, G. Brooks, J. Monk (conductor), T. Bull, C. R. Walker. On Monday evening, August 26th, 350 Grandsire Triples. C. R. Walker, A. Brooks, H. Hollis, N. Spindlow, T. Bull, J. Monk (conductor), J. Brooks, G. Brooks.

CLANFIELD (Oxon.)—At the church of St. Stephen on Tuesday, August 20th, an attempt was made for Taylor's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but was lost at half-way (2520 changes), after ringing an hour and a half. C. R. Walker, F. Messenger, G. Clark, S. Eeles, A. Brooks, J. Monk (conductor), N. Spindlow, J. Tanner.

SOUTHLEIGH (Oxon.)—At the church of St. Peter the Great on Tuesday, August 27th, an attempt was made for Taylor's six-

part peal of Grandsire Triples, but was unsuccessful, being lost at the fourth part-end (3360 changes), owing to a change-course. R. Keen, J. Monk, H. Hollis, A. Brooks, T. Bull, N. Spindlow (conductor), J. Brooks, G. Brooks.

VICAR KILLED BY MOTOR LORRY.

A fatal motor cycle accident occurred at Pydeltrenthide, on Monday. The Rev. C. W. H. Dicker, vicar of Pydeltrenthide, was riding down to Broadwindsor, where he had been appointed vicar, when, in trying to pass a motor lorry loaded with milk, his motor cycle skidded on the muddy road, and he fell under the wheels of the heavy vehicle, which passed over him, killing him instantly. Mr. Dicker was a widower, and an antiquary of repute.

CLEWER ST. AGNES, WINDSOR.

It has been decided to build a larger and more suitable Church in Spital to meet the growing needs of the district. The district of St. Agnes is a corner of Clewer parish adjoining Windsor borough, and will eventually become a parish in itself. And there is no doubt the corner of Windsor parish, which runs side by side with St. Agnes, known also as Spital, will be included in the new parish of St. Agnes. This will make it necessary to have a fairly large church. The rector has secured the necessary ground for the enlargement, and has good reason to believe he will be well supported in the difficult work he feels he must take in hand. There should be no difficulty as to the endowment, as it will be a relief to both Clewer and Windsor to be released of their responsibilities for this difficult corner, and that which they are obliged to give towards the maintenance of missionaries at the present time would almost, if not quite, provide the necessary endowment.

To liquidate a debt of nine shillings on the local branch of the Church of England Men's Society, an organ recital was given at Frensham Parish Church by the organist recently.

Excavations are being carried on at Old Sarum, which have revealed a great part of the foundations of the Cathedral and of the castle. The finds include a granite coffin, containing a skeleton, broken cups, jugs, and other pottery, and a few coins.

The death of the Rev. Ernest Arthur Edgehill removes a very interesting personality from South London. Mr. Edgehill was one of the most distinguished students of Cambridge. He had done splendid work in connection with the collegiate house at St. Saviour's, Southwark, and only lately had thrown himself heart and soul into the open air propaganda against secularism. His books showed a very ripe scholarship, and all his friends looked forward to a very brilliant career for Mr. Edgehill. His work among lads has been a phenomenal success, and many hundreds of lads in the borough will mourn his death.

The Rev. S. McComb, D.D., the founder of the Emmanuel Movement has been visiting England. He has, during his stay here, held several conferences with well-known clergy and medical men. In one conference he gave an address to a few select men at Westminster, including Dr. Ryle, the Dean of Westminster, the Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, and several others, including one or two leading London medical specialists. Most of those who have conferred with Dr. McComb agree that the only proper way to deal with disease is on the line of the Emmanuel Movement as worked in Boston, U.S.A., viz., the co-operation of the clergy and the medical men. Dr. McComb leaves for America on Tuesday next.

STOKEINTEIGNHEAD, DEVON.

DEDICATION OF BELLS.

The tenor bell of the peal of five in Stokeinteignhead Church having become cracked during the ringing of a peal on Old Year's Eve, 1911, the Misses Morris, of Ouston Maidencombe, provided funds for recasting it, and providing a new treble bell in memory of their late sister, Miss Evelyn Morris. The old wood frame, floors of the belfry and beams, and the fittings of the bells being in a bad condition, it was decided to replace them with all new work, and this was entrusted to Messrs. Harry Stokes and Son, Church Bell Hangers, Woodbury. They provided and fixed a new frame for six bells, and hung the six bells with all new fittings complete, the work being carried out to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. Previous to the reopening of the bells on Thursday, August 8th, about £140 had been subscribed.

The dedication service was largely attended. The Rector (Rev. K. A. Lake), officiated and the dedication

prayer was offered by the Rev. Maitland Kelly, President of the Devon Guild of Ringers, who gave an excellent address on Bells and their Uses. Afterwards merry peals were rung on the bells by bands from Combeinteignhead, Kingskerswell, Cockington, St. Marychurch, Coffinswell, Wolborough, Newton Abbott, Highweek, Babbacombe, St. James, Teignmouth, and members of the Devon Guild of Ringers, including the President, Mr. Frank Davey (Exeter), and Mr. H. Stokes, jun.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND BELLS TO BE REHUNG.

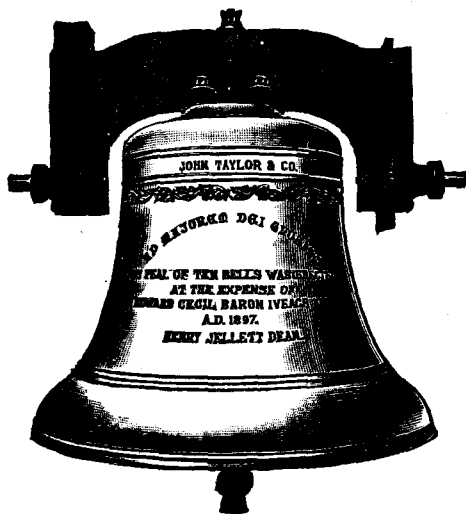
The eight bells at the parish church of Kirton-in-Holland, near Boston, Lincs., are to be taken in hand and put in thorough repair. This will include the recasting of the 4th and 7th, fitting the remainder with iron headstocks and with all modern fittings, and rehanging them. The work has been placed in the hands of Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry.

JOHN TAYLOR & CO., Bell Founders & Bell Hangers, LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.

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the Heaviest Peal of 12 Ringing Bells in the World

"This is unquestionably the grandest ringing peal in England, and therefore in the world." The late Lord Grimthorpe, K.C.—*Times*, Nov. 20, 1878.

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The Tenor Bell, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

Also Founders of the peals of Bells at the Cathedrals of Worcester, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Edinburgh (St. Mary's), Dublin (St. Patrick's), Christ Church, N.Z. Singapore.

Also "Great John" and the ring of Ten at Beverley Minster; and the ring of Ten at the Imperial Institute.

Also the bells of Dundalk R.C. Cathedral, and "Great Bede" of Downside Abbey, Also for the town halls of Manchester, Preston, Bradford, Halifax, Rochdale, Wakefield, Middlesbrough, Kendal, and Londonderry; and the Sydney and Adelaide Post Offices in Australia.

Also the chime of bells at Ames College, Iowa, U.S.A.
And the recast "Grandison," of Exeter Cathedral

BROOMFLEET, YORKS.

At this place the Vicar, the Rev. A. J. Holmes, has revived the old custom of blessing the first-fruits. Accompanied by the farmers, their families, labourers, and villagers, he went into a field, where he cut some of the standing corn. The youngest maiden present made into a sheaf and handed it to the Vicar, who blessed it. A collect was said, after which the harvest hymn, "We plough the fields and scatter," was sung and the Benediction pronounced. The sheaf of wheat cut by the Vicar was tied with ribbon, and will remain in the farmhouse till the Harvest Thanksgiving Service, when it will adorn the altar.

An appeal is being made for £2000 for executing urgent repairs to the used fragment of an Abbey Church at Pershore. It is reported by the architect called in that the buttressing of the tower on its western side should be carried out with as little delay as possible.

Ancient windows have been discovered during the restoration of the parish church of West Horsley, near Guildford—a fine old edifice in the Early English and Decorated styles—which is to be reopened by the Bishop of Winchester. Towards the cost of the restoration, £600 of the £1000 required has been subscribed.

Blackheath (Surrey) Parish Council have applied to the Vicar for permission to ring the church bells on the outbreak of fire in the village.

CHURCH ITEMS.

Oxford's first memorial to King Edward, which is just about to be erected, will be a stained-glass window in the parish church of St. Michael at the north gate.

In memory of Mr. Charles Newdegate, for 42 years member of Parliament for North Warwickshire, a stained-glass window has been placed in Chilvers Coton Church (Nuneaton).

St. Mary's Church, West Horsley, has been re-opened after extensive restoration. Mary, Countess of Lovelace, and Mr. Justice Bray acted on the committee which undertook the work.

Boy Scouts at High Wycombe have painted the Church of St. John, and have thoroughly renovated the building within and without.

In succession to the Ven. Brook Deedes, who has been appointed first Archdeacon of the newly created Archdeaconry of Hampstead, the Rev. A. E. Deacon, Vicar of Christ Church, Hampstead, has been made rural dean of the district.

The Duchess of Albany has promised to open the Church Army sale of work at the Portman Rooms, Baker Street, in November, and the Marchioness of Salisbury will open the sale on the second day.

Lord Powis has presented the Rev. B. K. Kissak, who was for some years curate to the present Bishop of Truro at St. Augustine's, Edgbaston, to the vicarage of North Lydbury, Shropshire, which is of the net value of £350 a year, with residence.

Dr. Walter Farrar, formerly Bishop of Antigua, has been appointed by the Archbishop of the West Indies as his assistant and commissary in the diocese of Honduras, which has been without a diocesan since Bishop Bury's resignation last year. The appointment in the first instance will be till the end of next year.

A contract has this week been signed for the enlargement of St. Barnabas' Church, Linslade, Bucks. It provides for building a new north aisle and new porch, taking away the old gallery and putting in a new west window, two new windows in the ringing chamber, new entrance door and stone staircase to same. The work is to be finished in six months from the date of signing the contract.

The Bishop of St. Germans has been presented with a cheque for £700 by some of the leading clergy and laity of the diocese of Truro, in recognition of the splendid and unselfish work done by him during the long illness of the late Bishop of Truro, and during two vacancies of the See. The Bishop, to whom the gift came as a complete surprise, says it will enable him to procure help, and to do his work better in his old age.

The Bishop of Crediton is spending three weeks on Lundy Island, which is twenty miles from the North Devon coast, and has one post a week, weather permitting. The island, on which there is a fine modern church, has been without a resident priest since the Rev. H. G. Heaven resigned last year owing to age and infirmity, and the services are conducted by a licensed lay reader, excepting on the rare occasions of a visit from a priest or a bishop.

The ancient church of St. Laurence, Bradford-on-Avon, which probably dates from the time of St. Aldhelm, the first Bishop of Sherborne (A.D. 708-709), has only very occasional services held within its walls. Special services were held on the patronal festival of St. Laurence, and the latest gift to the church is an altar frontal of rose-red silk brocade, with an emblem of St. Laurence, and the embroidered verse, "The noble army of martyrs praise Thee."

Sir Henry Bruce has presented the Rev. E. M. Vaughan, Rector of Basford, Nottinghamshire, to the living of Clifton, in the county, which is of the net value of about £400 a year, with residence, and vacant by the preferment of the late Rector.

The church at Clifton contains some interesting old brasses and monuments of the Cliftons, of Clifton Hall, and in this parish is a fine avenue which is the scene of Kirk White's well-known poem, "Clifton Grove."

The Master and Fellows of St. John's College, Cambridge, have presented the Rev. G. C. Allen, Vicar of Send, and formerly head-master of Cranleigh School, to the vicarage of Higham, near Rochester, which is of the net value of £250 a year, with residence. Mr. Allen was a foundation scholar of St. John's College. Higham Church was attached to the Benedictine Nunnery which was founded there by King Stephen, whose daughter Mary was the first abbess.

Canon Henson has started for his Canadian and American tour. After fulfilling several engagements in the Dominion, he will cross to the States, and preach successively at Yale, Cornell, Philadelphia, and Harvard University, and later deliver a course of five lectures at Andover Seminary, finally preaching in New York on November 17th. Three years ago Canon Henson states that on visiting America he saw "more of the country than the people," but on this occasion he hopes to see the people rather than the country.

The St. David's Diocesan Conference meets this year at Llanelly on September 24th and 25th. The programme contains many items of interest. Llanelly being a great tinplate centre, we are pleased to find that a paper on "The Church and Industrial Unrest" will be read by Mr. F. W. Gilbertson, a director of large tinplate works in the Swansea valley. On the evening of September 24th a public meeting of protest against the Welsh Disestablishment Bill will be held at the Market Hall, Llanelly; chairman, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese: speakers, Bishop Welldon and Viscount Wolmer, M.P. The Market Hall is one of the most spacious buildings in South Wales, and we have little doubt that it will be filled to its utmost capacity on this occasion.

The ancient church of Wigmore, Herefordshire, a tenth century building, is in danger of serious decay owing to the state of the roof and nave, and the necessity of adequate repairs. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners, as owners of the Great Tithes, are at the present moment repairing the roof of the chancel, and it would be a great economy if the work upon the nave roof could be taken in hand at the same time. The cost of the work is estimated to be £300, and to show how difficult to collect money it is in these small country districts, it may be mentioned that it has taken four years of diligent labour to get together £148 out of the total required. Donations would be gratefully received by the Rev. W. Bamford, Wigmore Vicarage, Kingsland, Herefordshire.

IRREVERENT VISITORS.—So outrageous has been the conduct of some of the people who have visited the old Priory Church of Lancaster during the holiday season that it has been found advisable to exhibit a notice stating, among other things, that "men are not allowed to wear their hats or to smoke in church" women are requested to wear hats or some other headgear," and "no one is allowed to eat, drink, or partake of meals in the church." The irreverence which has made such a notice necessary has also called forth other stringent regulations for the preservation of decency and order in the church. A description of the lengths to which things had gone, given by the Vicar, seems unhappily to reveal a state of irreligion among some sections of our people which it is a little difficult to credit. "We have had them," he says, "smoking in the church, wandering about with their hats on, invading the sanctuary, eating their meals in the church, and drinking, and then throwing their bottles about the churchyard. I dare say the wet weather has had something to do with driving people into the church, but they have wandered all over the edifice, and the verger has not been able to keep anything like order. Many, indeed, have rudely defied him." Would such conduct have been possible if there had been scattered about the church one or two devout souls praying before the altars?

HANDBELL MUSIC.

The following pieces are arranged as per list 4 in W. G.'s Catalogue, viz., four octaves in the chromatic scale G, 25 to G 04. 8 ringers.

- No. 2. Selection "Don Giovanni" .. 3s. od.
 No. 31. Blue Bells of Scotland (3 variations) .. 2s. od.
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 No. 136. The Blue Danube Waltz .. 3s. 6d.
 No. 163. Chorus from Martha .. 2s. 6d.

Also the following can be had arranged as above, or for larger peals and No. of ringers: terms on application. Andante, Haydn's Surprise Symphony, Last Rose of Summer (three variations and finale), Old Folks at Home, variations and finale, Vesper Hymn, variations and finale, Woodstock March.

The following are for 6 ringers, 12 bells, thus—

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 No. 309. The Angel's Whisper and the Maid of Llangollen .. 1s. 6d.
 No. 320. The Mountaineers' Waltz .. 1s. 6d.
 No. 321. The Rose of Allandale March .. 1s. 6d.
 No. 322. The Pilgrim of Love Galop .. 1s. 6d.
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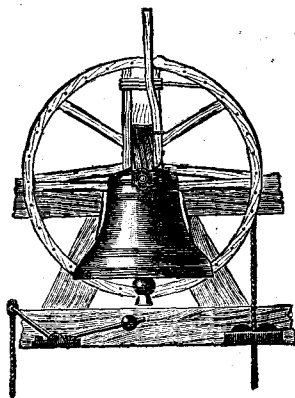
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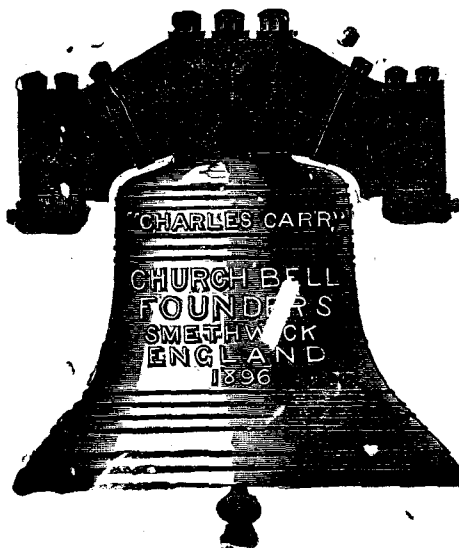
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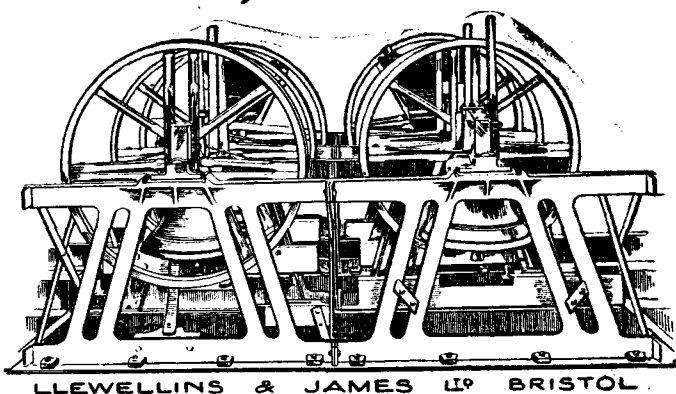
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THE HANDBELL PEAL RECORD.

ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS ECLIPSED.

Another record has been made, only perhaps to be beaten in the near future, though each record made, of course makes this a more difficult task. The present record was made on Saturday last in the belfry of Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, when five members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild scored 19,738 changes of Stedman Caters in 9 hrs. 32 mins. This, the longest length by one set of men on either tower or handbells, is a most meritorious performance. "Go" was given at 1.55 p.m., and from then till 11.27 the band kept on in first-class style, ringing change after change, course in and course out, always anxious to complete the task they had set out to accomplish—that of ringing 22,222 changes, Owing, however, to the lapse of time, the last 24 courses were cut out, and the peal ended as stated. The band included Messrs. A. F. Shepherd, A. H. Pulling, Wm. Shepherd, James Hunt, and Frank Blondell. There were many visitors at the belfry during the afternoon and evening, among them being Messrs. A. H. Winch, T. W. Radford, S. Radford, M. Smither, E. Raddon, W. E. Maulden, etc. The ringing was very fine, and it was only in the last part that anything like a serious trip occurred.

The full particulars of the performance will be found in their proper place in our peal columns.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

MEETING AT MONKS KIRBY.

The August monthly meeting of the Guild was held at Monks Kirby on Saturday last, when a record attendance resulted. Some thirty members were present, representing Rugby, Nuneaton, Stoke Golding, Coventry, Allesley, Lutterworth and Stratford-on-Avon. The bells are a ring of six, tenor 23 cwt., of rather pleasing tone—nicer to listen to than to handle. They go very badly, not from the want of a rigid frame, but probably from being rusted and uncared for. The ropes run back handed, and those belonging to the two trebles are very awkwardly placed behind the clock box, and a small man on the treble is at much disadvantage as far as rope-sight goes. Here is an instance of a tower situated in a quiet country spot about seven miles north of Rugby, containing some good bell metal, yet giving no prospect of ever having change-ringing introduced there, because—through want of interest, no doubt—the bells are slowly going to rack and ruin. The only ringing decently accomplished on Saturday was a 360 of Bob Minor, in which it took two men to ring the treble because the first man got tired! Other touches were attempted, but were either lost or abandoned after a few minutes hard labour.

Tea was partaken of at The Bell inn, and with the refreshment of the inner man renewed courage came to some afterwards, but sad to say it soon wore off after the bells went into changes, and members repaired again to The

Bell inn, where the less arduous handbell ringing was indulged in in the open air. A vote of thanks was proposed by the Hon. Secretary to the Vicar for his kind permission to ring, and the members of the Rugby company for making the tea arrangements. Two new members were elected at this meeting, which was very pleasurable, although the ringing was not the best that the Guild can do. But then circumstances alter cases. C. C. C.

NEW WORK IN HAND BY MR. A. BOWELL.

We are glad to learn that the ring of eight at Gillingham in Kent are to be rehung in new steel frames. The treble, second and seventh are to be recast and the whole peal turned. The whole of the work has been entrusted to Mr. Alfred Bowell, Bell Founder, Ipswich. The same firm are also rehanging the peal of six at Boxley, near Maidstone, Kent.

At Sible Hedingham, in Essex, Mr. Bowell is also making a complete restoration. The massive tower contained a peal of five with a tenor weighing nearly a ton. The bells were very much out of tune and unringable. They have been taken to Ipswich where the old treble and fourth are being recast and a new treble added. It is contemplated that they will make a good peal of six, as the tenor is a fine bell, cast by the famous Miles Graye. A massive new steel frame is also to be installed and space left to complete the octave at some future time. The whole of this work is to be paid for by two generous ladies in the parish.

ILKLEY RINGERS' OUTING.

The band of ringers at Ilkley Parish Church took their annual outing on Wednesday, August 21st, Blackpool being the venue. Mr. T. P. Crookhall, one of the local band, made arrangements for ring a touch of Grandsire Triples, and this was brought off at St. John's Church immediately after the party had partaken of breakfast. The remainder of the day was spent in a round of visits to the sights of Blackpool, with the necessary intervals for dinner, tea, etc., and after spending a most enjoyable day, the party returned to their homes, each one acknowledging his thankfulness to all who had contributed in any way to their pleasure.

BELLS OF WALLASEY CHURCH TO BE REHUNG.

The ring of six bells at the parish church, Wallasey, near Liverpool (dedicated to St. Hilary), are to be rehung by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, London, who recently cast and erected the new ring at the church of St. Nicholas, Wallasey.

A DIAGRAM OF UNION TRIPLES (1893), may be had gratis, on application by letter to W. H. THOMPSON, 5, Sillwood Street, Brighton, to whom the unsold remainder has been returned by the publishers.

In Memoriam.

MATTHEW A. WOOD.

The doyen of the Ringing Exercise—Matthew A. Wood—passed to his rest on Tuesday of last week, as briefly announced in our last issue. The Parish Magazine of St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, says of him:—

"Born the day after St. Matthew's Day, 1827, he had lived under five Sovereigns of England, and six Rectors of Bethnal Green. His father and grandfather before him had led the bellringing in the steeple of St. Matthew's Church, and their united lives have covered the whole period since the building of the church in 1746, in the reign of George II., down to the present day. Mr. Wood himself has rung on every occasion of national or parochial rejoicing or mourning since the funeral of William IV. in 1837.

And his great age was equalled by the great respect in which he was held by all. Dying in the neighbourhood in which he was born, and going in and out amongst his neighbours throughout his long life of nearly eighty-six years, he was well-known to all, and to know him was to respect him. It was only during the last year or two that he began to bend under the weight of his years, and his upright figure seemed to be a fitting token of his upright character. He came of an old Huguenot stock, and possessed in a marked degree those good qualities for which Bethnal Green in the old days owed so much to the French settlers within its borders. Upright, kindly, cheerful, with a great dislike of all crooked ways and all scamped work, it was always a pleasure to talk to him or to have any dealings with him.

The ringing-chamber in St. Matthew's steeple will always be a memorial of its old keeper's love and care. It was beautifully kept, and all around it are hung the wooden tablets, made and given by Mr. Wood himself, on which are recorded the various peals rung on the bells, and the names of those taking part.

And his affection was not confined to the steeple; from time to time, while various works of decoration were going on in the church, Mr. Wood used to bring his little subscription, always with the request that no name should be mentioned, but that it might be acknowledged as from 'an old parishioner.'

We desire to offer our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Wood and her family in their great sorrow and loss—a sorrow and loss which is shared by the writer of these words and by all St. Matthew's people."

HIS RINGING CAREER.

Matthew A. Wood was by no means an obscure member of the Ringing Exercise, and it is probable that of the many hundreds of ringers who have visited the metropolis by far the greater number have met him in one or other of the towers in which he was wont to ring. Thus his name had come to be almost a household word wherever ringing is known. When still a boy he was a constant attendant in the belfry of St. Matthew's, and when little more than ten years of age, he became a member of the Cumberland Youths. This was in the year 1837. His first peal was one of Grandsire Triples, conducted by George Stockman, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on February 18th, 1846, for the St. James' Society, now the London County Association. Soon afterwards we find him ringing in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, and again in Grandsire Triples. We cannot give a detailed record of his performances, but he was an adept at almost every known method. Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, Superlative Surprise, Double Nor-

wich Court, or what not he was *au fait* with any of them. Up to the time of his death he had rung some 360 peals in the different methods, either on tower bells or handbells. He was quite as much at home on the one as the other. It was however as a

CHURCH BELL RINGER

that he shone the brightest, for, he was second to none in his performances in the steeple. As a striker too, he was surpassed by none, the production of "fine" striking always claiming his best endeavours. As a conductor his abilities were recognised wherever ringing was practised. He possessed no small knowledge of the art and theory of composition, and produced several peals, but it is still as a change-ringer that he will be best remembered. Records of his performances may be found in all the best known towers in the Metropolis and the surrounding suburbs. Although he commenced his ringing career as a Cumberland, he afterwards transferred his membership to the College Youths, and it was under the auspices of the latter body that we find most of his performances. In the records of the contests which took place many years ago to establish the supremacy of Stedman Cinques, the name of Matthew Alfred Wood will be found among those of his company.

For some 72 years he held the office of steeplekeeper at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, and here he was always to be found at his post. Those who have visited St. Matthew's belfry, will testify to the care which he exercised in making preparations for ringing. The ringing-chamber was a testimonial to his love for everything connected with the Art, while the many peal-boards around its walls were, we understand, the result of his labours.

THE FUNERAL

took place on Saturday afternoon, and if any proof were needed of the esteem and affection in which Mr. Wood was held, it was supplied by the packed church, the lined streets, and the many hundreds who gathered at the graveside. Old and young, rich and poor alike, were present to testify to the fact that he whose remains were about to be laid in their last resting-place, had won a place in their affections by his kindness of heart and gentleness of disposition. Ringers, too, attended from all parts of the country to add their tribute to the memory of one who had outlived all his contemporaries; had seen young men come into the exercise, perform their part, and go out; had helped to ring the last touch over the graves of those who were unborn when he had already attained fame. Now it had come to the turn of others, many of whom he had coached in their early days, to gather round the bier and perform the last sad rites over all that remained of their comrade.

The first part of the service was held in St. Matthew's Church, and was conducted by the Rev. H. V. S. Eck, M.A., who in the course of a short address, dwelt with affection on the many good qualities possessed by Mr. Wood.

The route from St. Matthew's to Abney Park Cemetery was lined with sympathetic onlookers, while at the graveside was gathered a crowd of several hundreds.

After the committal sentences had been pronounced by the Rector of St. Matthew's, and the relatives had taken a last look at the coffin, five members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, with handbells, rang a course of Stedman Caters over the open grave. These were—T. H. Taftender, 1-2; Challis F. Winney, 3-4; R. Newton, 5-6; B. Langdon, 7-8; W. T. Cockerill, 9-10.

The usual Whole Pull and Stand, with the bells half muffled, was rung on Saturday evening at St. Matthew's (Bethnal Green), and Bow Church (Cheapside).

On Saturday evening, with the bells half muffled, the members of the St. Mary's Society, Walthamstow, rang the usual Whole Pull and Stand as a last tribute of respect to the late M. A. Wood, after which a touch of Grandsire Caters was rung. The following took part:—F. Rumens (conductor), A. Chapman, G. Grimwade, H. Rumens, J. H. Wilkins, J. C. Adams, R. Maynard, senr., A. A. Hughes, F. C. Maynard, W. B. Manning, W. J. Kemp, T. Cutforth, and R. K. Knight.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Tuesday evening, September 3rd, on handbells, 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major. Miss Belle Symonds, F. A. Poulson, S. H. Symonds (conductor), R. J. Poulson, Rev. R. L. Gardner, A. Symonds. This is the longest touch by the Rev. R. L. Gardner. The ringer of the treble is the first lady to accomplish so long a touch in any method for the above Association.

WISBECH.—On September 3rd, at York Villa, as a wedding peal to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Collett, which event occurred on the 4th inst., a date touch of Bob Minor was rung on handbells in 1 hr. by the following ringers at the Parish Church, the tower bells not being available, as the ringers had been locked out since they rang a 5040 of Bob Minor at Newton on the 26th June last. A. W. Wealock, T. Haines, S. Andrews, R. B. Banham, T. Banham, Ralph Narborough (conductor). Mr. Collett is an energetic Churchworker, he being one of the first to learn

ringing with the present voluntary band, but owing to an accident about a year ago, he has not been able to do any ringing since; he however still takes an interest in bell-ringing, and has been for many years a member of the choir, and a teacher in the Sunday School.

NOTES.

This week the record of a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major has been sent without the number of changes.

Mr. T. Faulkner asks us to say that the number of changes in the peal of Grandsire Caters conducted by him at Great Yarmouth was 5148, not 5184, as given last week.

In our issue of August 24th we inserted a peal of Stedman Triples rung at Erdington on August 14th without the conductor's name. We now learn that Mr. Witchell (in honour of whose silver wedding the peal was rung) was the conductor.

A customer writes of our large peal cards:—"I must thank you for the beautifully printed peal-board of 'Newton Peal.' It was indeed past my expectations, and we are all delighted with it. We had it framed by a most competent firm, and placed in their window for two weeks."

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FAREWELL GATHERING AT HORBURY.

The belfry of the Church of SS. Peter and Leonard, Horbury, was the scene of a very pleasant function on Saturday last, when the ringers, church wardens, and sidesmen assembled to bid farewell to Mr. James Smith, a member of the Horbury band, who has, this week, removed to Rugby.

Mr. Smith has been associated with the Church of SS. Peter and Leonard for a number of years as sidesman and churchwarden, while his career as a ringer has included beside a long period as a change-ringer on tower bells, a long time as a handbell ringer. He was one of the band who won the first prize at Manchester Belle Vue Handbell contest, many years ago.

To mark their esteem and appreciation of the services rendered to the Church by Mr. Smith, the ringers, churchwardens and sidesmen had subscribed for a handsome writing desk, which was presented to him on Saturday.

The proceedings commenced by ringing a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major.

Mr. Wm. Yelland, the oldest gentleman present, who is parish clerk and a sidesman, made the presentation. In doing so, he said he had known Mr. Smith from his early boyhood; and it gave him great pleasure to testify to his integrity of purpose, as well as to the zeal and ability with which he had carried out his public duties. In his opinion the working man (of whom Mr. Smith was a worthy representative), would take a much greater share in public work in the future, than they had hitherto done. On behalf of the subscribers he asked Mr. Smith to accept the writing desk as a token of their esteem. They wished Mr. Smith and his family every success in his new home, and hoped his highest expectations would be more than realised. In saying this he was confident that he was voicing the feelings not only of the subscribers, but of the whole congregation.

Mr. Smith, in reply, said he was taken very much by surprise by the handsome present he had just received, and desired to express his thanks to the subscribers for the kindly feeling which had prompted them in their action. He would value the present on this account, much more than for its intrinsic value, and whenever he had occasion to use it, he would be reminded of the good old friends he had left behind in his native village.

The proceedings closed with further touches of Treble Bob Major.

THE SHOREDITCH SOCIETY.

VISIT TO ST. PAUL'S.

On Saturday, the 24th inst., the members of the above Society visited St. Paul's Cathedral by invitation of the Rev. Canon Newbolt. The Rev. P. E. Boswell, Mr. Deputy-Churchwarden F. Ford, and Mr. Riley (steeple-keeper of South Hackney), accompanied the party.

On arriving at the Cathedral the party were met by the Canon, and immediately proceeded to view the various monuments, etc., for which St. Paul's is famous. The tombs of the Duke of Wellington, Lord Nelson, and Sir Christopher Wren proved of especial interest. The Canon informed us that the coffin in which the remains of Lord Nelson lies was shaped out of the mast of "L'Orient," the ship in which Casabianca (the hero of the poem so well known in our young days), met his fate. Sir Christopher Wren has no monument, neither does he need one. A plate fixed upon the wall to his memory tells us if we

want a monument, we are to look around, and surely we could not find a more fitting memorial than the Cathedral itself. The tomb of George Dance (who was the architect of our Church), is found near to that of Sir Christopher Wren, and proved of especial interest to many of the party. The beautiful carving on the organ and round the choir, the work of Grinling Gibbons, was much admired.

Mr. Pierpoint Morgan has recently given some beautiful electric lights, which hang in the choir. A splendid altar frontal has also just been presented.

After viewing the tombs we proceeded to the galleries and library, and were shown stones which have been preserved from Old St. Paul's. The Whispering Gallery was a source of amusement to the Society, and a splendid view of London is obtained from the Stone Gallery outside. The Society afterwards attended Evensong, the singing and music of which was enjoyed by all. The final, but certainly not the least enjoyable item of the programme came next, a refreshing tea in the Chapter House.

The Rev. P. E. Boswell proposed a vote of thanks to the Canon, which those present heartily endorsed.

A. E. B.

ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.

The annual outing of the members of the above society took place on Saturday, August 24th, when a trip was made to Honiton, Axminster, Chard, Ilminster, Taunton, Wellington, and Cullompton. The party, including Mr. William Shepherd (Hersham), left Exeter at 8.0 a.m., under somewhat depressing conditions, as rain had been falling heavily, and threatened to continue for some time. It was arranged to ring at Axminster, but the very bad state of the roads and climatic conditions caused a late arrival, and as there was service at the church, ringing at this town was abandoned. Upon leaving Axminster it could be seen that a fine afternoon was in store. Chard was reached about noon, and here the bells were soon put in motion with a short touch of Grandsire Triples. The bells were lowered, and the motor proceeded to Ilminster, where the party was met by Mr. D. J. Taylor, who kindly made arrangements for a good dinner and ringing at the church. After the mid-day meal the ringers inspected the interior of the church, and thence to the belfry, where touches of Stedman and Kent Treble Bob (the latter being the first on the bells), were rung. Now the weather was ideal, and an enjoyable ride took the party into Taunton, and a visit was paid to the park and the castle. Tea being over, the ringers met Messrs. J. Burge, J. Maddocks (Taunton) and A. Walker (Birmingham), at St. James' tower and rang Kent Treble Bob and Stedman Triples. St. Mary's church was the next tower on the list, and here the bells were rung in Stedman Caters. Owing to a long journey in front, and ringing to be done at Wellington to complete the programme, there was not much time for a chat with old acquaintances. Taunton was left at 7.45, and at 8.15 p.m. the bells at Wellington were going to Grandsire Triples. The day's ringing being over, a move was made to Cullompton, and with a few minutes rest the journey was resumed for the Ever Faithful, which was reached about 11.0 p.m., all agreeing that a most enjoyable day had been spent, notwithstanding the bad weather in the morning. The band wish to thank the clergy for the use of the bells, and those who made arrangements for ringing at the different towers.

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DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By H. PRICE.

5008.

23456	I	4	5	6
36452	-	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-	-
36245	-	-	-	-
62345	-	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-	-
24356	S	-	-	-
43256	-	-	-	-
32456	-	-	-	-
52634	-	-	-	-
36254	-	-	-	-
62354	-	-	-	-
23654	-	-	-	-
56324	-	-	-	-
63524	-	-	-	-
25364	-	-	-	-
53264	-	-	-	-
32564	-	-	-	-

The last nine courses twice repeated. Single last I in third part.

BOB ROYAL.

By H. PRICE.

5020.

23456	W	7ths	5ths	4ths	6ths	H
36452	-	-	-	-	-	-
62453	-	-	-	-	-	-
34562	-	-	-	-	-	-
42563	-	-	-	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-	-	M	-
24536	-	-	-	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-	-	-	-
43256	S	-	-	-	-	-
24356	-	-	-	-	-	-
32456	-	-	-	-	-	-

Repeat last twelve courses. Omit middle.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By FREDERICK HY. DEXTER.

6624 OR 5280.

23456	I	4	5	6
42635			X	
64235				2
32465	I			I
52364		I		3
42563		I		3
43265		I		2
36245	I			3
46235	I			S3 A
63245	I			3
42365	I			I
32564		2		3
34265		I		2
24563	I		X	
45263				I
24356			X	
43256				I
35246	I			3
54236	I			3
32456	I			I
62354		I		3
42653		I		3
34256		I		S
45236	I			3
53246	I			3
42356	I			I
62453		I		3
32654		I		3
23456	I			I

This composition has the sixty courses with 5th and 6th eighteen times each way in 5-6, i.e. their extent, with the 2nd never above 4ths place.

A: Single first call.

B: If only the last call is used in these blocks the peal contains the 5th its extent in 6ths and the 6th its extent both ways for 5280. Reduced by omitting a set of three 16s to 5056.

Miscellaneous.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PALGRAVE (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 1st, for morning service, 672 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Cattermole, A. Keeble, J. M. Bailey, C. F. Bailey (conductor), T. Ford, sen., T. Ford, jun., E. S. Bailey, E. H. Bailey. Also 336 Stedman Triples. J. M. Bailey, E. S. Bailey, E. H. Bailey, A. Keeble, T. Ford, jun., C. J. More, C. F. Bailey, H. Cattermole. For evening service 560 Double Norwich. H. Cattermole, E. S. Bailey, C. Mills, A. Keeble, E. H. Bailey, C. J. More (conductor), T. Ford, jun., J. M. Bailey. Also 420 Stedman Triples. E. H. Bailey, E. S. Bailey, J. M. Bailey, A. Keeble, T. Ford, jun., C. J. More, C. F. Bailey, H. Cattermole.

Diss (Norfolk).—On Sunday afternoon, for Men's Service, 576 Superlative Surprise. C. J. More, J. Souter, G. Archer, J. Smith, E. H. Bailey, J. M. Bailey, E. S. Bailey, C. F. Bailey. And 336 Stedman Triples. J. M. Bailey, E. H. Bailey, W. Clover, A. Keeble, W. Wisken, E. S. Bailey, C. F. Bailey, W. Ireland.

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If any of our readers have any difficulty in getting their copies or know of any who has, we shall be obliged if they will send us a post card intimating the difficulty. It is only in this way that we can get to know, and until we know we can not take steps to effect a remedy. We have lately been able to put several readers in the way of procuring copies, and shall be pleased to assist others in the same way. We intend that every member of the Exercise who wishes to join the growing ranks of our readers, should be able to obtain his copy in as easy a way as possible, and to this end invite those who cannot do so to acquaint us with the fact.

Our correspondence columns contain a letter dealing with the question of instructing beginners, and the need of a hand-book which will give the best information in the simplest form. The writer offers to write the brochure "if desired." There can be no question about the desirability of such a handbook, the only thing necessary, as we intimated in a previous article, being the man who would write up the matter in such a form as would be easily understood by the average youngster who desired to learn the Art. The man has come along, and all that remains is for the leaders of bands and other members of the Exercise to assure him that his efforts will be supported in the right direction, and he will get to work. There are other points in his letter which afford matter for discussion, for which our columns are open to all who wish to ventilate their opinions. If those who believe the book would be of use to learners and who are prepared to give their support to its publication will send a post card stating the fact to Mr. Woodhouse, or to us, the query will be at once answered and the difficulty solved.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 26½ cwt.

HENRY DEW Treble.	BERTRAM PREWEST 6.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	ROBERT SANDERS 8.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE 9.
CHARLES T. COLES 5.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM PYE, and Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

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TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Old Oxford Modernised, College Bob iv., Norwich Surprise, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 20 cwt.

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

Conducted by B. TURNER.

BROMLEY, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE SOCIETY OF BROMLEY YOUTHS.)

On Tuesday, August 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALFRED JAMES, JUN.* .. Treble.	ALFRED JAMES, SEN... .. 5.
ALBERT E. NEWICE* .. 2.	ISAAC EMEY 6.
GEORGE DURLING 3.	SPENCER MARSHALL .. 7.
HUBERT J. BLACKWELL .. 4.	ARTHUR BYGRAVE Tenor.

Conducted by G. DOELING.

*First peal and first attempt, aged 15. This peal was rang on the 21st birthday of Miss Bygrave, eldest daughter of the ringer of the tenor.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, August 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDK. LAMBERT, JUN.* .. Treble.	HERBERT PRATT 4.
FREDK. C. LAMBERT 2.	WALTER KERRISON 5.
REV. E. S. POWELL 3.	CHARLES MOSS Tenor.

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

*First peal of Minor, aged 15. Arranged for the Rev. E. S. Powell, of Holbeton, Devon.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM FLOYD Treble.	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 5.
ERNEST H. OXENHAM .. 2.	EDWARD AUDSLEY 6.
GEORGE POVEY 3.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 7.
JOHN WHRADON 4.	*SIDNEY ANSTAD Tenor.

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

*First peal.

LEAMINGTON. — On Thursday, August 29th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. Miss Joyce Williams, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor), E. H. Adams, W. Hartshorn, E. Brassington, J. Ambrose, T. Male, W. Male, Also 352 Bob Major. Miss J. Williams, T. Male, W. Male, W. Hartshorn, E. Brassington, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor), J. Ambrose, E. H. Adams. It was intended to ring a peal, but time did not permit.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5033 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Treble.	EDWARD A. HEEN .. 6.
HARRY HOSKINS .. 2.	BENJAMIN C. DIXON .. 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 3.	GEORGE T. POTTER .. 8.
JOHN ROBINSON .. 4.	JOSEPH E. SEKES .. 9.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. 5.	GEORGE R. POTTSE .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

*First peal on ten bells. Arranged for Mr. Harry Hoskins, of Greenwich, who was elected to the above Association previous to starting. Also rung as a birthday peal for Mr. J. E. R. Keen, and a farewell peal to Mr. W. T. Tipping, of St. John's, Newcastle, who sailed for Spain on the 29th ult.

EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

MISS MARY E. N. JONES .. Treble.	HARRY HALL .. 4.
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 2.	JOHN W. MALLETT .. 5.
JOHN HALL .. 3.	WILLIAM BURGESS .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

First peal of Minor by Miss Jukes, for whom the peal was arranged, and who hails from Portishead, Somerset.

FOXTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Bob, St. Clements, Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBAN JARMAN .. Treble.	JOSEPH T. DYKE .. 4.
J. JAMES JACKSON .. 2.	ALBERT P. WAXLEY .. 5.
REV. C. J. STURTON .. 3.	E. HARRY STONELEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. H. STONELEY.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to A. Jarman.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, August 29, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

FREDK. C. LAMBERT .. Treble.	ALBERT LEE .. 5.
HERBERT PRATT .. 2.	JAMES HOWARD .. 6.
REV. E. S. POWELL .. 3.	JOHN LANTER .. 7.
WILLIAM PIERCE .. 4.	CHARLES MOSS .. Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Arranged for the Rev. E. S. Powell, of Holbeton, Devon. *First peal of Bob Major.

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WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Friday, August 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDK. C. LAMBERT .. Treble.	GEORGE EASTHAUGH .. 4.
REV. E. S. POWELL .. 2.	*GEORGE PHARCE .. 5.
ALBERT LEE .. 3.	JOHN LANTER .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

*First peal. Arranged for the Rev. E. S. Powell, of Holbeton, Devon.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt 3 lbs. in A flat.

EDGAR PEMBERTON .. Treble.	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2.	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. 6.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. 7.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 4.	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

HENRY G. FAIRBASS .. Treble.	EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. 5.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 2.	JOHN WILLIS .. 6.
ARTHUR A. ANDREWS .. 3.	CHARLES W. BERTT .. 7.
FREDERICK G. BERTT .. 4.	FREDERICK DAVISON .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

Rung as a farewell to John Willis, who is leaving Canterbury.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM SHORT .. Treble.	EDMUND J. HYLAND .. 6.
THOMAS RUSSAM .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. 7.
ALF PADDON SMITH .. 3.	JOHN NEAL .. 8.
CHARLES DICINE .. 4.	†JAMES L. WELLS .. 9.
PERCY O. LARLIN .. 5.	JAMES E. GROVES .. Tenor.

Composed by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES, and

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

*First Surprise peal inside. †First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. Rung on the occasion of the christening of the grandson of the Rev. Harvey Brooks, and is the first Surprise peal on the bells.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorks).—On August 29th, at All Saints' Church, 489 Grandsire Triples. T. Harrison, H. Jenkins, F. G. Laverack, F. Moulson, C. Jackson (conductor), A. B. Cook, T. Whitfield, J. B. Whitfield. Also at Holy Trinity Church, 518 Grandsire Triples. H. Rodmell, T. Whitfield, F. G. Laverack, J. Highfield, A. B. Cook, T. Morton, C. Jackson (conductor), F. Merri-son. Mr. F. G. Laverack hails from Middlesbrough.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS LINCOLN Treble.	WILLIAM LINCOLN 5.
HENRY F. COOPER 2.	*ARTHUR EDWARDS 6.
HARRY SMALE 3.	HARRY MOORE 7.
ALFRED TARBUN, SEN. .. 4.	*ARTHUR HEAD Tenor.

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

*First peal of Oxford Treble Bob; also on the bells. This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of the daughter of the sexton, Mr. A. Tarbun.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN ALLEN Treble.	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5.
GEORGE WOODHALL 2.	WALTER HUGHES 6.
THOMAS JEENION 3.	SAM W. STEWART 7.
HENRY FYLES 4.	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY W. HALEY, and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

ARTHUR EDGERTON* .. Treble.	JOHN CORRIGAN 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT 7.
JAMES JONES 3.	WILLIAM J. ELLIS 8.
JOHN CARTER 4.	JOHN BRADNEY 9.
WILLIAM H. JONES 5.	WILLIAM DAVIS Tenor.

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

*First peal of Grandsire Caters.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

ERNEST BARTRAM* .. Treble.	*JOSEPH LORD 5.
J. JAMES JACKSON 2.	*R. HENRY BARTRAM .. 6.
WILLIAM E. WHITE 3.	ALBERT P. WAELEY .. 7.
JOSEPH T. DYKE 4.	*RD. WESTROOK BAKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. P. WAELEY.

*First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman in the county.

ASHTED, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

JOHN HOYLE Treble.	WILLIAM H. CORRETT .. 5.
THOMAS TUTTE 2.	JOHN BEAMS 6.
CHARLES E. READ 3.	ARTHUR DRAM 7.
EDWARD T. GROVE 4.	GEORGE COOK Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WALTER EMMETT* .. Treble.	CHARLES DELL 5.
GEORGE A. RANSOM 2.	FREDERICK G. GODDARD .. 6.
ADOLPHUS H. J. DENFORD .. 3.	WILLIAM NEW 7.
THOMAS BRADLE 4.	GEORGE SPENCE Tenor.

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and Conducted by G. SPENCER.

*First peal of Major.

BARKING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 22 cwt.

THOMAS FAULKNER .. Treble.	D'OYLEY S. SIMONS .. 5.
EDWARD H. HAWKINS .. 2.	GEO. W. FAULKNER .. 6.
ERNEST J. BUTLER 3.	ALBERT C. HARDY .. 7.
GEO. W. PLAYLE 4.	FREDERICK J. FREESTONE Ten.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

First peal by Messrs. Playle and Butler, and first peal of Major by Messrs. Hawkins and Freestone. They are all members of the Dagenham company.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

CHARLES MILLS .. Treble.	GEORGE ARCHER 5.
THOMAS FORD, JUN. 2.	EDGAR H. BAILEY 6.
CHARLES F. BAILEY 3.	JAMES M. BAILEY 7.
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4.	CLEMENT J. MORE Tenor.

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

Quickest peal on the bells.

BENTLEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qrs. 18 lbs. in E.

ERNEST KING* .. Treble.	WILLIAM HOENE 4.
CHARLES EDWARDS 2.	†GEORGE UPSHALL 5.
HUBERT CHAFFEY† 3.	JOHN W. RUSSELL Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

*First peal. †First peal in seven methods. First peal upon the bells.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH (Devon).—On Sunday, August 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Howe, J. A. Snow, W. Shepherd (conductor); F. Diamond, J. R. Hayman, F. Davey, J. Gooding (first quarter-peal). The conductor hails from Hersham, Surrey.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Monday, September 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	CHARLES WILLIAMS 5.
REV. E. V. COX 2.	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6.
THOMAS J. BRATTON 3.	JAMES E. GROVES 7.
E. R. TREVOR-CORBETT, ESQ. 4.	WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor.

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

Mr. Corbett hails from Dorrington, Salop, and this is his first peal of Stedman.

EYE, SUFFOLK.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK DAY Treble.	JAMES M. BAILEY 5.
THOMAS FORD, JUN. 2.	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6.
CLEMENT J. MORE 3.	JOHN SOUTER 7.
EDGAR H. BAILEY 4.	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor.

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

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR,

In the Kent Variation. Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK GEORGE Treble.	JOSEPH BAILEY 5.
EDWARD C. GOBEY 2.	EDWARD READER 6.
ALLAN R. HICKTON 3.	*JOHN OLDHAM 7.
HARRY WHITTLE 4.	NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON.

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

Handbell Peals.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,
At 7, The Broadway,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES.

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

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

This peal is in short courses throughout, and is the first peal of this description to be rung in the method on handbells.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Residence of Mr. A. G. Warnes, 21a. Unthack Road,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

GEORGE H. CROSS 1-2.	*ALBERT G. WARNES .. 5-6.
WILLIAM A. HEMPEL .. 3-4.	BERTIE J. HOWCHIE .. 7-8.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

*First peal in the method.

GUILDFORD, SURKEY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Nine Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
In the Belfry of Holy Trinity Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 19,738 CHANGES.

ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD .. 1-2.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 5-6.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. 3-4.	JAMES HUNT 7-8.
FRANK BLONDELL 9-10.	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

This is the longest number ever rung by one set of ringers, either on tower or handbells.

HAGGERSTON, LONDON, N.E.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 2, 1911, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Residence of Mr. A. W. Grimes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART.

ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD .. 1-2.	ERNEST PYE 5-6.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 3-4.	ALFRED W. GRIMES .. 7-8.

Conducted by WM. SHEPHERD.

Umpire—Mr. Bert Horton.

Correspondence.

To the Editor.

INSTRUCTION OF BEGINNERS.

SIR,—With reference to the proposed handbook for beginners, I have had a good deal of experience, and feel very strongly that Plain Bob on six bells lays the best foundation for all methods. The double dodging in Grandsire a beginner finds very difficult, and I insist on them ringing by the "duty" method, and tell them to take no notice of the treble. I find they learn much more quickly, and are not of course put out if the treble (generally the latest beginner) goes wrong. Having thoroughly learnt Plain Bob, they soon get going on other methods.

In 1897 I started with an entire company of beginners, and we scored our first peal (Bob Major), in sixteen months, and about 1906 could ring Superlative, etc.

Snowdon's "Rope-Sight" is excellent in every way, but perhaps a book is wanted without touches, etc. I might, if desired, undertake to write one, but should take some time, as I have very little spare time.

Do you think that more than one method should be treated?
G. F. WOODHOUSE.

Sedburgh, September 1st, 1912.

[Our columns are open for discussion, and we invite our readers to express their opinions.—Ed.]

BIRMINGHAM.—At St. John's, Deritend, on Sunday, August 25th, after morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., to welcome the Vicar home from his holiday. A. R. Devonald, W. G. Ellis, J. Porter, A. T. Scrivens (conductor), J. Hopkins, W. F. Webb, J. B. Collett, S. Coley. The ringer of the treble hails from Cadoxton Heath. On Sunday, September 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. W. E. Wathen, J. T. Perry (conductor), G. A. Taylor, J. B. Collett, A. T. Scrivens, W. H. Carrod, J. Porter, T. Pearce. Arranged for W. E. Wathen, who hails from Tewkesbury.

STEDMAN CATERS.

BY JOHN CARTER.

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These eight courses four times repeated, omitting bob at 1, produce—

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Rounds in three changes.

x 1, 3, 138, 15, 17, 24.

This peal has the full extent, with the 6th at home in the tittums position, and all the 5 6 7 8s at hand in the handstroke home position, with the treble at home the last six courses.

Rung at North Shields on August 28th, 1912, conducted by William H. Barber.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of Notices under this heading is Sixpence for 36 words, for the first insertion; repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on September 17th; Southwark Cathedral on the 10th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 12th and 26th; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th; all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—A district meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, September 14th. Ringing at Christ Church from 4.30 to 8 p.m., followed by a social gathering at The Cherry Tree hotel.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association, late the St. James' Society.—A meeting of the Association will take place at St. Augustine's, Kilborn, N.W., on Thursday, September 19th. Tower open at 8 p.m. All ringers are invited.

F. J. HARDY, Hon. Gen. Sec.

34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The London County Association, late the St. James' Society.—Established 1824.—Southern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse, will be held on Saturday, September 21st, at St. Alfege, Greenwich. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at 8 p.m. All members and friends invited.

86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill.

F. A. SMITH Hon. Sec.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Staumore on Saturday, September 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. All are welcome. Members are asked to send in all outstanding subscriptions as soon as possible.

C. T. COLKS, Hon. Sec.

173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

The Lancashire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Kendal on Saturday, September 7th. Full particulars by circulars.

W. H. SHURER, } Hon. Secs.
J. H. BANKS, }

106, Bank Street, Clayton.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks. Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Twyford on Saturday, September 7th next. Service at 3.30 p.m. THOS. BRIST, JUN., Hon. Sec. Bleichley.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Upham on Saturday, 7th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at The Brushmakers Arms, 20, Culver Villas, Winchester. JAS. W. ELGINS, Dis. Sec.

The Salop Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, September 14th. Ringing at St. Mary's at 2.30 p.m. St. Chad's and St. Alkmund's open during the afternoon. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. in St. Chad's vestry. Short service at 5.30 p.m. in St. Chad's church. Preacher—Rev. C. B. Crowe (Coalbrookdale). Tea at 6.0 p.m. in St. Chad's parish room.

REV. H. B. BECKWITH, Hon. Sec.

Ridgemoor, Shrewsbury.

The Dudley and District Guild.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at St. Martin's, Tipton, on Saturday, September 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. De Vine, M.A. R.D., who will also preside at the business meeting afterwards.

66, Himley Road, Dudley.

HERBERT SHEPPARD, Hon. Sec.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Rainford on Saturday, September 14th. Particulars by circular.

REV. W. T. BULFIT, Hon. Secs.

W. BENTHAM,

Black Moss Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk.

The Midland Counties Association.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Rolleston on Saturday, September 14th. By the kindness of the Rector tea will be provided free in the Rectory gardens to all those attending who send their names by September 12th, to HARRY WAKLEY, Sec. 160, Horsinglow Road, N., Burton-on-Trent.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. George's, Gravesend, on Saturday, September 28th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service in church at 5 p.m., followed by tea (for which 3d. per member will be charged), and meeting in the Church House. All those intending to partake of tea should notify me not later than Wednesday, September 25th. Milton-next-Gravesend and Swanscombe towers will be open after the meeting till 9 p.m.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN, Hon. Dis. Sec.

77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—In order to facilitate the publishing of future reports conductors of peals are requested to send particulars of peals called by them within seven days of such performance to T. HERVEY BEAMS, Asst. Hon. Sec.

Bradpole, Bridport.

N.B.—Will conductors of peals since January 1st, 1912, also oblige.

Notice.—Shoreditch Bells Fund.—Funds are urgently needed to put this grand old peal in proper repair. £50 wanted before the work can be commenced. Who will help a poor parish? Contributions thankfully received and gratefully acknowledged. Collecting cards also supplied by H. J. Bradley, The Parish Church, Shoreditch, E.

OLDBURY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, September 1st, for evening service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples. F. Burley, S. Astbury, T. Horton, R. Hall, F. Bennett (conductor), J. Bird, J. Bant, J. Ford.

WICKHAM MARKET.—On Saturday, August 24th, 720 Plain Bob. L. Gray, W. Reeve, E. Butler, A. Clements, R. Miles, C. Fisher (conductor). Also touches of Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

PETTISTREE.—On Sunday, August 25th, for Evensong, 360 Plain Eob and 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Cooper, W. Reeve, R. Miles, E. Butler, C. Fisher (conductor), D. Leggett. Arranged for E. Butler, who was on a visit.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday, August 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. Upshall, C. Leman, A. Smith, W. H. Fussell, W. Horne, T. Upshall, C. Edwards (conductor), H. Kimber.

BELLS SOLD TO BUY A STEEPLE.

The church spire at Shalfleet, Isle of Wight, is now being pulled down. There is a curious couplet relating to this spire, which runs: "The Shalfleet poor and silly people, sold their bells to build a steeple," and the local tradition is that, about a century ago, when the building of steeples was the fashion, the parishioners sold the peal of bells, which hung in the fine old square Norman tower, to the inmates of a French monastery, and with the money thus obtained erected a steeple on the top of the tower. The erection has been an eyesore to archæologists ever since, and much has been written deprecating its existence, but the parishioners have been satisfied with their steeple until just recently, when it was discovered that it was in a very dangerous state, and its weight was seriously damaging the old tower beneath. It has therefore been decided to pull down the structure, and an urgent appeal is being made for funds to remove it and to renovate the ancient tower.

SHEFFIELD.

As a memorial to the late Archdeacon Eyre, Vicar of Sheffield, it has been decided to build a church in the Newhall district of the town, a church hall at Darhall, and a parochial hall at Crookes. This proposal has the strong approval of the Archbishop of York, and in view of the late Vicar's great desire to forward the cause of church extension in Sheffield is probably the most fitting form of memorial that could be suggested. The amount required will be raised by means of a 100,000 shilling fund. Fifteen hundred workers have been enrolled, who will endeavour to collect the shillings in five weeks.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET (Wilts).—On Sunday, September 1st, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. A. J. Gilbert, T. Moulden, E. Manton, W. G. Lancaster, J. Tuckwell, G. Lancaster (conductor). On Monday, September 2nd, for practice, 720 Double Oxford. A. J. Gilbert, T. Moulden, R. W. Hyner, F. Looker, W. G. Lancaster, G. Lancaster (conductor). First 720 of Double Oxford on the bells.

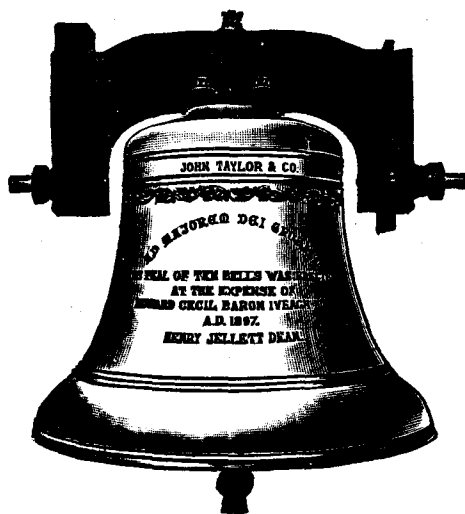
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Also the bells of Dundalk r.c. Cathedral, and "Great Bede" of Downside Abbey, Also for the town halls of Manchester, Preston, Bradford, Halifax, Rochdale, Wakefield, Middlesbrough, Kendal, and Londonderry; and the Sydney and Adelaide Post Offices in Australia.

Also the chime of bells at Ames College, Iowa, U.S.A.
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The sum of £5,000 has been placed in the hands of trustees, the income of which is to be used to augment the stipends of curates of the five churches in Birkenhead or for the general purposes of these churches, each of which will receive one-fifth of the income. The fund will be called the Agnes Laird Memorial Fund, and has been created by Miss Ellen Fawcett Laird and Miss Alice Maude Laird, of Birkenhead, in accordance with the wish expressed by their late brother, Mr. Egerton Knox Laird, as a memorial to their sister Agnes.

The Bishop of Exeter dedicated at All Saints' Church, Sparkwell, a handsome oak reredos, erected in memory of the Rev. Pender Hodge Cudlip, who was Vicar there for twenty-seven years, and died on August 29th, 1911. The reredos, which was designed by the Rev. Ernest Geldart, has as its central figure our Lord in glory, and on either side Isaiah, representing the Prophets; St. Peter, the Apostles; St. Gregory, the Early Church; and St. Sidwell, the Exeter maiden martyr, the local Church. A new altar cross and chancel steps were also dedicated by the Bishop.

SWINDON (Wilts).—On Tuesday, September 3rd, for practice, at Christ Church, 448 Superlative Surprise Major. E. Bishop, W. G. Lancaster (first touch in the method). R. W. Hyner, F. Looker, G. W. Townsend, H. W. L. Wells, G. Lancaster, C. J. Gardiner (conductor).

CHURCH ITEMS.

Damage caused by burglars entering Skirbeck Church, Boston, has made necessary a new window for the wall of the vestry.

Farnham Boy Scouts have given their assistance to Church workers in making paths in a churchyard extension in the neighbouring parish of Fressham.

For seventeen years rector of Little Yeldham, Essex, the Rev. Paxton Thorpe has been presented by the parishioners with a silver salver and an illuminated address.

In Leeds the annual conference of the Church of England Men's Society will be held on October 16 and 17. It is expected that about 1000 delegates from all parts of the British Isles will attend.

Vicar of Chappel, Essex, the Rev. A. Werninck has completed ten years of continuous service at his church, during which time he has never been absent from the pulpit on a Sunday.

The building of a new parish church for the town of Balla, Co. Mayo, will shortly be begun from the designs of Messrs. Doolin and Butler, architects. Messrs. Morris and Co. are the surveyors.

New choir-stalls, lectern, screen, and mosaic paving, given to St. Stephen's Church, Newcastle-on-Tyne, as memorials of the late Mr. W. D. Cruddas, were dedicated by the Bishop of Newcastle on Friday last.

Stanmore Parish Church is undergoing extensive reconstruction in consequence of a large crack discovered in the arches on the north side of the centre aisle. Ordinary week-day services have been suspended.

A memorial gift by Canon Rawnsley commemorating the heroism of the musicians in playing "Nearer, my God, to Thee" when the "Titanic" was sinking, has been unveiled at St. Mark's Church, Dewsbury.

Formerly vicar of St. George's, Camberwell, and warden of Trinity College, Cambridge, Mission, the Rev. Martin Ware, of Telford, near Farnham, has been appointed as Bishop's visitor for Sunday schools in the Winchester diocese.

Leaving to take up the post of English chaplain of Lahore diocese, the Rev. G. J. S. Sherrell, senior curate at All Saints', Ipswich, has been presented by the parishioners with an address and other gifts, the choir boys making a separate presentation.

The congregation of All Saints' Church, King's Heath, are taking steps to press on with the long-delayed scheme for meeting the need for increased church accommodation in the parish. A site has been given in the Brandwood district, and the church council have decided to erect the west end of a church from plans by Messrs. A. Harrison and Cox, of Birmingham.

On Wednesday the unveiling took place of a monument to the late Duke of Argyll, which has been placed in the south transept of the cathedral on the island of Iona. Many gifts have been given in connection with the restoration of the cathedral; but this effigy of the late Duke is the first gift of its kind. It is presented by the Dowager Duchess of Argyll, at whose instance the south transept has been restored. Mr. P. Macgregor Chalmers, Glasgow, is architect for the work. The dimensions of the monument are about 9ft. long, 5ft. broad, and 4½ft. high. The pedestal is of marble, while the figure, which is of full size, is of Carrara marble. It is the work of Sir George Frampton, R.A. The unveiling ceremony on Wednesday was presided over by the Very Rev. Dr. Dill, Moderator of the Church of Scotland, while the Rev. Dr. Wallace Williamson, St. Giles, Edinburgh, delivered the oration.

FIRE PRECAUTIONS AT ST. PAUL'S.—The constant care which the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's exercise for the safety of their Cathedral church could not be better exemplified than by their latest efforts to guard against danger by fire. After careful

discussion a system of fire prevention and extinguishing apparatus is being installed under the direction of the architect, Mr. Mervyn Macartney, by Messrs. Merryweather, which will probably be more efficient and perfect than anything of its kind yet fitted in any of our great buildings, ecclesiastical or secular. From the Crypt to the Golden Gallery and above it great pipes will provide for an ample supply of water to every part of the building, the supply being ensured by some twenty-six new hydrants. In addition some 2,000 feet of hose with fittings and a special provision of fire alarms form part of the installation, and there is also an arrangement by means of which, in case of an outbreak, the fire brigade would be able to bring their appliances into action without running out long lines of hose from the engine to the seat of the fire.

Recent numbers of the Detling Parish Magazine reveal the fact that Canon Horsley finds himself in surroundings which are a decided contrast to those of his old parish at Walworth. He has discovered among the members of his choir two who have neither seen the sea nor have ever been in a train! Finding that some of his parishioners are not acquainted with the history of their ancient church, Canon Horsley is writing some notes which are of great interest. How old the church is cannot be ascertained, but in 1252, Juliana, wife of Ralph de Bubehrst, was confined in "the Archbishop's prison at Maydenstone" for murder in Sussex. She managed to escape, and took sanctuary in "the church at Detling." The chief glory of the church is the beautifully carved oak lectern of fourteenth century date, which the antiquarian Parker describes as more beautiful than other remaining wooden lecterns in England. Coming from that part of London of which the "Elephant and Castle" is the centre, Canon Horsley was much amused to find the first of the emblems carved on the lectern was an elephant and castle.

The patronal festival of St. Bartholomew's, Herne Bay, began on the eve of St. Bartholomew, the sermon being preached by the Rev. W. Dolman, who dwelt upon the lessons suggested by the patron saint's life. An anonymous donor has presented a processional banner bearing the figure of St. Bartholomew, and this was dedicated by the vicar, the Rev. G. Daubeney, who celebrated at the sung Eucharist on St. Bartholomew's Day. At the Celebration on the Sunday within the octave the vicar preached, and asked the alms of the congregation towards the sum of between £200 and £300 necessary before proceeding with the building of the chancel, the Lady-chapel, and the first portion of the permanent church. At Evensong the sermon was preached by the Rev. H. Newman. It may be added that the present temporary erection has been in existence for four years, and the increase in the number of residents and visitors to this health-giving resort who appreciate Catholic privileges, renders it desirable to enlarge the present inadequate accommodation by erecting the permanent church. It is hoped to commence this work in the spring of the coming year.

A COLLECTION OF ECCLESIASTICAL FRAGMENTS.—The Church authorities of the diocese of Canterbury and Rochester were singularly negligent in the early nineteenth century, allowing fragments of old churches to be sold in order to form a kind of ecclesiastical "Old Curiosity Shop" on the premises of a Maidstone banker of antiquarian tastes, Mr. John Newington Hughes, at No. 7, High-street, opposite the Town Hall. When Sutton Valence Church was burnt down in 1828, Mr. Hughes bought some of the walls, together with the Perpendicular east window, the Lambe Chapel (associated with the founder of Sutton Valence Grammar School), and part of the reredos. From Ashford Church Mr. Hughes obtained the porch (with its coats-of-arms and the motto, "Spero meliora"), and when the church was restored the architect had to journey to Maidstone to copy the design of the original porch in Mr. Hughes' back garden. A font from Hunton Church is still there, and it may be hoped will one day be returned to its proper use and place. The ruins also include some beautifully carved pinnacles in Caen stone, and a bell tower, with bell and rope complete. The premises have for many years been used as a jewellers' shop, but have just been purchased by a firm of musical instrument makers who propose arranging the ruins for the inspection of visitors.

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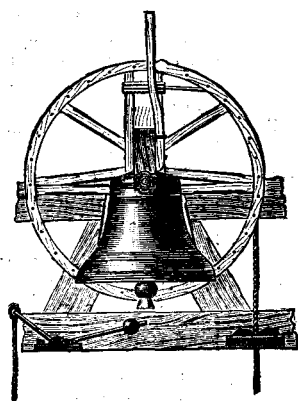
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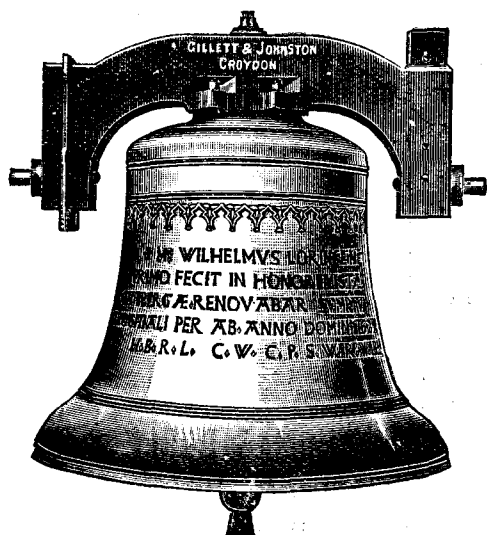
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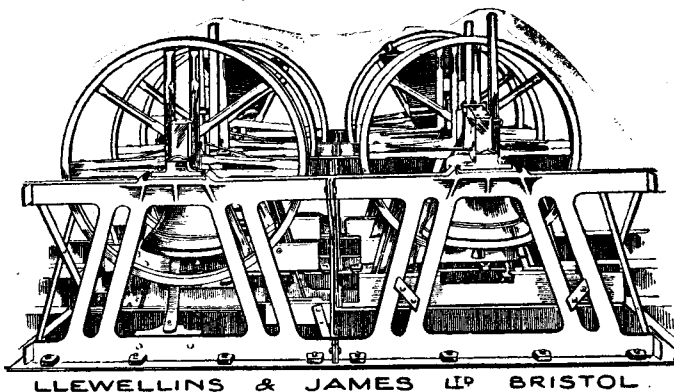
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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT KENDAL.

Saturday last, September 7th, was a red-letter day in the annals of bell-ringing in the Furness and Lake District. On that day, for the first time in its history, the Lancashire Association held its annual meeting in the District. Kendal was the place selected, and the circular convening the meeting also conveyed the intimation that the bells at St. Mary, Ambleside (8) and at the parish church, Kendal (10) would be available from ten o'clock in the morning. This announcement had the effect of inducing those who could do so to put in a full day, by journeying to Ambleside early in the morning to get a pull on the bells there. They are practically a new peal, having been opened as recently as 1901, with a tenor of $32\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. in D. Touches in standard methods were rung by some members of the party, while others visited the numerous waterfalls in the neighbourhood, and others did a round among the shops purchasing souvenirs of the occasion. This done motor char-a-bancs were boarded, and a five-mile drive along the lake side brought the party to Windermere, where the train was again taken for the journey to Kendal, which latter place was reached just in time for the service in Church at three o'clock. This was intoned by the Rev. P. A. Stewart, the lesson being read by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, President of the Association, who also preached the sermon, taking as his text the words "Be ever good stewards."—I Peter, iv, 10. The text, he thought, was a very appropriate one for ringers. The bells were very costly instruments, and had been provided and placed in the towers after a great deal of forethought and self-sacrifice. They had been handed over to the ringers for their use and pleasure, as well as to administer to the pleasure of the parishioners at large. The ringers were responsible for the care of them, just as was the land steward for the estate over which he was placed. He hoped that when they were ringing they would not forget that what was a pleasure to them might not be so to those who lived close to the Church; so they must avoid, as far as was possible, making their pleasure a source of annoyance to others. It was necessary, in order that they might give of their best to the glory of God on Sundays and Festivals that they should practise in the week in order to prepare themselves, so that by giving greater glory to God they might take glory to themselves and pleasure to their fellows. The bells awoke glad memories of past times, and people who emigrated or paid visits to our colonies and other lands, when Sunday came round round missed the joyous music and the message of the bells.

Tea was the next item on the programme, and in spite of the fact that a late start was made in consequence of the caterer having to cater for a market dinner, every one got his fill and a bit to spare. Then to

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

This was held in the Parish Hall. The Rev. H. J.

Elsee, who had travelled from Exeter, over 300 miles, presided, and in opening the proceedings expressed his sense of the loss the Association had sustained by the death of Mr. S. Brierley, their vice-president, during the previous week. He then called on the Ringing Secretary to read the committee's report.

This was to the effect that the number of members on the roll of the Association was 1300, 1070 of whom resided within the boundaries. There was an increase of 40 members since the last report. Twelve members had died during the year. The total income for the year had been £43, and the expenditure £69. The large amount of expenditure was in a great measure due to the expense incurred in printing a new book of rules and diagrams. The total worth of the Association is £99. The peals recorded during the year numbered 89 in various methods, on 6 to 12 bells. The report also congratulated the Worsley company on recording the first peal of Erin Triples for the Association. The

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

resulted in the Rev. H. J. Elsee being chosen as President; Mr. Barrett as Vice-president; Mr. W. H. Jackson (Treasurer); and Messrs. W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks as Hon. Secs.

A vote of sympathy and condolence was passed with the family of the late Vice-president.

For the next annual meeting, Liverpool was chosen.

An omnibus vote of thanks which included clergy and wardens for the use of Church, bells and schools, and the organist and choir boys for assistance in making the service bright closed the meeting, which lasted only 35 minutes.

Then the bells were set going again to Royal and Caters, while some who had travelled over 80 miles to attend the meeting, made tracks for home. All who attended, numbering over 70, went away convinced that the meeting, although held outside the county, and so far north, had not been a failure, all the branches being represented, members attending from all parts of Lancashire, and many from Westmoreland.

ST. MARY'S, CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

The bells of St. Mary's, Chelmsford, which is expected to be the Cathedral Church of the proposed new diocese of Essex, are to be recast, and the number increased from ten to twelve, at a cost of over £700.

NEW CHURCH ROOF AT 3d. A TILE.

The Rev. Basil Phillips, vicar of St. Mark's, Farnborough, has adopted a novel method of raising £1,000 for renovating the church and providing it with a newly tiled roof. He caused collecting-boxes to be issued on which was drawn the church, showing tiny blank spaces for tiles. Donors of 3d. can claim a tile and mark it in red. Every "roof" on a box brings in 30s., and the £1,000 has been nearly collected.

*In Memoriam.***JAMES E. CAMPIN.**

BORN 1837. DIED 1912. AGED 75.

The death of this well-known Sudbury ringer took place on Thursday, August 22nd, with scarcely any illness. In the early days of the Volunteer movement he joined the 11th (afterwards the 6th) Suffolk Rifles, with whom he put in 33 years and 8 months efficient service. On the formation of the National Reserve he enrolled in that body, and is the first member of the local division to receive the last call. As a musician he was always to the fore, serving the volunteers as a bandsman, and no Sudburian can remember the time when he did not play the bass in the local orchestra or string band. At any early age he began to master the art of change-ringing, and kept up the practice till within a very short time prior to his death, being a member of the bands of S. Peter and S. Gregory. He was an excellent striker. In the year 1860, when the Rector refused to allow the bells to be rung in Lent for a royal celebration, the ringers took possession of the tower, locked themselves in, and rang a peal. For this the band was dismissed. Mr. Campin then formed a new band, of which only three now remain—Messrs. W. Bacon, F. Tolliday, and W. Griggs.

Deceased was one of the old school of weavers, and on the day when he was laid to rest, many of his fellow-workmen attended to pay their last tribute to his memory. The first part of the service was at St. Gregory's Church, where Mr. Campin had for many years been a chorister and sidesman. The Rev. F. N. Greaves officiated. It was fully choral, the musical portion including the 91st Psalm to Croft's setting, and hymns 401 and 537 A. & M. During the passage of the cortege out of the church, the organist, Mr. T. Elliston, gave a sympathetic rendering of "O rest in the Lord." There were several floral offerings, including a choice one from the churchwardens and sidesmen of St. Gregory's. This was in the form of a cross surmounted by a miniature turret, in which was hung a silver bell. This bore the following inscription:—"In kind remembrance, and as a tribute of sincere esteem to one who so faithfully rendered services unto the church of St. Gregory." The bells of St. Gregory are out of order for ringing, but they were chimed muffled prior to the arrival of the funeral procession at the church.

After the interment touches were rung by the local band at St. Peter's with the bells muffled. On Saturday, August 31st, with the bells half-muffled, a 504 of Stedman Triples (deceased's favourite method) was rung by S. H. Symonds (conductor), W. Heard, F. A. Poulson, S. Howell, W. Dent, R. G. Poulson, A. Scott, H. S. Richold.

Deceased had rung few peals, but one was always spoken of with glee. This was the first peal of Grandsire Triples ever rung on the grand eight at Lavenham on March 3rd, 1888, deceased ringing the third. Three others who took part have predeceased Mr. Campin—Messrs. W. Howell, A. Scott, and Henry Harper. Those remaining are Messrs. A. Symonds, W. Moore, C. Sillitoe and W. Griggs. The latter, who is in his 75th year, rang the treble at All Saints, Sudbury, Saturday, August 31st, to three courses of Stedman Triples.

Mr. Campin leaves a widow and one daughter to mourn their loss, the latter being too ill to attend the funeral of her beloved father.

"May he rest in peace."

MR. S. BRIERLEY.

VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

As will be gathered from the report of the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association at Kendal, on Saturday, that body has been deprived by death of the services of its last year's Vice-president, Mr. S. Brierley. The deceased gentleman was well-known in the Association as an ardent worker, though the number of peals he had taken part in was small. But he served the Association in other ways. For thirty years he was connected with Milnrow Church. The funeral, which was attended by a large body of ringers, was conducted by the Rev. G. Harvey, and the Rev. H. J. Elsee, the latter being Master of the Lancashire Association.

On the Sunday following, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Milnrow with the bells muffled, and a similar honour was accorded his memory at St. Thomas' Church, Newhey.

MR. H. SUGDEN.

BORN 1881. DIED 1912. AGED 31 YEARS.

We record with much regret the death of another member of the Exercise, this time a young man—Mr. H. Sugden, which sad event occurred on Monday, September 2nd, after a long and painful illness, at the early age of 31 years. The funeral took place on Friday, September 6th, at Scholemoor Cemetery, and was attended by ringers from Bolton, and Shipley, a band of whom rang a course of Grandsire over the grave.

Deceased had been a member of the Bolton-Bradford company for 15 years, and was a life member of the Yorkshire Association. He had rung eight peals. After the funeral a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 5088 changes, was rung half-muffled in 3 hrs. and 2 mins., at St. James' Church, Bradford; weight of tenor, 15 cwt.

Correspondence.

To the Editor.

WHICH CANTERBURY?

SIR,—I have a collection of Legitimate Methods (section I.), and I find in it, page 6, Canterbury Pleasure, rung different to what we ring it. Would you kindly answer if the enclosed is a legitimate method or not, and oblige,

Yours truly,

J. C.

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NOTES.

At Leiston, Suffolk, there has been rung, on handbells, a "Bailey" peal of Treble Bob Major.

A birthday peal was rung at Stansted, Essex, in honour of the brothers Prior. We wish them many happy returns.

At Leytonstone a peal was rung to welcome home the Vicar, the Rev. W. T. Brown, a honorary member of the Essex Association.

A Croydon ringer has gone to the Antipodes, in the person of Mr. H. Shonfield, who rang his first peal, which was also a farewell, on Tuesday.

It goes without saying that all our readers will sympathise with Mr. W. Willson, who has this week had to mourn the loss of his mother.

A correspondent asks a question as to the legitimacy or otherwise of a peal of Canterbury. An answer to his query is given on our leader page.

We are asked to state that the meeting of the London County Association arranged for the 19th inst. at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, has been cancelled.

Another farewell peal has been rung this week to the Rev. D. H. Phillips, who for nearly three years has been curate-in-charge of Llangattock Parish Church.

Other birthday peals have been rung for Messrs. F. B. Stedman (at Machen) and Albert Harman (at Newdigate, Surrey), to each of whom good wishes are extended.

The official minutes of the annual meeting of the Central Council appear on another page. They form an interesting resume of the doings of the first Council at its eighth session.

Metropolitan and suburban ringers will note with satisfaction that Mr. G. L. Dorrington has been appointed steeple-keeper at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, in succession to the late Mr. M. A. Wood.

Congratulations to W. Fisher and Reuben Sanders each of whom has rung his 150.h peal, at Langattock and Leytonstone respectively. Will they send their records for publication?

Another ringer has gone to swell the number of those who have emigrated this year. This week ex-P.C. Potts, late of the Manchester Police Force, has taken leave of his comrades of Manchester Town Hall Band, and has gone off to Australia.

A reader who has kept copies of "The Bell News," since 1900, finds that they take up more room than he can spare for them, and would be glad to hear from any ringer who would like to purchase them. Applications may be addressed to the Office of this Journal.

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OFFICIAL MINUTES.

The first meeting of the Eighth Council (twenty-second annual meeting) was held in the small hall of the Church House, Westminster, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 28th, 1912, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, when there were present 65 out of 93 elected representative members, and 13 out of 16 honorary members. Of the 39 affiliated Associations 21 were fully and 11 partially represented.

Only one nomination, that of Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., had been received for the office of President; and the Hon. Secretary temporarily took the chair during the election, Sir Arthur Heywood being unanimously elected on the proposal of Mr. A. T. King, seconded by Rev. E. W. Carpenter.

The President then took the chair, and, having briefly acknowledged his election, announced that only one nomination, that of Rev. C. D. P. Davies, had been received for the combined offices of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. On the motion of Rev. C. E. Matthews, seconded by Mr. W. T. Cockerill, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies was unanimously elected, and briefly thanked those present for his election.

The Hon. Secretary then read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly confirmed and signed.

The Hon. Secretary next read the statement of accounts and of the sale of the Council's publications. The accounts showed a balance in hand from last year of £63 15s. 8d., to which there was to be added affiliation fees received £11 12s. 6d. and sale of publications 14s. 9d., making a total of £76 2s. 11d. Against this there had been expenses of meeting, 1911, £2 12s., printing £1 3s. 11d., expenses of Committee and postage 14s. 6d., leaving in hand a balance of £71 12s. 6d. Adding to this the calculated nett value of unsold publications in hand amounting to £125 3s. 9d. the total assets of the Council were now of the value of £196 16s. 3d.

The accounts were passed on the proposal of Mr. R. Cartwright, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin.

It was announced that expressions of regret for absence had been received from the Revs. J. M. Clarkson, and H. E. Tilney Bassett, and from Messrs. C. E. D. Boutflower, J. Carter, C. H. Hattersley, and F. B. Tompkins.

It was moved by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, and seconded by the Rev. M. Kelly, that the following be re-elected Honorary Members, viz.: Mr. John Carter, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Mr. J. S. Pritchett, Mr. J. A. Trollope, and Mr. G. Williams, with the addition of the Rev. H. A. Cockey, Mr. R. A. Daniell, Rev. Canon Papillon, and Mr. William Snowdon. The proposal was carried unanimously.

The following new members of the Council were then introduced to, and shook hands with, the President. Of the College Youths, Mr. T. Faulkner; of the Royal Cumberlands, Mr. J. D. Matthews; of the Chester Diocesan Guild, Mr. W. Bibby; of the Kent County Association, Mr. W. J. Jeffries; of the Lancashire Association, Mr. T. Redman; of the Leeds and District Society, Mr. B. J. Johnson; of the London County Association, Messrs. H. S. Ellis and E. A. Young; of the Middlesex Association, Messrs. J. H. B. Hesse and W. Pye; of the Midland Counties Association, Mr. E. C. Gobey; of the Northants Central Association, Mr. D. J. Nicholls; of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, Mr. J. Evans; of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards; of the Surrey County Association, Mr. C. F. Johnston; of the Sussex County Association, Mr. K. Hart; of the Warwickshire Guild, Mr. H. Argyle; of the Yorkshire Association, Rev. C. C. Marshall; and of the Honorary Members, Mr. H. W. Wilde.

Before proceeding with the remainder of the Agenda the President referred in feeling terms to the great loss sustained by the Exercise in the recent death of the late Mr. James Pettit. One of the safest of ringers and conductors, one of the most delightful of men, humble, courteous, ever ready to help, he would be sorely missed, and had left a void not easy to fill.

The President called attention to the fact that there was present as a visitor to the Council one of the oldest of veteran ringers, Mr. William Banister. He invited Mr. Banister to a seat on the platform, and assured him of the great pleasure that his presence among them afforded to all. Mr. Banister, not-

withstanding his 89 years, made a spirited speech in reply, and was enthusiastically cheered on leaving the room somewhat later.

Amid the applause of the Council the President congratulated Mr. W. Pye and the band who had succeeded in ringing 15,264 Bristol Surprise Major on the previous day.

The President proposed that "The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, representing 39 Associations with an approximate aggregate of 10,000 members, protests against the Bill now before Parliament for the Disestablishment and Disendowment of the Church in Wales as a measure entirely devoid of justification." This was seconded by Mr. A. T. King, and carried unanimously, and it was agreed that the President and Hon. Secretary decide to whom it would be best to forward copies of the resolution.

It was proposed by Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, and seconded by Canon Papillon, that the following be elected to form the Standing Committee: the President, the Hon. Secretary, Revs. H. A. Cockey, G. F. Coleridge, H. Law James, and Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, H. Dains, R. A. Daniell, J. Griffin, C. H. Hattersley, W. Snowdon. This was carried unanimously.

Rev. H. S. T. Richardson reported that the work of the Peal Collection Committee was making steady progress, and on the proposal of Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, seconded by Rev. E. W. Carpenter, the Committee was unanimously re-elected as follows: Dr. A. B. Carpenter, Revs. C. D. P. Davies and H. S. T. Richardson, with Messrs. H. Dains, J. A. Trollope and H. W. Wilde.

For the Church Press Committee Mr. R. A. Daniell reported that he hoped that he should before long be able to place a draft report in the hands of the Hon. Secretary. Rev. Canon Papillon proposed, and Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded, that the Committee be henceforth known as the "Literature" Committee. This having been carried, and Rev. M. Kelly having intimated that he did not seek re-election, the Committee was, on the proposal of Rev. W. W. C. Baker, seconded by Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, elected as follows, viz.: Revs. Canon Papillon and H. A. Cockey, with Messrs. H. Dains and R. A. Daniell.

Rev. H. Law James reported progress on behalf of the Legitimate Methods' Committee. On the proposal of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, seconded by Mr. J. H. B. Hesse, the Committee was re-elected as follows: Rev. H. Law James, and Messrs. H. Dains, and J. A. Trollope. To fill the place of Mr. J. Carter, who had intimated that he wished to resign, Mr. E. H. Lewis was added to the Committee on the proposal of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, seconded by Mr. H. W. Wilde.

It was proposed by the Rev. H. Law James, seconded by Mr. R. Richardson, that "A Peal of Minor must consist of at least seven true 720s, and the bells must strike rounds only once at the end of each, and immediately go into the next. The peal may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 720s fulfilling the same conditions, with or without one touch of less than 720 changes to make up some definite number. After much discussion, an amendment proposed by the Hon. Secretary, and seconded by Mr. W. Snowdon, substituting the word "should" for "must" in the first sentence, was carried by a large majority, and the resolution as thus amended, was then unanimously passed as the substantive motion.

It was proposed by the Hon. Secretary, and seconded by Dr. A. B. Carpenter, that "it is desirable to reconsider some of the conditions laid down for the legitimacy of methods as stated on p. 18 of "Rules and Decisions," 1904." On being put to the meeting, the motion was lost.

At this point the Council received the Report of the Peals Analysis Committee, which, together with the consideration of the Report of the Peal Values' Committee, previously read, had been deferred until they could both be discussed in connection with other kindred subjects on the Agenda.

The Report of the Peal Values Committee recommended the adoption of a Schedule for points for peals on seven bells and upwards founded on the formula

$$\frac{VN^3}{2}$$

$$8\frac{1}{2}$$

and for points for peals of Minor that one point should be given for each 720 in any plain method, two for each such in

any Treble Bob method, three for each such "broken lead" method and four for each Surprise method. In the subsequent discussion this Report, moved by the Hon. Secretary and seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, was adopted, the Council also accepting the resignation of the Committee, who had stated their conviction that the work could more conveniently be carried out by the Analysis Committee.

The Report of the Peals Analysis Committee having been adopted, and the Committee thanked for their work, it was proposed by Mr. T. J. Salter, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, and carried, that the Committee be re-elected with the addition of Mr. G. Williams, in view of the extra work falling on the Committee in the matter of points.

A proposal entered on the Agenda was brought forward by Rev. E. W. Carpenter, and seconded by Rev. M. Kelly to the effect that a Committee of five (?) six-bell ringers be appointed to draw up a scale of Points for performances on five and six bells, but in consequence of the adoption of the Report of the Peal Values' Committee this was withdrawn by permission of the Council, as was also a further proposal in the following terms, viz.: "That this Committee, together with the Peal Values' Committee, try and find a common denominator by means of which the value of such performances compared with that of peals on higher numbers can be fixed."

It was proposed by Mr. J. A. Trollope, seconded by the Rev. H. Law James, and carried *nem con*, "That this Council, in extending its hearty welcome to the "Ringing World," has heard with satisfaction from the Hon. Secretary that he has, from the first appearance of the paper, sent for publication in its columns all essential Official Notices and Reports of the Council, and notes with pleasure that the Analysis of peals for last year has been compiled from, and has appeared in identical terms in both ringing papers alike." As an appendix to this resolution, the Hon. Secretary was instructed to procure two type-written copies of the Report of the Council's Meetings as furnished by the Council's own reporter.

It was proposed by Mr. E. H. Lewis, and seconded by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, that the Hon. Secretary of the Council be instructed to write to the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, and request them to meet a deputation from the Council and discuss the supposed danger to towers caused by substituting iron bell frames for wooden frames.

That the Hon. Secretary also bring to the notice of the Royal Institute of British Architects the Council's recommendations with regard to the proper height to hang bells relative to the belfry windows. After full discussion it was thought that the objects in view would best be secured by the appointment of a Committee to deal with the matter. The motion was accordingly withdrawn, and on the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. A. Hughes, the President, the Hon. Secretary, with Messrs. E. H. Lewis, E. A. Young, and J. H. B. Hesse, were appointed a Committee with full powers.

It was proposed by the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. A. T. King, and carried unanimously, that "The Council, while itself declining to take part in the formation or subsequent management of such an enterprise, if set on foot, and without in any sense pledging its individual members, would nevertheless view with satisfaction the establishment on a sound financial basis of a Benevolent Fund for the benefit of any member of the Exercise who may stand in need of help."

In the absence of Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower through indisposition, it was proposed by Rev. H. A. Cockey "That this meeting of the Council, while recognising the value of peal-ringing generally, and the laudable desire of the members to assist in placing their own Association at the head of the peal-table, wishes to express the strong conviction that the chief aim of all members should be the encouragement, in all towers, of ringing rather than chiming the bells for Sunday Services, thus helping to achieve the primary object for which bells are hung, viz., the Glory of God and the calling of the parishioners together for His Worship."

In seconding this the Rev. L. Edwards said that he should like to add after "Services" the words "and on the eves of Church Festivals." This addition being accepted by the proposer, the motion, as so amended, was put and carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Rev. G. F. Coleridge, and seconded by

Mr. G. Bolland, that the meeting next year be held at Durham. To this an amendment was proposed by Mr. W. Story and seconded by Mr. G. P. Burton that it be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne. The amendment was carried by a large majority.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the President, which was carried by acclamation, and the meeting adjourned.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of this District was held on Saturday last at Upham. The bells, a light ring of six, were at the disposal of the members from 2.30. Touches in various methods were rung till 5.30, when an excellent tea was served at the "Brushmakers' Arms," the Rector, the Rev. E. L. H. Tew, presiding, supported by the Hon. General Secretary of the Guild, Mr. Williams, Mr. G. Chappell (Wickham) and members from Dibden, North Stoneham, Twyford, Curdrige, Owlesbury and Upham.

The General Secretary in proposing a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and presiding at the tea, apologised for the absence of Mr. J. W. Elkins, the District Secretary, who was detained at the Cathedral till 6 p.m. Regret was also expressed that Southampton and the Cathedral city were unrepresented at this meeting.

The Rector, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, said he was always pleased to welcome members of the Guild to ring on his bells, and hoped they would spend a pleasant evening.

After a course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells the tower was again visited and touches in the standard methods brought round till 8.30 p.m.

ALL SAINTS' GUILD, NEWPORT, MON.

The members of this Guild spent a most pleasant afternoon at Bristol on Saturday, August 31st. On arriving at Bristol Station Mr. J. Wilkins, with other Bristol members, met and welcomed the visitors, and at once made steps for the cars and thence to Clifton parish church, where permission had been given to ring. After some three-quarters of an hour's ringing had been indulged the bells were lowered, and again friend Wilkins acted as pilot, and a visit was paid to the Suspension Bridge and a look taken at the wonderful Avon River Gorge. A return to the City followed and tea was partaken of. Following this the tower of St. Stephen's was visited, and a hearty greeting was accorded by the members of St. Stephen's Guild. Various touches were rung, several of the visitors getting their first touch of Stedman Caters. At the conclusion a pleasant hour was spent at the "Admiral Duncan," which brought the time for getting back to the station. The Bristol friends accompanied the visitors to the station and gave them a hearty send off. The members take this opportunity of expressing their gratefulness to the Bristol ringers, especially to Mr. J. W. Wilkins, for making the visit such a pleasant one.

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1912.

THE members of the Lancashire Association responded nobly to the invitation contained in the circular issued by the Secretaries to attend the annual meeting, which was held, for the first time in its history, in the beautiful Furness and Lake District—at Kendal. Not every ringer has the opportunity to give up a whole day for the purpose of attending a meeting, but it speaks well for the good feeling which exists and the desire to foster the Exercise that some seventy members should travel long distances, some as far as eighty miles, in order to encourage their brethren in the remoter part of the district covered by the Association. The District is also the youngest, and by reason of its distance from headquarters the most difficult of the branches to work. All these circumstances put together tend to prove the necessity for giving the branch all the support which it was possible to give, and the members who attended showed a spirit of loyalty to their officers and fondness for the Exercise which it is good to see, and which must make for its betterment in every sense of the word.

A correspondent writes in another column and sends a composition, and asks if it is a legitimate method.

The method has caused much discussion in time past. Some have called it "Plain Bob spoilt," for if the bells dodged instead of making places it *would* be Plain Bob. Another objection is that double fourths are made at a bob, though the same objection could be made against Kent Treble Bob. But chiefly, objection is taken to it because it does not give the Plain Bob lead-ends—a canon laid down by modern critics as essential to legitimacy; albeit even that was debated at the last Central Council meeting! The collection of legitimate methods was brought out to extinguish those not fulfilling the modern requirements, but Old Canterbury is still rung by many six-bell bands; and in our opinion it is a mistake for those responsible for the publication of methods to adopt the old name for a new variation. The Court Bob of Shipway and Hubbard is not the same as that in Legitimate Methods, nor is College Single. It were better, if a method is to be expunged, to expunge the name also. The present system is responsible for two methods under one name. As to the "legitimacy" of the figures given, the natural inference is that the method is not, but that will not prevent it being rung. Many of the assertions of objectors are matters of individual opinion only, and open to argument. As an example, we may say that it is possible to get more *music* out of six courses of the much-despised Grandsire Major, with 5x6 at home, than can be got out of some 5000s in many methods of the Surprise class.

OBITUARY.

WILLSON.—On Tuesday, September 10th, at 1, Ann Street, Leicester, in her 81st year, and after much suffering, Eliza, the beloved mother of William Willson, and relict of the late William Willson, of Leicester.

"AT REST."

The Provinces.

BINFIELD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, August 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR 5040 CHANGES;

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

SIDNEY GEARING* Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 4.
EDWARD BUNGAY, SEN.* .. 2.	*WILLIAM GEARING .. 5.
ALBERT PIERCE† 3.	HARRY BUNGAY Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY BUNGAY.

*First peal. *First peal with a bob bell. This is the first peal on the bells by an entirely local band. First peal as conductor: also quickest peal on the bells.

BLAENAVON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt.

PERCY JAMES Treble.	NORMAN ALLBUTT .. 4.
CHARLES POWELL 2.	WILLIAM EVANS .. 5.
JOHN HAMMOND 3.	ROBERT W. ALLBUTT .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HAMMOND.

This is the first peal on the bells. The ringers hail from Llangatlock and Crickhowell, except the 5th man, who hails from Brecon.

LLANGATTOCK, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 17½ cwt.

ROBERT W. ALLBUTT .. Treble.	LEONARD LEWIS .. 4.
CHARLES POWELL 2.	GEORGE MORTEMORE .. 5.
NORMAN ALLBUTT 3.	JOHN HAMMOND Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HAMMOND.

This was rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. D. H. Phillips, who for the greater part of the past three years has been curate-in-charge of the parish, the ringers wishing him every success in the future. First peal of Minor for the ringer of the 4th, who hails from Glasbury-on-Wye; the others belong to the local band.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THEURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt 0 qrs. 26 lbs.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Treble.	CHARLES FRAY .. 5.
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS .. 2.	ALAN R. MACDONALD .. 6.
HENRY W. WILKES 3.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. 7.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 4.	OWEN GILES Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This peal was arranged for W. H. Fussell, of Slough.

LAVENHAM.—On Tuesday evening, September 3rd, on handbells in the tower, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 39 mins. Miss Bell Symonds, 1; F. A. Poulson, 2; A. Symonds, 3-4; S. H. Symonds (conductor), 5-6; J. Poulson, 7-8. Taken from Parker's twelve-part. The treble ringer has now rung her first quarter-peal in the method. In the 1152 Treble Bob rung at Lavenham and published in last week's issue, the name of Miss Symonds should be as given above, and not "Belle" as printed.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE LUNT Treble.	THOMAS MURRAY 5.
GEORGE WOODHALL 2.	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6.
HENRY FYLES 3.	JAMES MARTIN 7.
HERBERT H. BARKER* .. 4.	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor.

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

*First peal of Major. This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. J. Warner and Sons. They now go well.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE BUSHEY SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, September 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

ROBERT E. STAVERT .. Treble.	BRETRAM PREWETT 5.
RICHARD DARLOW 2.	FREDERICK EDWARDS .. 6.
THOMAS R. SCOTT 3.	JOSEPH J. ALLEN 7.
FRANCIS A. SMITH 4.	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by ROBERT E. STAVERT.

First peal in the method on the bells, by the Association, and by all except the ringers of the treble and fifth.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF ORANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED J. LECLERCQ .. Treble.	CHARLES EDWARDS 5.
WILLIAM HORNE 2.	EDWARD CLAPSHAW 6.
GEORGE UPSHALL 3.	ALFRED H. PULLING 7.
HUBERT CHAFFEY† 4.	ALFRED R. ELKINS Tenor.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

†First peal on eight bells. Rung in honor of the wedding of Miss Holland and Mr. M. E. L. Ibbetson.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Carlisle, Norwich, Lincoln, London, Wells, York, and Durham. Tenor 14 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS* .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. THOROLD .. 4.
GEORGE A. BLACK 2.	WILLIAM MILLER 5.
HARRY TOPELE 3.	JOHN MOULE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM MILLER.

*150th peal. Rang to welcome home the Vicar, the Rev. W. T. Brown, an honorary member of the Association.

BOLTON, BRADFORD, YORKS.

On Friday, September 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

B. E. HOWE Treble.	W. WALAND 5.
F. HOPWOOD 2.	A. GILL 6.
J. PALFREMAN 3.	J. BROADLEY 7.
T. B. KENDALL 4.	J. JOYCE Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by T. B. KENDALL.
Rung with the bells half-muffled.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR,
5040 CHANGES. Being seven 720s, each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FEED BALL Treble.	EDWARD GEARY 4.
GEORGE H. GEARY 2.	ERNEST MORRIS 5.
VICTOR GEARY 3.	FRED STANFORTH Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal of all Kent Minor on the bells and by all the band.

BODELWYDDAN, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET (The Marble Church),

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

ROBERT SPERRING .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 5.
GEORGE JONES 2.	JAMES MORGAN 6.
HENRY W. WILDE 3.	JAMES H. MIDWINTER .. 7.
ALBERT J. HUGHES .. 4.	ERNEST CHANNELL .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES PRICE, and Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

Tenor 33 cwt.

HENRY FARLOW* .. Treble.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. 6.
ISAAC PURSER† 2.	JOHN C. ADAMS 7.
ALBERT LITTLE* 3.	BENJAMIN CLARK 8.
ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. 4.	HERBERT KNIGHT 9.
WILLIAM FISHER 5.	JAMES H. GALLIMORE .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES, and Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

*First peal of Caters. †First peal of Caters with a bob bell. First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor. First peal of Caters on the bells. This was W. Fisher's 150th peal.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS J. WATTS .. Treble.	JOHN LUCEY 5.
WILLIAM T. PRIOR 2.	THOMAS JORDAN 6.
NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. 3.	WILLIAM WATTS 7.
WALTER PRIOR 4.	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES B. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by GEORGE JORDAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the brothers Prior.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 22½ cwt. in D.

JAMES F. GEORGE .. Treble.	ALBERT COPPOCK 5.
REV. C. J. STURTON .. 2.	CECIL J. BAKER 6.
NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON 3.	RD. HENRY BARTRAM .. 7.
JOSEPH HALL 4.	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY,

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

MACHEN, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES SMITH Treble.	FREDERICK B. STEDMAN .. 5.
JOHN W. JONES 2.	WILLIAM SERLEY 6.
ARTHUR E. MORGAN .. 3.	ALBAN E. SLATTER 7.
FRANK CHAVE 4.	P.C. JOHN E. COTE Tenor.

Conducted by A. E. SLATTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. B. Stedman.

NEWDIGATE, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, September 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, Woodbine, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, Kent, College Exercise, and Oxford. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE ELLIS Treble.	ALBERT HARMAN 4.
JOHN AKSHURST 2.	ARTHUR W. TULLETT .. 5.
ALBERT ELLIS 3.	*OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

Rang as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th. *Fiftieth peal.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT MARKWELL .. Treble.	EDWIN F. PIKE 5.
ALBERT BELTON 2.	FREDERICK WHITE 6.
GEORGE EDWARDS 3.	THOMAS GROOMERIDGE, SEN. 7.
GEORGE THOMPSON 4.	WILLIAM LATTER Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMERIDGE, SEN.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

DEANE, BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN T. ALLRED Treble.	HERBERT ALLED 5.
FRED ABBOTT 2.	RICHARD HEALD 6.
JOHN MOSCROP 3.	ROBERT ALLRED 7.
THOMAS WORSLEY† .. 4.	TITUS BARLOW Tenor.

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

*First peal away from the treble in the method. †First peal of Bob Major.

CROYDON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

HORACE SHONFIELD .. Treble.	AMOS CLARK 5.
WILLIAM STATES 2.	SYDNEY R. ROPER 6.
DAVID WRIGHT 3.	ALFRED T. JONES 7.
JOSEPH TALBOT 4.	ERNEST POPE Tenor.

Conducted by W. STATES.

First peal by H. Shonfield, and rung as a farewell, and with the ringer's best wishes on his leaving for Australia.

Handbell Peals.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes.

In the Vestry of St Margaret's Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

JAMES M. BAILEY .. 1-2.	CHARLES F. BAILEY .. 5-6.
ERNEST S. BAILEY .. 3-4.	EDGAR H. BAILEY .. 7-8.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

First peal of Treble Bob in hand by all.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes.

At the Residence of Mr. A. Edwards, „Garden Croft,”

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

HARRY MOORE 1-2.	GEORGE GREEN 5-6.
ARTHUR EDWARDS .. 3-4.	*ARTHUR HEAD 7-8.

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

Umpire—Henry W. Kirton. Witness—James Walden. *First peal on handbells.

Date Touches.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WOOD GREEN.—At St. Michael's Church on Thursday, August 15th, a date touch of Plain Bob Minor (1912 changes), in 1 hr. 12 mins. E. Davidson, F. E. Ringrose, W. E. Dixon, A. Howell, F. Fensom, C. H. Ross. Composed and conducted by C. H. Ross.

STANMORE.—At a meeting held at Stanmore on Saturday, September 7th, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. G. M. Kilby, R. Kilby, F. Barker, A. Hubbard, G. A. Hughes (conductor), C. T. Coles.

THE HORNSEY GUILD.

HORNSEY.—On Sunday, September 8th, for evening service at the parish church, a date touch of Plain Bob Minor (1912 changes), in 1 hr. 10 mins. H. Smith, C. H. Ross, F. Ringrose, A. Howell, W. E. Dixon, F. Fensom. Composed and conducted by C. H. Ross.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DAGENHAM.—On Saturday, September 8th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss B. Fox (daughter of Mr. Fox, the respected churchwarden), to Mr. W. Evans, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 Woodbine Treble Bob by the following: G. Chaplin, E. Hawkins, R. Miles, E. Butler, G. Playle, F. Freestone; the conducting being shared by Messrs. Playle, Miles and Butler. On Sunday, September 9th, 720 Plain Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, and 720 College Single, the following taking part: Miss C. Playle, D. Chaplin, R. Miles, E. Hawkins, E. Butler, G. Playle, F. Freestone; the conducting being shared by Messrs. Playle and Miles.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

RUGBY.—On Monday evening, August 26th, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1280 changes), in 52 mins. W. Malins, *H. Argyle, J. W. Chandler, *E. J. Oliver, C. W. Wheeler, J. A. Fenton, J. B. Fenton, J. George. Composed by W. Malins, and conducted by J. B. Fenton. *First quarter-peal in the method.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

RYVL.—On Sunday evening, September 8th, for evening service at St. Thomas's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. W. Bell, G. Bell, B. Collis, F. Wallis, T. Evans, M. J. Morris, J. Ellis (conductor), F. Homan. Longest length by the ringers of the 3rd and 5th.

ASTON (Birmingham).—On Sunday, September 8th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Edgerton, J. Jones, H. Jones, F. Bennett (conductor), J. Hopkin, W. G. Ellis, W. Davies, C. Allen. For evening service 377 Grandsire Caters. A. Edgerton, J. Jones, A. Jones, J. Hopkin, H. Jones, C. Dalton-Potter, F. Bennett (conductor), P. Laffin, W. Davies, C. Allen. The ringer of the 6th hails from Barnsley, and it is his first touch of Caters.

BACUP.—On Tuesday, August 27th, at Christ Church, 720 Plain Bob. D. Barnes, D. Briggs, L. Holt, J. Gibson, R. W. Etherington, J. S. Lomas (conductor). The ringer of the 4th hails from Whitchurch, Shropshire.

BOLTON (Bradford).—On Sunday, September 8th, at St. James's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, in 46 mins. A. Ainger, B. Norfolk, J. Palfreman, A. Gill, W. Waland, F. Hopgood, B. E. Howe, S. Palfreman. Conducted by F. Hopgood.

CHATHAM (Kent).—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin on Sunday, September 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. R. Gauntlet, H. Springate, J. Hunt, H. Hogarth, F. Belsey (conductor), J. Bennett, S. Shellock, G. Lawrence.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of Notices under this heading is Sixpence for 36 words, for the first insertion; repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on September 17th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 26th; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th; all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—A district meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, September 14th. Ringing at Christ Church from 4.30 to 8 p.m., followed by a social gathering at The Cherry Tree hotel.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society. Established 1824.—Southern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse, will be held on Saturday, September 21st, at St. Alfege, Greenwich. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at 8 p.m. All members and friends invited.

86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill.

F. A. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

The Salop Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, September 14th. Ringing at St. Mary's at 2.30 p.m. St. Chad's and St. Alkmund's open during the afternoon. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. in St. Chad's vestry. Short service at 5.30 p.m. in St. Chad's church. Preacher—Rev. C. B. Crowe (Coalbrookdale). Tea at 6.0 p.m. in St. Chad's parish room.

REV. H. B. BECKWITH, Hon. Sec.

Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

The Dudley and District Guild.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at St. Martin's, Tipton, on Saturday, September 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. De Vine, M.A. R.D., who will also preside at the business meeting afterwards.

66, Himley Road, Dudley.

HERBERT SHEPPARD, Hon. Sec.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Rainford on Saturday, September 14th. Particulars by circular.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, Hon. Secs.

W. BENTHAM,

Black Moss Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk.

The Midland Counties Association.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Rolleston on Saturday, September 14th. By the kindness of the Rector tea will be provided free in the Rectory gardens to all those attending.

HARRY WAKLEY, Sec.

160, Horninglow Road, N., Burton-on-Trent.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Alban's, Rochdale, on Saturday, September 14th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight on Saturday, September 21st. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

WALTER HUGHES, Sec.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, September 21st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. All intending to take tea please let me know by Tuesday, September 17th.

6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

A. KING, Hon. Sec.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, September 21st. Tea will be provided in the Saloon, Town Hall, at 5.30 p.m. Service in church at 7.0 p.m., conducted by the Vicar. Please notify Mr. S. J. Kynnersley, 27, Park Street, Uttoxeter, of how many intend to be present. Cheap fares on the N.S.R. (1s. 10d.) from Stoke at 4.17.

J. JOHNSON, Hon. Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Chiddingfold on Saturday, September 21st. 3.30.—Bells available (8). 5.30.—Service. 6.15.—Tea at The Swan hotel. Tea tickets 6d. each; Visitors 1s.

North Street, Guildford.

JOHN J. JONES, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. George's, Gravesend, on Saturday, September 28th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service in church at 5 p.m., followed by tea (for which 3d. per member will be charged), and meeting in the Church House. All those intending to partake of tea should notify me not later than Wednesday, September 25th. Milton-next-Gravesend and Swanscombe towers will be open after the meeting till 9 p.m.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN, Hon. Dis. Sec.

77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, September 28th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 m.

J. WATSON, Branch Sec.

26, London Road, Blackburn.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Didsbury St. James, on Saturday, September 28th. Bells available at 5 p.m. Meeting at 5 p.m. A cordial invitation is given to all ringers.

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Br. Sec.

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Stanford-le-Hope on Saturday, September 28th. Brake leaves Brentwood Station at 2.45. Short service at 5. Tea at The Railway hotel at 5.30. Orsett will also be visited. Members requiring a seat in the brake and tea, kindly advise me not later than first post Tuesday, 24th inst.

HENRY T. COOPER, Dis. Sec.

County Offices, Chelmsford.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, September 28th. Bells ready at 2.30. Committee meeting at 4.15. Tea (1s. each) at 5 o'clock, both in the National Schools. Will those members and friends who intend to be present kindly notify Mr. John Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, by Thursday, September 26th.

W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, September 28th. The bells will be available at 3 o'clock. A short special service in Church at 6 o'clock. An allowance of 1d. per mile, maximum 2s., will be paid to all members attending before the service. Any members wishing for tea at 6d. each, please communicate with Mr. G. Johnson, Veness House, Appledore, who will be pleased to make arrangements for same not later than Wednesday, 25th inst.

British School Villas, Tenterden.

C. TAIBR, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—In order to facilitate the publishing of future reports, conductors of peals are requested to send particulars of peals called by them within seven days of such performance to

T. HERVEY BEAMS, Asst. Hon. Sec.

Bradpole, Bridport.

N.B.—Will conductors of peals since January 1st, 1912, also oblige.

Notice.—Shoreditch Bells Fund.—Funds are urgently needed to put this grand old peal in proper repair. £50 wanted before the work can be commenced. Who will help a poor parish? Contributions thankfully received and gratefully acknowledged. Collecting cards also supplied by H. J. Bradley, The Parish Church, Shoreditch, E.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

AXBRIDGE DEANERY BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the above was held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, September 7th, some thirty members being present. The following towers were represented: Weston-super-Mare, Burnham, Winscombe, Congresbury, Uphill, Worle, Bridgwater, Taunton, East Brent, Cheddar, Newport, and others.

Service was held at 4.30 at the Parish Church, taken by the Rev. H. O. Penley, who also gave a capital address to the ringers. Tea was taken at Glass's Restaurant.

The business meeting followed tea, the chair being taken in the absence of the President, by the Rev. H. O. Penley. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed as read. One honorary and six performing members were duly elected. Congresbury was chosen for the next meeting in January, which will be the annual meeting. Loxton was chosen for the intermediate meeting to be held in October.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. H. O. Penley for arranging the service, and presiding at the meeting. The rev. gentlemen suitably responded.

The bells were kept going till 8 o'clock, several touches of Grandsire Doubles and Grandsire Minor being rung.

THE NEW STEEPLE-KEEPER AT ST. MATTHEW'S, BETHNAL GREEN.

Mr. George L. Dorrington, of "Parkholme," 298, Old Ford Road, Victoria Park, has been appointed steeple-keeper at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, in the place of Mr. M. A. Wood. Mr. Dorrington is well-known to the members of the Exercise in the Metropolis and suburbs, and it is certain that the traditional efficiency and comfort of the belfry so well looked after by his predecessor, will lose nothing in the hands of Mr. Dorrington. All communications regarding ringing, should be addressed to him at the address given above.

At Holbeach, where the Rev. F. W. Hutchinson objected to the use of the church bells as a fire alarm, on the ground that it was not seemly and led to abuse and irreverence, his suggestion that what is known as the "pancake bell" should be used was accepted by the urban council. The bell was suddenly rung, and everybody ran to the engine-house while the horses were put to. The object of the false alarm was to test the efficacy of the bell, which answered admirably.

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A writer in "The Treasury" makes the statement that "St. Cuthbert's relics are still at Durham, in all probability," but that "where they rest is doubtful." The facts leave no room for doubt. The latest authority, Mr. J. Charles Wall, in his "Shrines of British Saints," shows from contemporary records that when the shrine was broken down, the prior and monks, under a special royal permit, buried the saint's remains, by order of Bishop Tunstoll, in the place where his shrine had been. Extant accounts from 1541 give full particulars as to the removal of the tomb and the making of the grave. On May 17th, 1827, in presence of the antiquary, Canon Raine, and other members of the Chapter, the remains were exhumed and minutely examined. Three coffins were identified—the outer of 1541, an inner one of 1104, and the original carved with incised figures, and dating from 689. Raine describes the vestments and other contents in detail. Everything was reverently encased in a new chest, and again placed in the grave.

On March, 1st, 1899, the grave was re-opened, and there were found (1) the almost complete skeleton of St. Cuthbert, (2) the frontal bone of the skull of St. Oswald, the king-martyr, and (3) several other relics. The original carved wooden coffin was removed, and is to be seen as reconstructed. For the rough box of 1827, now decayed, was substituted a new oaken chest bearing the incised cross of St. Cuthbert, and a crown in honour of St. Oswald. In this the relics of the two saints were reverently deposited, and the whole restored to the grave on March 17th, 1899.

A letter has been sent to the Church papers and to the Southwark Diocesan Chronicle, appealing for a memorial home in memory of the late Rev. E. A. Edghill, who did so much for lads in South London. The letter states that Mr. Edghill saw boys who were born of working parents, and gifted with great ability and character, gain Council scholarships from elementary to secondary schools, but he saw various barriers, including the one of expense, that stopped the way for many a boy he cared about; so he made it the work of his life to remove them. The appeal is made to provide a hostel. It is signed by the Bishops of Southwark, Winchester, and Woolwich, etc. The hon. treasurer is Eastiako-Smith, 26, Longton Grove, Sydenham, S.E.

Upon the 13th and 17th inst. about 200 Church Army Evangelists and Mission Sisters will be changing stations or taking up fresh posts in all parts of the United Kingdom. Thirty-eight of these will be newly commissioned officers of the society, and 16 Mission Sisters who are at present concluding their final course of instruction at the headquarters training homes, which they left on the first-named date. September is the month when the Church Army rule of shifting workers after a period of two years and upwards is put most widely into practice. From 15 to 20 Church Army Evangelists are now carrying on mission work among the hop-pickers in Worcestershire, Herefordshire, and Kent.

The Bishop of London has consented to give three addresses at the Guildhall on December 3rd, 4th, and 5th. The services will be much on the lines which were successfully tried last Lent at Cannon Street hotel, and will last half-an-hour. The experience then gained warrants us in the conviction that a consecutive course on successive days by one speaker provides the occasion for presenting the appeal which the Church seeks to make far more effectively than do separate addresses by a variety of speakers.

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OFF TO AUSTRALIA,

At the usual practice of the Manchester Town Hall Ringers at the Town Hall, on September 4th, a presentation was made to ex-P.C. Ernest Potts, who is sailing for Australia on September 18th. The presentation took the form of a small silver medal with gold centre and gold ring round it, and it bore the following inscription: "Presented to E. Potts by the Manchester Town Hall Bellringers September, 1912." In making the presentation, Sergeant Cartwright, the conductor, said that in handing Mr. Potts the small token of the respect and good fellowship that had always existed between him and the rest of the ringers during the eight years he had been a ringer there, he, in the name of the band, wished him God-speed, good luck, and quick prosperity in his new home. Several members of the band also said a few words in much the same strain, and in reply Mr. Potts said: Comrades, I am sorry to leave you. One does not know how many friends one has until

something like this turns up for them to show it, and I can assure you one and all that I shall always remember the happy times I have had whilst I have been amongst you, and each time I look at my medal it will bring these memories back. Gentlemen, I thank you. After a handshake all round a 521 of Grandsire Caters was rung, Mr. Potts ringing the tenor, Mr. J. W. Washbrook, H. Washbrook, H. Chapman, Mr. Bibby, of Frodsham, and Mr. Ramsey, of New Mills, taking a rope, the remaining strings being taken by members of the Town Hall band. A 1-peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor on the front six brought the proceedings to a close.

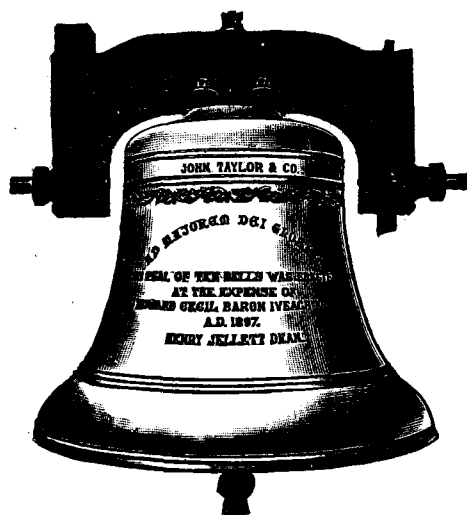
KINGS NORTON Worcestershire).—On Sunday, September 8th, for morning service, 672 Grandsire Triples. J. Howel, F. Sumner, W. Dowding, J. Withers, F. Withers, A. Chambers (conductor), W. Palmer, W. Dowler (longest length). Also 504 Stedman Triples. W. Palmer, F. Sumner, J. Withers, J. Dowler, F. Withers, J. S. Pritchett, A. Chambers, W. Dowding.

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Also the chiming of bells at Ames College, Iowa, U.S.A.

And the recast "Grandison" of Exeter Cathedral.

The Church Army desires to warn the clergy and others of an impostor whose method is to call on the clergy under pretence of wishing to arrange a Church Army Van Mission, and having thus gained an entry, to steal anything he can lay his hands on. He is a man of about 40 years of age, clean-shaven, and dressed (when last seen) in a grey suit. He has sometimes used the name of Beasley, and sometimes that of Harris. He has been working the Harrogate clergy, but has probably now transferred his attention to another neighbourhood. Any clergyman or other householder receiving a visit from this man is earnestly requested to detain him if possible, and to communicate at once with the police.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

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CHURCH ITEMS.

Farthings subscribed in aid of St. Michael's, Cricklewood, now number 108,798.

Owing to the losses caused by the recent floods the Rector of Beccles, Suffolk, has decided to hold no harvest thanksgiving.

It is proposed to erect a tall fleche on the roof of St. Alban's Church, Teddington, at a cost of £250, to carry the "Sanctus" bell.

A tower and spire is being added to the Church of St. Alban, Cheetwood, Manchester, from designs by Messrs. J. Gibbons and Sons.

Considerable progress has been made with the restoration of the Peterborough Cathedral organ, and the motor which is to take the place of the old gas engine has been installed.

Bishop Ryle, Dean of Westminster, will consecrate the new baptistry at St. Mark's Church, Hamilton Terrace, St. John's Wood, as a memorial to the late vicar, Canon Duckworth, on October 15.

A copy of the only edition of an English Bible ever printed in Cornwall has been added to the collection of Bibles at the Bible House of the British and Foreign Bible Society. The date of the volume is 1799.

After nearly forty years' service the Rev. John Vicars is about to relinquish the duties of rector of Calbourne, Isle of Wight. The rector is an octogenarian, and probably the oldest beneficed clergyman in the island.

Mr. E. Newton, for a quarter of a century organist at St. Thomas's Church, Portman Square, has been presented by the Marchioness of Bath, on behalf of the clergy and congregation, with a silver salver and a cheque.

A new parish hall recently opened at Shoreham, Sussex, contains two halls, the lower of which seats 600, and the upper 500. The architect is Mr. A. W. Nye, M.S.A., of Duke Street, Brighton. The cost was about £1,500.

For the harvest festival at Detling, Kent, on September 26, several farmers and their families have undertaken to arrange a trophy of the fruits of the earth from their own land, each family having a window ledge assigned to it.

The contract has been let for the erection of a new church of All Saints, which is to be built in Oval Way, Gerrard's Cross, Bucks. Mr. Temple Moore, F.R.I.B.A., of Hampstead, is the architect, and the cost is estimated at £3,500.

For the purpose of purchasing from its present possessor and restoring to Wakes Colne Church, Essex, a silver chalice bearing the date 1703, with an inscription stating that it had been presented to that church, a subscription is being raised.

Six hundred pounds is to be paid for the site of a new church at Chilvers Coton, Warwickshire, towards which Mr. F. A. Newdegate, M.P., has promised £200, Lady Newdegate £100, and the Bishop of Worcester's Church Extension Fund £200.

The memorial in Salisbury Cathedral to Bishop John Wordsworth is to be worthy of the subject. It will consist

of a recumbent figure in marble and fifty-four stall canopies. The cost will be something over £5,000, and the work will take two years to complete.

Vicar of West Hendon for thirty years, the Rev. W. H. Ogle Shaw will be instituted as rector of Greenford, Middlesex, on Saturday, October 12, by the Bishop of Kensington. His place at Hendon is being filled by the Rev. R. A. J. M. Waldram.

The foundation-stone of a new church institute, to be built from plans by Mr. Temple Moore, F.R.I.B.A., has been laid at Kirbymoorside. The institute will be two stories in height, and the ground floor will provide a billiard-room, cloak-rooms a kitchen, and caretaker's apartments, while the first floor will be devoted entirely to the purposes of one spacious hall for meetings. The premises will cost £1,500.

The Bishop of Exeter rededicated the church of St. Michael's, Honiton, after restoration from plans by Mr. C. E. Ponting, F.S.A., of Marlborough. Eighteen months ago the edifice was partly destroyed by fire. The work has cost about £2,500 up to date, but further expenditure will have to be incurred. Years ago St. Michael's was the parish church of Honiton, but in recent times it has been used as a chapel of ease to St. Paul's.

After a lapse of seventy-six years, an effort is being made by the vicar and churchwardens of Osboldwick-with-Murton, to have the ancient chapel of St. James's, Murton, which is now in ruins, restored, and the work of reconstruction has already been commenced. The chapel has an interesting history, and although only parts of the four walls now remain, it has gone through many vicissitudes, having for a number of years been used as a shelter for horses and cattle. The work of repair is being carried out by Mr. Turner, builder, Lawrence Street, York.

The parish church of Christchurch, Coleford, the first church to be erected in the Forest of Dean in 1812, is celebrating its centenary by undergoing restoration at the hands of Mr. Ernest Davies, M.S.A., architect, of Hereford. The work consists of the removal of the old gallery, reseating the nave and north aisle with modern seating to take the place of the high, straight-back pews, the erection of an oak screen under the chancel arch, and the building of a new vestry adjoining the west tower, with castellated top, flat roof, and wood block floors. It is to be built in Forest stone, with ashlar facing, and the contract has been let to Jones Bros., builders, Bridewell, Coleford.

The Rev. Robert Middleton, rector of St. Michael's, Norwich, appeals on behalf of his damaged churches and mission halls, which have been inundated by the waters of the Norwich floods. He has two churches under his charge. The large one had in it on the 27th ult., 4ft. of water, the destructive power of which was remarkable. Whole blocks of pews were torn from their foundations and floated in the church like rafts. All the loose forms, pews, hassocks, cushions, carpets, and articles of a movable kind were floating about. The large and beautiful organ was partly submerged, and the bellows filled with water. Many hundreds of hymn and other books have been utterly spoiled, as well as the beautiful altar cloth. The water even got into the safe, and the parish registers, dating down from the sixteenth century, have been thoroughly saturated. The tile flooring was torn up by the water in several parts of the building. In the second church the water was not more than 3ft., but the damage done was very serious.

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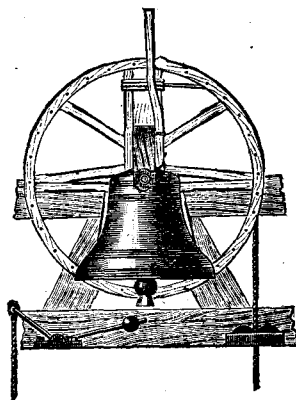
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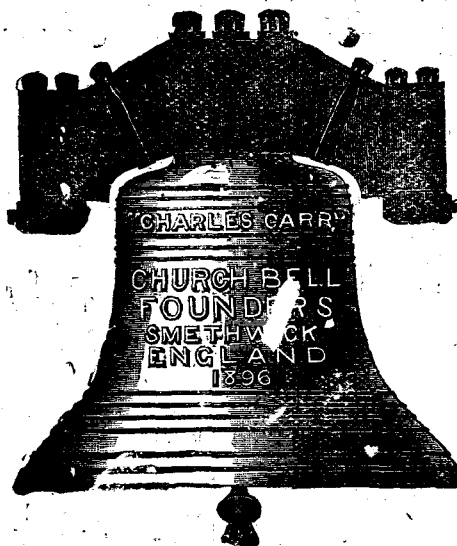
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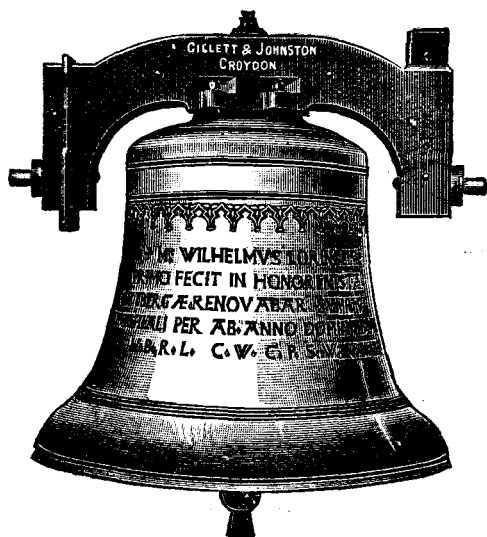
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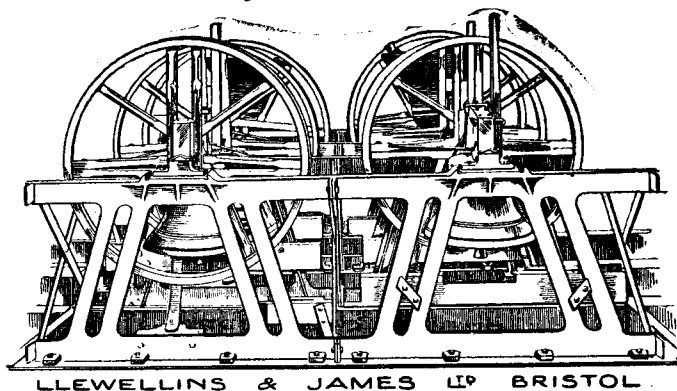
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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-ON-TRENT DISTRICT.

A ringing meeting of the Burton-on-Trent District of the Midland Counties Association, was held at Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday, when upwards of twenty members and friends were present from Derby, Burton, Horninglow, Etwall, Sudbury, Uttoxeter, Rolleston, Newhall, etc. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung on the excellent ring of six bells.

Thanks to the generosity of the Rector (the Rev. the Hon. L. H. Tyrwhitt), a substantial tea was provided for all attending, the Rector himself presiding. Afterwards the

BUSINESS MEETING

was held. Before calling on the Secretary to read the minutes of the previous meeting, the Chairman gave a hearty welcome to the visitors, and said he was always pleased to help forward any good work connected with the Church. He felt sure the different ringing Associations scattered up and down about the country, had done a great deal towards raising the tone of ringers and ringing generally. Now-a-days ringers made a point of attending the services of the Church, whereas formerly, in a great many cases, after calling others to worship, the ringers left the bellry, and never thought of attending the service.

The minutes having been passed, Etwall was chosen for the place of the next meeting on October 19th.

Mr. C. Draper proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the Rector for the use of the bells that afternoon; for presiding at the meeting, and for providing such an excellent repast. This was seconded by Mr. Mitchell, and carried with applause.

In reply the chairman said he hoped that some time another meeting of the District would be held at Rolleston, as he was always pleased to welcome ringers to his Church.

Business over, some good ringing was done on the handbells, Grandsire Triples and Caters and Bob Major being rung, in which the following took part: A. P. Wakley, B. Draper, B. Mitchell, J. Dyke, W. Shercliff, C. Sanders, and Winifred Sanders. By request, Mr. A. P. Wakley tapped a touch of Stedman Triples on the piano, supplementing this with a well-executed course of London Surprise Major.

The meeting then dispersed, some of the company taking a stroll around the Rectory gardens, a privilege which was much enjoyed, others returning to the tower and keeping the bells going until 7.50., when service in the Church brought to an end a very successful and enjoyable meeting.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 14th, a meeting of the Guild was held at Rainford, when a good muster of members attended from various parts of the diocese. A short service was held in the church, at which the Rev. B. H.

Watts (Southport), read the prayers, and an excellent address was given by the Rev. E. C. Collier (Birkdale), which was of a practical nature, and listened to with much attention by those present. Service over, a move was made to The Golden Lion hotel, where an excellent tea was provided. Afterwards the business was held. The Rev. E. C. Collier presided (in the absence of the Vicar), supported by the Rev. B. H. Watts, and Mr. B. H. Smith (churchwarden). The chairman regretted the absence of the Master (Rev. W. T. Bulpit), who was far from well, but who, though he was not with them in body, was with them in spirit, and he knew they all regretted his absence, but he had not completely recovered from the accident he met with whilst in London recently. Several suggestions of a practical nature were discussed, the proceedings being enlivened by the cheery stories of the chairman, and songs by one of the ringers present. One honorary member was elected, and the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the unknown donor of the tea, brought a most pleasant and harmonious meeting to a close.

BELLFOUNDERS BUSY.

A WELCOME SIGN.

Messrs. John Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, are exceedingly busy, and amongst other work, have in hand at the present moment the following contracts:

A new chime of ten for Pembroke, Bermuda.

New rings of eight for Lincoln Cathedral, Portsmouth Parish Church, Burton-on-Trent (St. Paul's), Heptonstall (Yorks), Whitley Bay, Northumberland.

A new chime of six, with largest of 32 cwt., for Carbisdale Castle, Rosshire.

New rings of six for Coppull, Lancashire; Marston Magna, Somerset; Perran-ar-Wortnal, Cornwall.

Also rehanging in new frames, augmentations, etc. at Surfleet, Lincolnshire (10 bells); Guildford, Holy Trinity (8); Long Stanton, Cambridge (8); Musbury, Lancashire (8); Tysoe, Warwick (6); Wrenbury, Cheshire (6); Seend, Wilts. (6); Elston, Notts. (6); East Harling, Norfolk (6); Overton-on-Dee, Flintshire (6); St. Enoder, Cornwall (6); Berriew, Montgomeryshire (6); Frampton, Lincolnshire (6); Billesdon, Leicestershire (6); Church Broughton, Derbyshire (5); Umbley, Somerset (5).

Hour and four quarter bells, with hour bell of 12 cwt. for Timaru Post Office, New Zealand.

Two bells (largest 16 cwt.), for Zuelsminde Church, Denmark.

Twelve clock bells, of 7 cwt. each, for towns in Canada.

St. Nicholas Church, Hereford, which was refloored and reseated in oak in 1910, has just been provided with a new pulpit as a memorial of the late Mr. James F. Symonds, solicitor. Gothic in style, and constructed of oak, it shows seven panels containing arms and emblems. Mr. R. Clarke of Commercial Road, Hereford, did the carving.

NEW RING OF SIX FOR BIGBY, Lincs.

DEDICATION BY THE BISHOP OF LINCOLN.

The pretty little village of Bigby, near Grimsby, has been visited by the Bishop of Lincoln for the purpose of dedicating a new ring of six bells which have been cast and hung in a steel framework complete with all the most modern fittings by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd., of the Spitalfields Foundry, London. The work has been carried out in the most efficient manner, and reflects the greatest credit upon the firm.

The Bishop, clergy and choir robed at the Rectory, and passed slowly through the Rectory grounds and the village towards the church. The sun shone brightly on the white-robed procession, and the dark background of trees and the storm clouds all round the horizon enhanced the picturesque effect, whilst frequent peals of thunder rumbled ominously in the distance. Near the Church the procession was joined by the Sunday School children, the Guild, and other members of the congregation, and Psalms *xxix* and *cxv* were repeated. The Church was entered, and after the singing of the "Old Hundredth" and Psalm *cl* the Bishop proceeded to the tower, and in a solemn prayer dedicated the bells to the service of God, and the beautiful hymn, composed by the late Dr. Neale, for the consecration of church bells, was sung.

The Bishop gave an earnest and stirring address. During the collection of the offertory the hymn "We love the place, O God," was sung, and the service was concluded with the Blessing. During the afternoon the newly-hallowed bells were rung, and their sweetness and perfect tunefulness were universally appreciated.

In the "Gentleman's Magazine" for May, 1799, the bells of Bigby are thus described:—"There are three bells in the steeple, but surely the jarring dissonance of ill-affording sounds never grated harsher music than they." These three bells have now been recast, three new ones have been added, and all six are in perfect tune. On the largest and most ancient of the three older ones, the tenor bell, the inscription and date have been recast, viz.:—"God save this Church." On the two other old bells the original date, A.D. 1680, has been reproduced, but, as they formerly had no inscriptions, suitable Latin mottoes have now been inscribed on them as well as on the three new ones, together with the names of the Rector and churchwardens. The five new inscriptions are as follows:—

5th bell.—"Da Britanniae, Deus, Pacem; Fidem, Veram, Spem Tenacem."

4th bell.—"Colat Quisque Sanctum Patrem, Amet Quisque Frater Fratrem."

3rd bell.—"Gaudens Donum Deo Dari, Dedit Me Herbertus Parry."

2nd bell.—"Absit Rixa Diabolica Prosit Fides Apostolica. Stet Ecclesia Catholica."

Treble bell.—"Fraternitas."

Besides the Bishop of Lincoln and his Chaplain (the Rev. W. R. Rhys) and the Rev. H. T. Parry (Rector of the parish), the following clergy were present and took part in the services: Rev. Canon Claye, D.D., R.D., Vicar of Brieg; Rev. Canon Boissier, Rector of Rothwell; Rev. C. F. Brotherton, Vicar of Barnetby; Rev. H. A. C. Herbert, Rector of Broughton; Rev. J. L. N. Pheasant, Vicar of North Kelsey; Rev. E. F. Wood, Vicar of Hibalstow; Rev. W. F. W. Westbrooke, R.D., Vicar of Caistor; Rev. R. G. Binnall, Rector of Manton; Rev. N. L. Browne, Vicar of Keelby; Rev. E. A. W. Peacock.

Vicar of Cadney; Rev. R. D. C. Wallace, Vicar of Melton, Ross; Rev. J. S. Swann, Rector of Somerby; and Rev. A. R. McDougall, Vicar of Bonby, who acted as cross-bearer.

In Memoriam.

JARROLD HAYWARD.

BORN JAN. 8, 1874. DIED SEPT. 10, 1912. AGED 38.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of this well-known Kensington ringer at the early age of 38. The first symptom of illness appeared on August 17th, a few days after returning from his holidays. He had arranged to cycle to Ashted on that day for a peal, but acting on doctor's advice made the journey by train and took part in a peal of Stedman Triples, which proved to be his last, ringing throughout without making a mistake. He was present as usual on the following Sunday at St. Mary Abbots, but had to take to his bed on the 22nd, suffering with influenza. This developed into pneumonia and subsequently enteric fever, and he passed away after much suffering on the morning of September 10th at the residence of Mr. Nunn, with whom he had lived for many years.

The funeral took place on Sunday, September 15th, at his native village, Heveringham, Suffolk, the service being taken by the Rev. R. Dewe, Rector of the parish. The chief mourners were his brothers and sisters, several other relatives being also present. The St. Mary Abbots Guild was represented by Mr. H. G. Miles. The parishioners, amongst whom deceased was well known, were present in large numbers. At the conclusion of the service Grand-sire Doubles was rung on the peal of five with the bells deeply-muffled by W. Ransby, R. Rackham, C. Woolner, J. Mower, and E. Cook. Amongst the numerous floral tributes were wreaths from the St. Mary Abbots Guild and his shopmates, that of his fellow ringers taking the form of a cushion of white chrysanthemums with a bell composed of mauve violets raised in the centre. Simultaneously with the funeral the whole pull and stand was rung on the bells at St. Mary Abbots by his fellow-members—W. E. Garrard, A. Cutmore, W. A. Garrard, A. V. Selby, A. E. Bradley, P. L. Miles, W. J. Daubney, E. G. Stibbons, J. R. Mackman, C. H. Phipps. This was followed by a short touch of Stedman Caters.

Deceased came to London about 1899 with a knowledge of five-bell ringing, but practically let it drop till May, 1907, when he joined the Kensington Guild. From that time he came to the fore by leaps and bounds, and was very soon able to ring all Standard Methods. He was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the London County Association, and had taken part in twelve peals, viz.: 4 Stedman Triples, 3 Double Norwich Major, 2 Stedman Caters, 1 Grandsire Caters, 2 Treble Bob Royal. He was not keen on peal-ringing but enjoyed visiting different towers on practice nights where he could get touches in various methods. This and Sunday Service ringing (for which he was a most regular and punctual attendant) were more his ambition than ringing peals. His genial and kindly disposition won for him many friends. Always willing to oblige and help in every possible way, he will be greatly missed by his sorrowing colleagues, who realise that he leaves a gap which will be hard to fill.—R.I.P.

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NOTES.

Mr. Bertram Prewett rang his 800th peal at Evercreech, Somerset, on September 9th, during a tour in Wessex by members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

During the same tour, Mr. W. Pye completed a record of having rung in 300 towers, at Sherborne, Dorset, on September 10th.

Last week we inserted the record of a peal of Treble Bob rung on handbells at Leiston, Suffolk, without the umpire's name. It was Mr. G. Wilson who umpired.

Mr. C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec. of the North-East District, Middlesex County Association, asks us to announce that his address is 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow, not 173, St. John's Road, as heretofore.

The following appeared in a recent issue of the *Devonshire and Exeter Gazette*. "Bellringers of the adjoining parishes came to blows over the respective merits of their 'CRIMES.'"

Readers are not to assume the Salisbury Diocesan Guild (who have just made a tour in the county), are guilty. They are not the culprits.

The town bell of Buntingford, on the top of the Angel Inn, which had been rung for church services and funerals for over 300 years, and was recently stopped by order of the vestry, is in future to be rung as heretofore.

Two members of the Wirksworth company, Messrs. B. Hilditch and G. H. Bowmer, last week joined the ancient and honourable "Order of Benedicts." To celebrate the double event, their comrades rang a peal of Grandsire Triples.

H. Peck (St. Mary, Lambeth), has also joined the same honourable band, and has been accorded the usual ringers' tribute.

The middle six in the peal at Llangibby, Mon., have been in the tower 200 years, and to commemorate the bicentenary, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on September 14th, the anniversary of their opening.

How true it is that when deprived of one sense, another seems to be strengthened to fulfil its work. This must be so in the case of Mr. Richard Phillips, who, although blind, on Saturday last, at the Church of St. John, Devizes, rang the tenor through a peal of Grandsire Triples.

Two advertisers are seeking to purchase sets of handbells. Particulars will be found in advertisements in other columns.

The Hon. and Rev. H. L. Tyrwhitt made a pleasing statement, and one which is admitted to be true generally, when he noted the fact that ringers now attended the services instead of walking away after calling others to worship.

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On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 37 cwt.

Bertram Prewett... ..Treble.	John H. B. Hesse... .. 6.
Thomas T. Goffton 2.	Alan R. Macdonald 7.
Isaac G. Shade 3.	Keith Hart 8.
Rev. A. T. Beeston 4.	William Pye 9.
Rev. C. Carew Cox 5.	Ernest Pye ... ..Tenor.

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and Conducted by Wm. Pye.

YATTON, SOMERSET.

On Sunday, September 8, 1912, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt.

Isaac G. Shade ... ..Treble.	Keith Hart 5.
John Flint 2.	William J. Nevard 6.
George Dent 3.	Ernest Pye 7.
Bertram Prewett 4.	William Pye ... ..Tenor.

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and Conducted by Bertram Prewett.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.

On Monday, September 9th, 1912, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qrs. 25 lb.

Bertram Prewett... ..Treble.	Thomas T. Goffton 5.
Rev. A. T. Beeston 2.	Keith Hart 6.
Rev. E. V. Cox* 3.	John Flint 7.
Ernest Pye 4.	William Pye ... ..Tenor.

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and Conducted by Wm. Pye.

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

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.

On Monday, September 9th, 1912, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt.

Alan R. Macdonald ...Treble.	George Dent 5.
Rev. C. Carew Cox* 2.	Bertram Prewett 6.
Isaac G. Shade 3.	William Pye 7.
William J. Nevard... .. 4.	Ernest Pye ... ..Tenor.

Composed by Charles Middleton, and Conducted by Bertram Prewett.

*First peal in the method and first peal of Major on the bells. The conductor's 800th peal.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.

On Tuesday, September 10, 1912, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 46 cwt. 0 qrs. 23 lb.

Thomas T. Goffton ...Treble.	John Flint 5.
Isaac G. Shade 2.	Keith Hart 6.
Rev. E. V. Cox... .. 3.	Ernest Pye 7.
Bertram Prewett 4.	William Pye ... ..Tenor.

Conducted by Bertram Prewett.

This is the 300th tower in which W. Pye has rung a peal.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.

On Tuesday, September 10, 1912, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS. 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 42 cwt.

Rev. E. V. Cox... ..Treble.	George Dent... .. 6.
Bertram Prewett 2.	Thomas T. Goffton 7.
Rev. A. T. Beeston 3.	Keith Hart 8.
Isaac G. Shade 4.	William Pye 9.
Rev. C. Carew Cox 5.	Ernest Pye ... ..Tenor.

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and Conducted by William Pye.

WEST COKER, SOMERSET.

On Wednesday, September 11, 1912, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 11 cwt.

William J. Nevard ...Treble.	Ernest Pye 5.
Rev. A. T. Beeston 2.	John Flint 6.
Isaac G. Shade 3.	*Rev. C. Carew Cox 7.
Bertram Prewett 4.	William Pye ... ..Tenor.

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow, and Conducted by William Pye.

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

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.

On Wednesday September 11, 1912, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

Rev. E. V. Cox... ..Treble.	Thomas T. Goffton 5.
Rev. C. Carew Cox 2.	William J. Nevard 6.
Rev. A. T. Beeston 3.	John Flint 7.
George Dent 4.	Keith Hart ... ..Tenor.

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow, and Conducted by Keith Hart.

First peal of Major on the bells.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.

On Thursday, September 12, 1912, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt. 0 qrs. 7 lb.

Isaac G. Shade ...Treble.	John Flint 5.
Rev. E. V. Cox... .. 2.	Bertram Prewett 6.
Rev. A. T. Beeston 3.	Keith Hart 7.
Ernest Pye 4.	William Pye ... ..Tenor.

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff and Conducted by Wm. Pye.

First peal in the method on the bells.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.

On Friday, September 13, 1912, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

Rev. E. V. Cox ... ..Treble.	Thomas T. Goffton 5.
Ernest Pye 2.	John Flint 6.
Bertram Prewett 3.	Keith Hart 7.
George Dent 4.	William Pye... ..Tenor.

Composed by Arthur Knights, and Conducted by B. Prewett.

First peal in the method rung in Devon.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.

On Saturday, September 14, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of The Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lbs.

Keith Hart Treble.	William J. Nevard ... 5.
Bertram Prewett 2.	Thomas T. Gofton ... 6.
Isaac G. Shade 3.	John Flint 7.
Rev. A. T. Beeston ... 4.	William Pye Tenor.

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and
Conducted by Thomas T. Gofton.

First peal of Major on the bells.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 26 cwt.

Rev. C. Carew Cox ... Tenor.	Bertram Prewett ... 5.
Rev. E. V. Cox 2.	Keith Hart 6.
Rev. A. T. Beeston ... 3.	Ernest Pye 7.
George Dent 4.	William Pye Tenor.

Composed by Henry Dains, and Conducted by Wm. Pye.

First peal of Major on the bells.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD, S.E.—On Sunday, September 15th, at St. John's Church, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Fosdike, W. J. Jeffries, J. Law, G. R. Simmonds, A. G. Bennington, F. W. Richardson (conductor), W. J. Nevard, C. H. Macklin. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. J. Hurrell (Eltham, first in Triples), W. J. Jeffries (conductor), T. G. Deal, G. R. Simmonds, A. G. Bennington, F. W. Richardson, J. Law, C. H. Macklin.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PULHAM MARKET (Norfolk).—On Sunday, September 15th, for evening service, 1024 Cambridge Surprise Major. F. Borrett, F. Surridge, A. Smith, F. Roope, H. Garnham, C. Baker, W. Roope, C. Roope.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WIVELISCOMBE.—On Saturday, August 17th, eight members attempted a peal of Stedman Triples, but it came to grief owing to a trip in the slow after ringing 1500 changes in 45 mins. H. J. Creed, H. Norman, R. Scott, G. Fowler, J. Creed, A. Andrews, C. R. Lilley (conductor), J. Hartnell. First attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples by all except J. Fowler and C. R. Lilley. Also 1264 Bob Major. H. Norman, H. J. Creed, R. Scott, C. R. Lilley (conductor), J. Creed, A. Andrews, J. Fowler, W. White. Composed by Edgar Bennett. First quarter-peal of Major on the bells and by all except the conductor.

BISHOPS HULL.—On Wednesday, August 8th, 360 Duke of York. A. J. Shattock, W. H. Chaplin, H. J. Creed, H. Chaplin, J. Creed (conductor), C. R. Lilley. And 360 of Kent. G. R. Manning, W. H. Chaplin, H. J. Creed, H. Chaplin, C. R. Lilley, J. Creed (conductor). And 360 of Bob Minor with W. Fudge, sen. and W. Fudge, jun.

BROXBORNE (Herts).—On Friday, August 30th, at the church of St. Augustine, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. G. Rowe, W. Irons, J. Puppitt, G. Maxim, H. Cornwell, W. Saban, G. Radley (conductor), W. G. Darlington.

FOLKESTONE (Kent).—On Sunday, September 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. G. Millen, A. Binfield, G. Foord, A. G. Kedwell, E. Trendell, F. Jordan, W. H. Wood, W. Knight. Conducted by W. H. Wood. This quarter-peal was arranged for Mr. E. Trendell, of Boughton, near Faversham.

LUTON (Beds).—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, September 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1312 changes), in 50 mins. H. Shepherd, R. Darlow, J. Rookwood, H. Walker, B. Wilson, C. Wing, W. Payne, A. King (conductor). Arranged for Mr. R. Darlow, of Bushey, Herts., who was on a visit to Luton.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Monday evening, September 9th, 448 London Surprise. W. Tayler, A. J. Hessian, H. O. White, J. W. Chandler, C. W. Wheeler, *Ernest J. Oliver, J. B. Fenton, J. George. *Longest touch in the method.

MR. B. PREWETT'S 800 PEALS.

The following is a record of peals rung by Mr. B. Prewett.

On Tower Bells—	Rung	Conducted
Cambridge Surprise Maximus ...	1	
Kent Treble Bob Maximus ...	3	1
Stedman Cinques	43	1
New Cambridge Surprise Royal ...	3	
Cambridge Surprise Major ...	10	3
Kent Treble Bob Royal ...	11	1
Stedman Caters*	113	11
Grandsire Caters	1	
Bristol Surprise Major† ...	40	6
London Surprise Major ...	60	
New Cambridge Surprise Major ...	11	5
Cambridge Surprise Major... ..	8	4
Superlative Surprise Major ...	154	39
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	27	7
Kent Treble Bob Major	30	20
Oxford Treble Bob Major ...	5	3
Bob Major	4	2
Stedman Triples	227	73
Grandsire Triples	9	1
On Handbells—		
Stedman Cinques	8	
Stedman Caters	21	
Stedman Triples	11	4
	800	181

* Including 18,027 (record). † Including 15,264 (record).
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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

MEETING AT SOUTHGATE.

A meeting of this body of ringers was held at Southgate on Saturday and was well attended by ringers from Barking, Walthamstow and the neighbourhood of Southgate. Mr. T. Faulkner was elected Master for the occasion in the absence of Mr. Taffender who is catching rest and recreation at Yarmouth. Touches in Standard and Surprise methods were much enjoyed on the fine ring up to 8 o'clock. Tea was provided at the "Cherry Tree," where a social gathering was also held under the presidency of Mr. Faulkner. Songs from Messrs. Johnston (of Croydon), Miller of North Brixton, Armstrong of Southgate, Rumens of Walthamstow, Hazell of Tottenham enlivened the proceedings, and Mr. G. Wild kindly accompanied on the pianoforte. Mr. J. Thomas also tapped a course of Double Norwich Major on the piano.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and steeplekeeper was passed, proposed by Mr. W. T. Cockerill, seconded by Mr. E. A. Davies. The meeting closed at 10 o'clock with the singing of the National Anthem.

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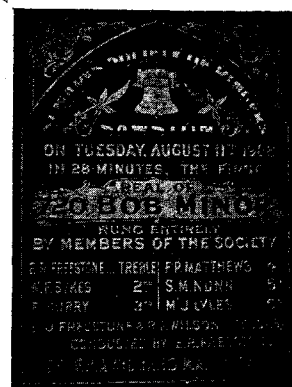
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1912.

RECORDS of so many peals have come to hand this week that we are compelled, in order to find room for as many as possible, to omit our usual leader. We have even now had to hold over several peals, and these will appear in our next issue.

The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY LAMBETH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble.	HENRY T. GOWLETT.. .. 5.
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES 2.	ROBERT GREEN 6.
FRANK A. SMITH 3.	FREDERICK J. HARDY.. .. 7.
HENRY S. ELLIS.. .. 4.	THOMAS WALKER Tenor.

Conducted by F. J. HARDY.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. H. Peck, a member of the local company, who was married to Miss Mabel Gilbey at Saffron Walden the previous Monday.

The Provinces.

GLASTONBURY, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART (No. 1). Tenor 26 cwt.

FRED ILEY Treble.	WALTER FARLEY 5.
HENRY JOHN TRIM 2.	ALBERT E. COLES 6.
REV. W. M. K. WARREN .. 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY 7.
GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN .. 4.	HERBERT G. FARLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Rung with the bells fully muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. Prebendary H. Lowry Barnwell, an hon. member of the above Association, for five years curate, and eighteen years since Vicar of the above parish, who entered into rest on Thursday, August 22nd, after a long and severe illness, and was interred in Glastonbury Cemetery on Monday, August 26th; also to the memory of Mr. M. A. Wood. The above band represents eight towers. The ringers wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the Rev. W. M. K. Warren for his hospitality after the peal.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,

5024 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER INWOOD Treble.	HURBERT EDEN 5.
THOMAS L. SIMMONS 2.	WILLIAM HODGETTS 6.
CHARLES N. LEMAN 3.	GEORGE N. PRICE 7.
FRANK F. MARTIN 4.	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

All the above are members of the Oxhey band excepting the treble man, who belongs to the local company.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5040 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM HENRY Treble.	WILLIAM WELLING 5.
GEORGE MARTIN 2.	JAMES BLACKMORE 6.
HERBERT COX 3.	GEORGE ALLDER 7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER 4.	JESSE ELDRIDGE Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by G. MARTIN.

SAXLINGHAM, NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

JOHN ALDIS, SRN. Treble.	*WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD .. 5.
JAMES F. DUFFIELD* .. 2.	WILLIAM STEELE 6.
FREDERICK J. WHITHAM .. 3.	*RANDALL GRIMBLE 7.
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD* .. 4.	JOHN ALDIS, JUN. Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by WM. STEELE.

*First peal in the method. The conductor has now called a peal from every bell in this tower.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 33. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

JOHN CARTER Treble.	GEORGE ROBERTS 5.
JAMES JONES 2.	THOMAS BLOORE 6.
JOHN JENNINGS 3.	BERTRAM LEEDEHAM 7.
GEORGE PARSON 4.	JAMES REYNOLD Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Alice M. Roberts, the band wishing her many happy returns.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble.	A. F. MARTIN STEWART .. 5.
EDWIN J. GREEN 2.	BENJAMIN GOUGH 6.
FREDERICK TOWNSEND .. 3.	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH 7.
CHARLES FORFIT 4.	ALFRED OSMAN Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This peal was arranged for Mr. Gough, who hails from Coseley, Staffs., and was elected a member of this Guild in the belfry before starting.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble.	CHARLES ROOPE 5.
JAMES DUFFIELD 2.	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD .. 6.
EDWARD DUFFIELD 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE 7.
CHARLES BAKER 4.	FREDERICK ROOPE Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK TURNER Treble.	JAMES L. WRIGHT 5.
T. HARRY GREATORREX 2.	JOHN WAEDMAN 6.
WILLIAM FOX 3.	BENJAMIN GREATORREX 7.
ALFRED C. WRIGHT 4.	FREDERICK JOHNSON Tenor.

Conducted by BENJAMIN GREATORREX.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Brian Hilditch and Miss Constance Wharton; and also of Mr. George H. Bowmer and Miss Mary Charlotte Stafford. Messrs. Hilditch and Bowmer are members of the Wirksworth company. *First peal.

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*Being 720 each of Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble.	JAMES PAGET 4.
WILLIAM W. WOETHINGTON 2.	JAMES PRATT 5.
JOSEPH T. DYKE 3.	DAVID COTTON Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID COTTON.

First peal on the bells

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.

THOMAS L. SIMMONS Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE 5.
WILLIAM HODGETTS 2.	HUBERT EDEN 6.
FRANK T. MARTIN 3.	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 7.
CHARLES N. LEMAN 4.	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW.

This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Arthur W. Dix, a member of the local company, and Mr. Stanley Bish, a member of the choir, both weddings taking place on the same day.

BILSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD,

On Thursday, September 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ISAAC PURSER Treble.	*ALBERT LITTLE 5.
HERBERT KNIGHT 2.	ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT 6.
GEORGE HUGHES 3.	*ALFRED FALLON 7.
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 4.	WILLIAM FISHER Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

*First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Little.

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ALDFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720s of Plain Bob, and three 720s of Oxford Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qrs. 20 lb.

JOHN THOMAS* Treble.	RICHARD WATKIN 4.
JOHN DUNNING 2.	JAMES MORGAN 5.
HENRY W. WILDE 3.	ALBERT E. RICHARDS Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT E. RICHARDS.

*First peal. R. Watkin was elected a member previous to starting.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 13, 1912, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK UNSWORTH Treble.	WILLIAM BIRBY 5.
MISS N. GILLINGHAM 2.	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 6.
FREDERICK J. HANGOCK 3.	CHARLES E. BOYERS 7.
ARTHUR UNSWORTH 4.	THOMAS H. LIGHTFOOT Tenor.

Composed by T. THURSTANS, and Conducted by REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

OXTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Saviour,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

CHARLES W. OWENS* Treble.	EDWARD CAUNCE 5.
ROBERT BRICKALL* 2.	JOHN W. EVANS 6.
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3.	*SYDNEY F. BARNES 7.
WILLIAM HUGHES* 4.	JOHN TURNER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

*First peal of Major. This is the first attempt for a peal of Major on these bells, which have been in the tower since May 1895.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs.

HENRY NORMAN* Treble.	ISAAC CREED 5.
WILLIAM HOYLE 2.	*ARCHIBALD J. ANDREWS 6.
ROBERT SCOTT* 3.	HENRY MOORE 7.
CHARLES R. LILLEY 4.	*WILLIAM WHITE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by CHAS. R. LILLEY.

*First peal of Major, and rang at the first attempt. This is the first peal of Major rang upon the bells. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, through the medium of this paper.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN T. ALLRED* Treble.	ROBERT WALLWORK
THOMAS WORSLEY* 2.	TITUS BARLOW
ALFRED POTTER 3.	JOHN POTTER 7.
JOHN WELSBY 4.	*ROBERT ALLRED Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

*First peal in the method.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

LEONARD P. BAILEY Treble.	JAMES M. BAILEY 5.
FREDERICK W. BAILEY* .. 2.	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6.
GEORGE WILSON 3.	CHARLES SAMSON 7.
CHARLES F. BAILEY 4.	EDGAR H. BAILEY Tenor.

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

*First peal in a Surprise method.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves's Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR EDWARDS Treble.	*JOHN WOOD 5.
HENRY W. KIRTON 2.	HAROLD W. CLARK 6.
HARRY BUSH 3.	GEORGE GREEN 7.
HENRY F. COOPER 4.	FREDERICK NEWMAN Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell. Mr. H. W. Clark, for whom the peal was arranged, hails from Cubitt Town, E., and was elected a life member of the Association previous to starting.

LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYBI,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES GEERDY Treble.	FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES .. 5.
A. VICTOR MORGAN 2.	JOHN BUTLER 6.
JOHN BULLEN 3.	GEORGE LÆGE 7.
JOHN W. JONES 4.	SAMUEL BAISSE Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE LÆGE.

Rung to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the opening of the middle six bells.

STOKE, COVENTRY.—THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt.

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

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by A. ROBERTS

First peal in the method by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 4th, 5th and 7th. First in the method as conductor. First peal of Surprise in the City of Coventry. Rung at the second attempt, the first attempt on the previous Saturday failing in the last course through the treble rope breaking.

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DEVIZES, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt. in D flat.

CHAS. D. HIGINBOTHAM .. Treble.	ARTHUR K. HARRISON .. 5.
CHARLES RAISON 2.	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 6.
GILBERT H. HARDING 3.	THOMAS F. KING 7.
SYDNEY HILLIER 4.	RICHARD PHILLIPS Tenor.

Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

This was the first peal of Grandsire rung on the bells, since re-hanging by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. It was also the quickest peal on them. Great credit is due to the ringer of the tenor (who is blind), for the way in which he rang his bell throughout the peal.

GRENDON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire, Double and Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

FRANK SHEPHERD Treble.	E. HARRY STONELEY .. 4.
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON 2.	JOHN HOUGH 5.
WILLIAM J. SMITH 3.	DAVID COTTON Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HOUGH.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

FULBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 14, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of St. Clements, Single Court, and Plain Bob, and one of Oxford Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM WOODS Treble.	JOSEPH LORD 4.
REV. C. J. STURTON 2.	ARTHUR DRURY 5.
WILLIAM WATSON 3.	ARTHUR MACKEARS Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

FREDERICK C. PEBBIN .. Treble.	REUBEN SANDERS 5.
GEORGE L. JOYCE* 2.	BERT HORTON 6.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 3.	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD .. 7.
CHARLES T. COLES 4.	HENRY G. ROWE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt. sn F sharp.

ROWLAND O. POLLARD* .. Treble.	ALFRED J. HESSIAN 5.
ERNEST J. OLIVER 2.	*THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 6.
JAMES GEORGE 3.	*DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE .. 7.
JOSEPH A. FENTON 4.	JOSEPH B. FENTON Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOSEPH B. FENTON.

*First peal in the method.

Handbell Peal.**OXHEY, HERTS.****THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, September 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

At 46, KING EDWARD ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5198 CHANGES.

GEORGE N. PRICE .. 1-2.	HENRY HODGETTS .. 5-6.
WILLIAM HODGETTS .. 3-4.	FRANK K. MARTIN .. 7-8.

CHARLES N. LEMAN .. 9-10.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire—Thomas L. Simmons.

DEVONPORT.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.*On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

At H.M. CHAPEL, DOCKYARD, DEVONPORT.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5440 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

E. MADRICE ATKINS Treble.	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON .. 5.
WILLIAM RUNDLE 2.	WALTER H. MARSH 6.
WILLIAM G. HISCOTT .. 3.	WILLIAM FORD 7.
BERNIST W. MARSH 4.	*WILLIAM D. JAMES Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and
Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

*First peal in the method on tower bells.

PLYMOUTH.—THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.*On Monday, September 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

At CHARLES' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

REV. W. W. C. BARKER* .. Treble.	*EDWIN H. LEWIS 5.
REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 2.	WILLIAM D. JAMES 6.
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON .. 3.	REV. E. BANKES JAMES .. 7.
E. MAURICE ATKINS 4.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

*First peal of Cambridge. This is the first peal of Cambridge Surprise in the county and by the Guild, and the first peal of Major on the bells.

TEIGNMOUTH.—THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.*On Wednesday, September 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,*

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SUPRELATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr.

REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON Treble.	E. MAURICE ATKINS 5.
REV. H. LAW JAMES 2.	*WILLIAM D. JAMES 6.
REV. E. BANKES JAMES .. 3.	*REV. H. J. ELSEY 7.
EDWIN H. LEWIS 4.	*REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

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

EXETER.—THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.*On Friday, September 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,***A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 24 cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES* .. Treble.	*REV. H. J. ELSEY 6.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY .. 2.	*REV. E. B. JAMES 7.
EDWIN H. LEWIS 3.	*REV. W. W. C. BARKER .. 8.
E. MAURICE ATKINS 4.	WILLIAM D. JAMES 9.
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON .. 5.	*REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. Treble.

Composed by W. ROYLE, and
Conducted by REV. E. B. JAMES.

*First peal of Little Bob Royal. This is the first peal of Little Bob Royal on tower bells, and the first peal of Royal in Exeter.

PLYMOUTH.—THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.*On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

At "Ingledene," Seymour Road,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 1-2.	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 5-6.
REV. E. BANKES JAMES 3-4.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 7-8.
WILLIAM D. JAMES 9-10.	

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

Umpire—James D. James. This is the first peal on handbells in Devon.

DARTMOOR.—THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.*On Wednesday, September 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,*

At Cherrybrook Farm, Dartmoor,

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

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 1-2.	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 5-6.
REV. E. BANKES JAMES 3-4.	WILLIAM D. JAMES .. 7-8.

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

Umpires—Rev. H. Law James and James D. James. This is the conductor's 100th peal.

DARTMOOR.—THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.*On Thursday, September 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,*

At Cherrybrook Farm, Dartmoor,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 1-2.	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 5-6.
REV. E. BANKES JAMES 3-4.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 7-8.
WILLIAM D. JAMES 9-10.	

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

Umpire—James D. James.

PLYMOUTH.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.*On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Two Hours and One Minute,*

At the Trafalgar Hotel,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

REV. E. BANKES JAMES 1-2.	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 5-6.
MISS EDITH K. PARKER* 3-4.	WILLIAM D. JAMES .. 7-8.

Composed by N. J. PITTSLOW, and
Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

Umpire—James Parker. *First peal in the method. This is the first peal of Bob Major on handbells in the county and by the Guild. Miss Parker is the first lady to ring an inside pair to Major, and the first to ring a peal with the Devonshire Guild.

PEAL CARDS.

You want to keep a record of the peals in which you ring. You can get them nicely printed on tinted bordered cards from this Office at 1s. 1d. per doz., post free. Send for specimens of new selection, which surpasses any others yet sent out. A Ringer writes:—"I and the rest of the band are very pleased with such nice cards as you supply."

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Notices.

The charge for the insertion of Notices under this heading is Sixpence for 35 words, for the first insertion; repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 26th, at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association, late the St James's Society. Established 1824.—Southern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse, will be held on Saturday, September 21st, at St. Alfège, Greenwich. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at 8 p.m. All members and friends invited.

86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill.

F. A. SMITH Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight on Saturday, September 21st. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

WALTER HUGHES, Sec.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, September 21st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

A. KING, Hon. Sec.

6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, September 21st. Tea will be provided in the Saloon, Town Hall, at 5.30 p.m. Service in church at 7.0 p.m., conducted by the Vicar. Please notify Mr. S. J. Kynnersley, 27, Park Street, Uttoxeter, of how many intend to be present. Cheap fares on the N.S.R. (1s. 10d.) from Stoke at 4.17.

J. JOHNSON, Hon. Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Chiddingfold on Saturday, September 21st. 3.30.—Bells available (8). 5.30.—Service. 6.15.—Tea at The Swan hotel. Tea tickets 6d. each; Visitors 1s.

North Street, Guildford.

JOHN J. JONES, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. George's, Gravesend, on Saturday, September 28th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service in church at 5 p.m., followed by tea (for which 3d. per member will be charged), and meeting in the Church House. All those intending to partake of tea should notify me not later than Wednesday, September 25th. Milton-next-Gravesend and Swanscombe towers will be open after the meeting till 9 p.m.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN, Hon. Dis. Sec.

77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, September 28th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m.

J. WATSON, Branch Sec.

26, London Road, Blackburn.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Didsbury St. James, on Saturday, September 28th. Bells available at 5 p.m. Meeting at 5 p.m. A cordial invitation is given to all ringers.

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Br. Sec.

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Stanford-le-Hope on Saturday, September 28th. Brake leaves Brentwood Station at 2.45. Short service at 5. Tea at The Railway hotel at 5.30. Orsett will also be visited. Members requiring a seat in the brake and tea, kindly advise me not later than first post Tuesday, 24th inst.

HENRY T. COOPER, Dis. Sec.

County Offices, Chelmsford.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, September 28th. Bells ready at 2.30. Committee meeting at 4.15. Tea (1s. each) at 5 o'clock both in the National Schools. Will those members and friends who intend to be present kindly notify Mr. John Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, by Thursday, September 26th.

W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, September 28th. The bells will be available at 3 o'clock. A short special service in Church at 6 o'clock. An allowance of 1d. per mile, maximum 2s., will be paid to all members attending before the

service. Any members wishing for tea at 6d. each, please communicate with Mr. G. Johnson, Veness House, Appledore, who will be pleased to make arrangements for same not later than Wednesday, 25th inst. British School Villas, Tenterden. C. TRIST, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Midsomer Norton on Saturday, September 28th. Service in the parish church at 3.15 p.m. Tea at The Greyhound hotel at 4 p.m.

E. E. BURGESS, Hon. Sec.

62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

The Warwickshire Guild.—A monthly meeting will be held at Allesley on Saturday, September 28th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided free to all those who will let me know by Monday, September 23rd.

Rev. C. C. COX, Hon. Sec.

Shottery.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Hernhill on Saturday, October 5th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at the school at 5.30 p.m. Will all those who intend being present let me know by Wednesday, October 2nd.

Boughton, Faversham.

E. TRENDALL, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—Quarterly meeting at Wombourne on Saturday, October 5th. Bells available at 3. Service in Church at 5.30. Tea in the schools at 6, for those only who send word by October 1st to

H. KNIGHT, Hon. Sec.

15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—The annual meeting for this district will be held at Dunmow on Saturday, October 5th. Bells ready at 3. Tea at 5.30 at The Angel and Harp. Will those intending being present kindly send notice to

Sandpit Road, Braintree.

A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM, Dis. Sec.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—In order to facilitate the publishing of future reports, conductors of peals are requested to send particulars of peals called by them within seven days of such performance to

T. HERVEY BEAMS, Asst. Hon. Sec.

Bradpole, Bridport.

N.B.—Will conductors of peals since January 1st, 1912, also oblige.

Notice.—Shoreditch Bells Fund.—Funds are urgently needed to put this grand old peal in proper repair. £50 wanted before the work can be commenced. Who will help a poor parish? Contributions thankfully received and gratefully acknowledged. Collecting cards also supplied by H. J. Bradley, The Parish Church, Shoreditch, E.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Mr. C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec. Middlesex County Association (North and East District), has removed to 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of this branch was held at St. Alban's, Rochdale, on September 14th, and was attended by twenty members representing the towers at Rochdale Parish and St. Albans, Bolderstone, Todmorden Parish, Todmorden Unitarian, Middleton, Glodwick, Moorside, and Oldham. Mr. W. Crabtree presided. Crosstones, Todmorden was selected for place of next meeting. The bells of St. Albans were kept going before and after the meeting to Grandsire Triples, and Kent Treble Bob Major.

WHICH CANTERBURY?

A correspondent writes:—

In answer to "J. C's" letter of last week, the method he sends a lead of is not legitimate owing to the fact that at a bob or single two bells strike twice consecutively in one place. In the year 1882 a host of such methods were compiled, and this particular one was given the name of "Canterbury Pleasure." Many of these methods have had several names to them, and have been re-published over and over again.

NEWS FROM THE ANTIPODES.

Some thirty years Mr. Harry Henden, a native of Hull, who in his younger days was well known as a regular and capable campanologist, left home for Australia. No news had been received from him up till quite recently. Those who remember him will be glad to learn that he has prospered at the Antipodes, and it is probable that he will ere long pay a visit to the scenes of his youth, where he is assured of a hearty welcome.

MEMORIAL PEAL.

To render their last tribute of respect to the memory of the late Rev. Preb. H. Lowry Barnwell, an hon. member of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, a band of Grandsire Triples. The rev. gentleman was for five years members assembled at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Glastonbury, on August 31st, and rang a peal of

curate of the parish, and was then appointed its Vicar, holding the latter position for upwards of eighteen years. A long illness terminated with his death on August 22nd, and his remains were interred in Glastonbury Cemetery on August 26th.

MR. GEORGE HENRY BEEVER.

Death has, we are sorry to hear, claimed yet another member of the Lancashire Association in the person of Mr. George Henry Beever, of St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham. For many years he had been a good worker in connection with the church and tower, and during that time has rung many peals. The funeral is fixed for to-day (Saturday), at Greenacres Cemetery. It is requested that all ringers who wish to attend the funeral will assemble at Glodwick Road Station at 2 o'clock prompt.

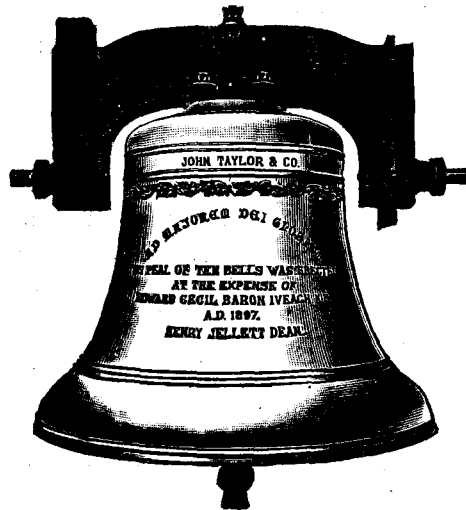
WANTED a second-hand peal of eight handbells, size 13 or thereabouts.—J. E. Burton, 11, Bank Plain Norwich.

JOHN TAYLOR & CO., Bell Founders & Bell Hangers, LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.

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the Heaviest Peal of 12 Ringing Bells in the World

"This is unquestionably the grandest ringing peal in England, and therefore in the world." The late Lord Grimthorpe, K.C.—*Times*, Nov. 20, 1878.

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Also "Great John" and the ring of Ten at Beverley Minster; and the ring of Ten at the Imperial Institute.

Also the bells of Dundalk R.C. Cathedral, and "Great Bede" of Downside Abbey,

Also for the town halls of Manchester, Preston, Bradford, Halifax, Rochdale, Wakefield, Middlesbrough, Kendal, and Londonderry; and the Sydney and Adelaide Post Offices in Australia.

Also the chime of bells at Ames College, Iowa, U.S.A.
And the recast "Grandison," of Exeter Cathedral.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By HY. DAINS.

6048.

23456	B	M	W	H
64523	5-4			
64235	x			
26435				
42635				
53624	-	-	-	
65324				
42356	-	-	-	
35426				
35264	x			
23564				

Twice repeated.

This composition contains the 30 course-ends, without the 2nd there in 6 hrs.

NOTE.—By calling any one of the three parts of this composition as follows, changes are reduced to 5056 in number—

23456	B	M	W	R
64523	S-H			
42635	x			
42356	x			
35426				
35264	x			
23564				

Some handsome altar-rails of wrought iron, formerly in the eastern Lady Chapel of Bristol Cathedral, have been presented by the Dean and Chapter to St. Nicholas' Church, Bristol. The Dean and Chapter have also presented to St. Nicholas' Mission Church at Redfield, a beautifully carved oak altar with olive wood top, and three altar-frontals.

CHURCH ITEMS.

In connection with the provision of a new organ at Christ Church, Turnham Green, a farthing fund has been started.

Rector of Shanklin, Isle of Wight, for 42 years, the Rev. Barry Cole has been presented on his retirement with a cheque for £208 11s. 6d. from the parishioners and friends.

At Douglas, Isle of Man, the new church of St. Ninian, built from designs by Mr. W. D. Caroe, F.S.A., at a cost of £14,000, is about to be opened. It has been erected out of the Noble bequest.

Southwark Diocesan Association is appealing for funds so that extensive repairs may be carried out at St. John's, Woolwich. Dry rot has attacked the building, necessitating the renewal of the flooring.

St. Dunstan's Mission Church, Bedminster Down, which serves a district of 5,000 souls, has been enlarged at a cost of £1,000, and was reopened on Saturday afternoon, by Dr. Tetley, Archdeacon of Bristol.

In Thornham Church, Suffolk, a memorial of massive brass has been erected to the late Major-General the Hon. A. H. Henniker-Major, who served with the Coldstream Guards in the Egyptian campaign of 1882, and the South African war, 1899-1902.

At the request and at the cost of Sir Edgar Vincent and Lady Helen Vincent, who reside at Esher, Surrey, the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Monuments have undertaken to preserve Wolsey's Tower at Esher, to which the Cardinal retired after his disgrace, and which is in a state of decay. The tower, which overlooks the River Mole, was built by Bishop William Patten, of Waynflete, in the fifteenth century.

The work of re-roofing Sutton St. Nicholas Church, near Hereford, has just been completed, the contract having been carried out by Messrs. Wilkes and Son, of Hereford, to the plans and specifications of Mr. George Andrews, of Rose Bank, Sutton. It has also been decided to instal a hot-water heating apparatus at a cost of over £100, and the tender of Mr. J. Hiles, of Hereford, for carrying out the work has been accepted.

At the restoration in 1876 of Georgeham Church, North Devon, a very fine screen of carved oak was, for some unexplained reason, removed by the late Earl Fortescue, and it has since remained in the custody of his family, and been kept in a good state of preservation. The present Earl Fortescue has now replaced it in the church, and it is hoped that the Bishop of Exeter will very shortly find an opportunity of rededicating it there.

The foundation-stone of the permanent church of St. Barnabas, North Finchley, will be laid on Saturday, October 12. The Princess Marie Louise of Schleswig-Holstein has written to say that she hopes to perform the ceremony. The Rev. H. G. Phillipson is the missionary-in-charge of the district, which is growing rapidly, making increased church accommodation necessary. The late vicar of Christ Church, Finchley, the Rev. J. T. Lang, raised a considerable sum towards the cost, and grants of £1,500 and £1,000 have been made by the Bishop of London's Fund and the Ecclesiastical Commissioners respectively.

The Bishop of Exeter last week rededicated the ancient church of Denbury, after restoration at a cost of £500, the work being supervised by the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. The cost of restoring the chancel was borne by two descendants of a former rector. The Curtis family of the Manor House, made themselves responsible for the work on the south transept, and practically every family in the parish made some contribution, while numerous friends from outside made generous gifts which enabled the repairs to be paid for as soon as completed, to the great satisfaction of the vicar, who spared no effort in the cause, and of his people. Aeldred, the Archbishop of York who crowned William the Conqueror, was in the early part of his career priest of Denbury, and to his memory a tablet has been placed in the north side of the pulpit.

At Hereford Cathedral, the central four-light Decorated window in the south aisle of the nave has been filled with stained glass as a memorial of the late Hon. Mrs. Leigh, the wife of the Dean. At the apex is the figure of St. Frances of Rome with four little children, and nursing on her lap a little fair child, whose presentiment is copied from a portrait of one of the Dean's grandchildren. Below these, the line of middle panels portray four figures representative of Ruth and the child Obed in the first light, Hannah and the child Samuel in the second light, St. Elizabeth and the child St. John the Baptist in the third light, and Eunice with the little boy Timothy in the fourth light. Four figures below these, on the pedale, represent the Virgin Martyrs—St. Agnes with the lamb, open book, and angel child; St. Dorothy with the flowers from Paradise in her right hand and an apple in her left; St. Margaret with a cross pennon, slaying the dragon; and St. Catherine with a book in her right hand, and palm leaves in her left. The artists are Messrs. Powell and Sons, of Whitefriars, E.C.

THE FIRST STRIKE.

AT A CHURCH.

It may be interesting in these days of labour unrest to learn that the first strike recorded in history took place whilst the building of Shoreditch Church was in progress. It appears that the stonemason who was in charge attempted to reduce the men's wages and against this they rebelled. Irish labourers were imported at reduced rates of wage, and their presence led to riot and bloodshed, that necessitated the assistance of the militia stationed at the Tower. Horace Walpole drew the attention of Parliament to the condition of affairs. (*Vide* letter by Sir Robert Walpole to his brother Horace, July 29th, 1736.)

A glowing account of the fights and riots is preserved in the British Museum and is headed "Spitalfields and Shoreditch in an uproar. The Devil to pay with the English and Irish," and proceeds "Being a full and particular account of the sharp and bloody battles that was fought between the English and Irish in Spitalfields and Shoreditch on Monday and Tuesday nights last." It then goes on to tell of the strike of the workmen during the building of the church, and how one Mrs. Gouldings offered the Irish ten guineas for a pint of Englishman's blood, and later in the day a sharp fight ensued between the two and knives were freely used. The next day one Francis Martin was stabbed and killed, and at this the English raided Gouldings' place and literally smashed it up. It was now necessary to call out the militia, and these, with the aid of some of the Guards, quelled the riots,

H. J. B.

HANDBELL MUSIC.

The following pieces are arranged as per list 4 in W. G.'s Catalogue, viz., four octaves in the chromatic scale G, 25 to G 04, 8 ringers.

No. 2. Selection "Don Giovanni" .. 3s. 0d.
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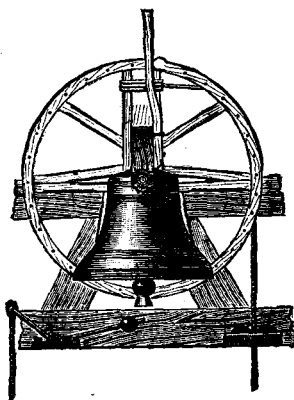
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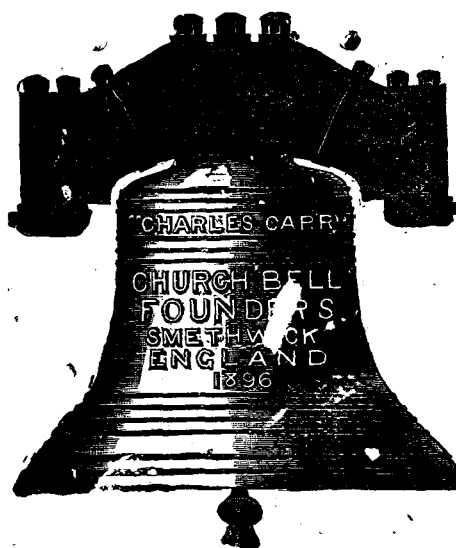
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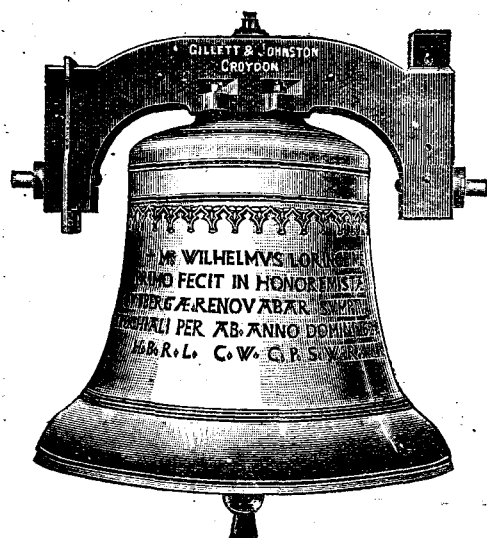
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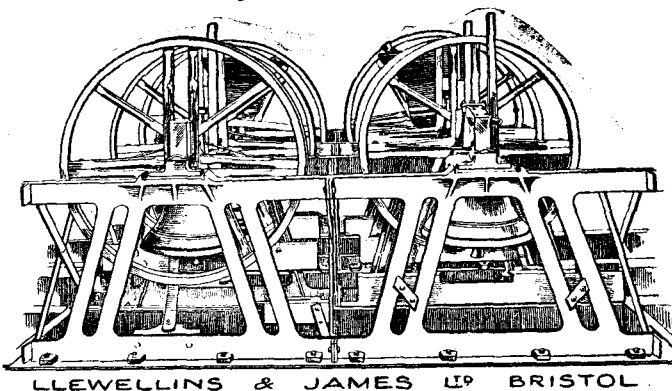
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THE DUBLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, September 14th, another successful quarterly meeting was held at St. Martin's, Tipton. The Guild service was said in church at 4.30, conducted by the Rev. — Edwards (curate), and the lesson and address given by the Vicar, the Rev. W. T. De Vine, M.A., R.D., who at the outset of his address heartily welcomed the Guild to his church. After service an adjournment was made to the schoolroom where a substantial tea was provided, when between thirty and forty members sat down. The business meeting followed, at which the Vicar presided, supported by Mr. W. R. Small, Hon. Treasurer, and H. Mason, Esq. The Secretary read apologies from the Master, Mr. S. Spittle, the Rev. E. V. Cox, and the Coseley members, who were having their outing that day. After the minutes of the last meeting were read and passed several new members were added to the roll, and Mr. C. Thompson, of Dudley, was elected as an honorary member. It was agreed that peals should be arranged during the forthcoming quarter, also that peals which were previously arranged that were either attempted or not rung should be attempted. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar on the proposition of Mr. H. Mason, and seconded by Mr. W. R. Small, for kindly providing the tea; to the ladies for preparing and serving the tea; to the Vicar for his address in church and presiding at the meeting and for the use of the schoolroom, tower and bells; and to his colleague for conducting the service. Thanks are also passed to Mr. J. Smith, the genial tower-keeper, for having everything in readiness and making the necessary arrangements for the comfort of the members.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

TOUR BY WESTERN BRANCH.

On Sunday, September 15th, a few members of the above met for a ringing tour. Cycling to Hanley, where they arrived at 2 o'clock, a halt was called at the Parish Church, and the bells were soon going to a 720 of Oxford Bob, which was brought to a successful finish. This was all that could be attempted here, as Children's Service was fixed for three o'clock.

A move was next made to Welland, where a longer stay enabled the band to ring several touches of College Single and Canterbury.

Getting a-wheel again the cycles were headed for Castlemorton, and at the Parish Church the bells were rung for service, touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, etc., being brought round. Tea was the next order, and this was partaken of at the "Joyfields" Inn, the good things provided being much appreciated, and proving very refreshing, after the dusty ride.

After tea the band got on the road again, and at St. Gabriel's, Hanley Castle, a short touch of Bob Minor was rung, ere Mr. Sheppard, a member from Wolverhampton, had to leave in order to catch a train for home, at Wor-

cester, nine miles distant. His place was taken by a member of the local band taking the tenor while 120s of Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob were accomplished.

The bells at each church visited were raised and lowered in peal, and where possible members of the local band stood in, several taking advantage of the opportunity to ring Grandsire Doubles, and greatly appreciated the privilege.

The members who took part in the tour were W. Page (Master), J. R. Newman (Gen. Sec.), J. H. Sheppard, W. Edgington, E. E. Barber, and R. G. Knowles (Branch Sec.) Mr. C. Young, of Castlemorton, joined the party at Welland. As a result of this tour an accession of members to the Association is expected. No difficulty was experienced at either place visited in getting permission to use the bells, and a very pleasant and enjoyable outing was spent. The distance travelled was twenty-four miles.

SWINDON RINGERS' OUTING.

A DAY WITH BELLS.

The Swindon Parish Church bell-ringers had their outing on Saturday, and spend a most enjoyable time. The party, accompanied by Mr. William Newell (Reading), and Mr. James H. Shepherd (Wolverhampton), left Swindon by G.W.R. at 7.22 a.m. for Bath, where a motor char-a-banc was awaiting their arrival. A trip to Marshfield was the first item on the programme, and the ride thither was most pleasant. The church was visited, and the bells were rung for a short time. Leaving Marshfield at 10 o'clock, the company reached Wotton-under-Edge a few minutes before 11, and after the morning service ringing was indulged in for half an hour. Dursley, a distance of about five miles, was the next stopping place, and here some of the local ringers were met, and the bells were soon set going. A short time was spent at Berkeley, and the tower, which is situated some distance from the church, was the object of much interest. The bells here were also rung. The next order was "All aboard" for Thornbury, where an excellent dinner was partaken of at The Swan hotel. An adjournment was afterwards made to the Parish Church tower, and the bells were rung for about half an hour. Leaving Thornbury at 4 o'clock, a stop was made at Olveston, where some more ringing was done. The last call was at Almondbury, and the church tower was found to contain a magnificent ring of bells. Two courses of Plain Bob Major were rung here. The company then proceeded to Bristol, where an hour was spent before taking train to Swindon.

CORRECTION.—In the peal rung at Great Baddow on Saturday, September 14th, 1912, it should have read that Mr. H. W. Clark was elected a non-resident life member previous to starting for the peal, and not a life member, as stated.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

RE-CASTING THE BELLS.

(From the *Burton Evening Gazette*.)

The operation of re-casting the bells of St. Paul's Church took place on Thursday as the works of Messrs. John Taylor, of Loughborough, and was witnessed by a party including the Vicar (the Rev. J. J. G. Stockley), the churchwardens (Messrs. E. H. Eeles and C. J. Phillips), Dr. Plant, and several ringers and other members of the congregation. The process proved a most interesting one, and the well-known bell-founding firm did their utmost to entertain the visitors. The latter were first taken to the turning shop, where they found the new tenor bell already complete. This weighs 25 cwt., and had to be cast prior to the rest, in order that the requisite note, D flat, might be ascertained for them. It was duly struck, and the excellence of the note was commented upon by the Burton party, including Dr. Plant.

A move was then made to the foundry, where the remaining seven bells were to be cast. It may be mentioned that the firm found the old bells were composed of excellent metal, in spite of their unmusical tone, and with the addition of tin and other fresh metal, they anticipate producing a most melodious peal. The party having first viewed the molten metal bubbling in the furnace—for which tinted glasses were requisite—the casting was commenced. Several of the visitors cast silver and other coins into the furnace, and they were of course swiftly liquefied. When $4\frac{1}{2}$ tons of metal had been poured into a huge cauldron, the seven moulds were filled from it, the flowing of the metal being watched with much interest. It was noticed to be of a deep orange colour, and extreme care was exercised by the workmen in carrying out the operation.

The casting complete, an inspection of the remaining portion of the works was made, peals being shown in readiness for Portsmouth, and one cast for the Dowager Duchess of Sutherland's private clock tower. Mr. W. W. Worthington, who had also joined the party, and several of the ringers, then rang on the foundry's own peal, and Messrs. Taylor kindly entertained the visitors to tea. It is expected that St. Paul's bells will be returned to Burton in about a month's time.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

A meeting of this District was held on Saturday, September 21st, at Chiddingfold, at which some forty members attended from Aldershot, Cranleigh, Dinnfold, Ewhurst, Farnham, Godalming, Haslemere, Shalford, etc. A short service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. G. R. German, who gave a very practical address. Tea was partaken of, the Rev. G. Harding, of Shalford, presiding, who in the course of a brief speech, said he was making progress in the Art, and hoped in time to become a proficient ringer. Six members were elected. Arrangements were initiated with a view to holding combined practices on October 19th at Shalford, and on October 26th at Seale.

The question of the Annual Meeting gave rise to a discussion as to whether or not ringing should form part of the after tea proceedings. In the end it was decided by an overwhelming majority to follow the present practice

of having a social gathering. November 20th was fixed as the date for holding the Annual Meeting, and the Hon. Secretary promised to try to get the use of both peals in Guildford during the afternoon of that day.

The usual votes of thanks terminated a pleasant gathering.

BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT.

A very successful Quarterly Meeting of the Basingstoke District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild was held at Rotherfield, on Saturday, September 21st. The weather was beautifully fine, and some 41 members assembled from Basingstoke, Bramley, Dummer, Heckfield, Oakley, Overton, Sherfield and Whitchurch: while the home team, Rotherwick, turned up nine strong. The party included such well-known ringers as Miss Alice White, Secretary of the rising Ladies' Guild; Miss Eva Belcher, of Cubitt Town fame, Mr. H. White, of Basingstoke; and a welcome visitor from North Stoneham, Mr. W. G. Edwards. The bells (6) were soon set going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob; and the many touches included a well-struck 360 of Minor. A short bright service was held in the Church at 5, followed by a substantial tea at 5.30. The Rector presided at the business meeting in Infant Schoolroom. An interesting discussion arose on the application of some bands for second or further courses of special instruction, and although many felt that one good course at the expense of the Guild ought to be enough to start a band of change-ringers on their own, yet instruction was good value for money. The Secretary was empowered to meet such applications with half the cost of the teaching, as the funds allowed. The chairman, the Rev. Gilbert Stapleton, with the hearty support of the meeting, offered very warm congratulations to Miss Belcher on her part in the success of the Ladies' Peal. A vote of thanks to the Rector for the service, the bells, the tea, and his conduct of the meeting, brought the proceedings to a close. The tower was revisited, and ringing kept up with much spirit and success. The Annual District Meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, November 23rd.

WEST HAM SOCIETY OUTING.

A VISIT TO CAMBRIDGE.

The members of the West Ham Society paid a visit to Cambridge for their outing of 1912. Mr. G. Black (Leytonstone) and Mr. E. Andrews (Barking) accompanied the party. Arrived at Cambridge the visitors boarded a car and were conveyed to St. Andrew's Church in full expectation of being able to ring there, but in this they were disappointed. They were, however, met there by an old friend, Mr. George Taylor, who had made arrangements for the use of the bells of Great St. Mary's. A start was made with a touch of Grandsire Caters, but this was lost. A second attempt was made and a 395 brought round. Two courses of Stedman Caters were also rung. Tracks were then made for the Temperance Hotel where a meat tea was laid, to which the band sat down, and, with appetites whetted by the exercise they had undergone, thoroughly enjoyed.

This function ended, a short walk took them to the Roman Catholic Cathedral, where a grand peal of eight, with a tenor of 32 cwt. is hung. Time was limited so only short touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Treble Bob were tried.

Then a motor-bus brought them to Chesterton where is

installed a fine peal of six. Two touches of Treble Bob, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise, and two courses of London brought the ringing to a close. Thanks are tendered to the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Rev. F. W. Shelton, and the Cathedral Authorities for the use of the bells; and to Mr. George Taylor for so kindly acting as guide and counsellor.

FRANT, SUSSEX.

The Rev. F. W. Champneys, M.A., was recently inducted to the living of Frant by the Bishop of Lewes. On the day of his induction the newly appointed incumbent invited the ringers from his former parish (Rotherfield) to participate in the service. This invitation was willingly accepted, and the visitors attended and rang several touches of Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles, besides joining the local ringers in call changes and rounds. After the service, both bands were entertained at supper by the Rector, and spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Hearty thanks were accorded the Rector for his hospitality.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LUTON DISTRICT.

A very successful meeting was held on Saturday, September 21st, at Toddington, twenty members being present from Luton, Dunstable, Leighton Buzzard, Woburn, Husborne Crawley, and Aspley Guise. The bells were kept busy from 3.30 to 8.0 p.m. in the following methods: Bob and Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, and

Double Norwich Court Bob Major. After partaking of tea at "The Sow and Pigs hotel" a short business meeting was held, the President (the Rev. W. W. C. Baker), of Dunstable, occupying the chair. Mr. George Healey was appointed representative of the Dunstable tower in place of Mr. A. J. Simms, who is leaving for St. Albans.

Mrs. Rust, wife of the Rev. A. Rust, Vicar of Husborne Crawley, and General Secretary of the Association, was elected a member. The next meeting will take place at Houghton Regis on October 19. Votes of thanks terminated the meeting.

NEWS FROM NEW ZEALAND.

Our readers will be interested to know that the Exercise progresses at the Antipodes. The following record is a proof that members who leave the old country still keep up acquaintance with the bells and their manipulation.

AUCKLAND (New Zealand).—On August 4th, for morning service at St. Matthew's Church, 672 Grandsire Triples. J. F. Colegrove, N. Smallwood, J. Heather, C. Throssell, T. C. Hamblin, E. J. Hamblin, A. J. White (conductor), T. W. Barringer. On Sunday, August 11th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. F. Colegrove, N. Smallwood, J. Heather, C. Throssell, S. C. Hamblin, E. J. Hamblin, A. J. White (conductor), T. W. Barringer. Tenor 19 cwt,

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

Port Sunlight was visited on Saturday last by members of the above branch of the Lancashire Association, representing Liverpool, Tue Brook, Walton, Grassendale and Garston with members of the local company. Tea was provided by the Vicar, and this kindly action was duly acknowledged by a vote of thanks. After tea the usual business meeting was held under the presidency of Mr. Woodhall. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, four new members were elected. Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the steeplekeeper for making the necessary preparations. Tue Brook was chosen for the next meeting. Ringing was indulged in before and after the meeting, the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Oxford and Treble Bob Major.

FUNERAL OF A RINGER.

MR. G. H. BEEVER.

The remains of Mr. G. H. Beever, for many years a ringer at St. Mark's, Glodwick, whose death was recorded last week, were interred at Greenacres Cemetery on Saturday las. A large number of ringers were present to show their love and respect for a comrade, among the towers represented being Chadderton, Glodwick, Middleton, Milnrow, Moorside, Newhey, Oldham and Shaw. There were a large number of wreaths and other floral offerings, including one in the form of a bell from his fellow ringers. At the conclusion of the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by Messrs. Samuel Stott, 1 2; Isaac Schofield, 3-4; James Priestly, 5-6; and Edwin B. Shaw, 7 8.

Later a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Mark's, with the bells muffled, by Messrs. J. Knight (treble), F. Crossland, I. Schofield, Jas. Lees, Albert Clegg, Samuel Stott, James W. Taylor (conductor), and William Succliffe (tenor).

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on October 1st, 15th, and 29th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 1st; Southwark Cathedral on the 8th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 10th and 24th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th; and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 29th; all at 8 p.m.

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The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. George's, Gravesend, on Saturday, September 28th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service in church at 5 p.m., followed by tea (for which 3d. per member will be charged), and meeting in the Church House. Milton-next-Gravesend and Swanscombe towers will be open after the meeting till 9 p.m.

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The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, September 28th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m. J. WATSON, Branch Sec.
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The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next

meeting will be held at Didsbury St. James, on Saturday, September 28th. Bells available at 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. A cordial invitation is given to all ringers. W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Br. Sec.

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Stanford-le-Hope on Saturday, September 28th. Brake leaves Brentwood Station at 2.45. Short service at 5. Tea kindly provided by the Rector at 5.45. Orsett will also be visited. Brake fare 9d. HENRY T. COOPER, Dis. Sec.

County Offices, Chelmsford.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, September 28th. Bells ready at 2.30. Committee meeting at 4.15. Tea (1s. each) at 5 o'clock, both in the National Schools. W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Appledre on Saturday, September 28th. The bells will be available at 3 o'clock. A short special service in Church at 6 o'clock. An allowance of 1d. per mile, maximum 2s., will be paid to all members attending before the service. C. TRIBB, Hon. Dis. Sec.

British School Villas, Tenterden.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Midsomer Norton on Saturday, September 28th. Service in the parish church at 3.15 p.m. Tea at The Greyhound hotel at 4 p.m. E. E. BURGESS, Hon. Sec.

62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

The Warwickshire Guild.—A monthly meeting will be held at Allesley on Saturday, September 28th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. REV. C. C. COX, Hon. Sec.

Shuttery.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—East Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting is to be held at Fontmell Magna on Saturday, September 28th. Ringing from 2.0. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.0. Compton Abbas, Shroton, Iwerne Minster, and Childre Okeford towers available. C. H. PHILLIPS, Hon. Br. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Hernhill on Saturday, October 5th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at the school at 5.30 p.m. Will all those who intend being present let me know by Wednesday, October 2nd. Boughton, Faversham. E. TRENDELL, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—Quarterly meeting at Wombourn on Saturday, October 5th. Bells available at 3. Service in Church at 5.30. Brake will leave High Level Station, Wolverhampton, at 2.45; return fare 1s. 3d. Tea in the schools at 6, for those only who send word by October 1st to 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton. H. KNIGHT, Hon. Sec.

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—The annual meeting for this district will be held at Dnmow on Saturday, October 5th. Bells ready at 3. Tea at 5.30 at The Angel and Harp. Will those intending being present kindly send notice to Sandpit Road, Brainree. A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM, Dis. Sec.

Peterborough and District Association.—A meeting will be held at Maxey on October 5th. Bells (6) available from 1 o'clock. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting after. Those intending to be present, please let me know by October 1st. F. T. COOKS, Hon. Sec.
195, Gladstone Street, Peterborough.

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, October 12th. Through the kindness of the Rector of Wrotham tea will be provided for all members who notify me not later than Tuesday, October 8th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5.30 p.m. Half railway fares up to 2s. G. MOORE, Dis. Sec.

Bell Villa, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—In order to facilitate the publishing of future reports conductors of peals are requested to send particulars of peals called by them within seven days of such performance to T. HERVEY BEAMS, Asst. Hon. Sec.

Bradpole, Bridport.

N.B.—Will conductors of peals since January 1st. 1912, also oblige.

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5040 BOB MAJOR.

By E. MULLINS, Birmingham.

23456	W	5th	4th	M	H
42356					-
26354	-	-	-	-	-
32654				-	-
25634		-	-	-	-
62534				-	-
56234				-	-
23564	-			-	-
52364				-	-
24365	-	-	-	-	-
32465				-	-
43265				-	-
26435	-			-	-
42635				-	-
64235				-	-
23645	-			-	-

Last eight courses repeated four times. Single half-way and end.

5040 BOB ROYAL.

By THE SAME AUTHOR.

23456	W	M	H
34625	-	-	
62345	-		-
36245			-
23645			-
64235	-		-
26435			-
42635			-
63425	-		-
54326		-	-
32546	-		-
53246			-
25346			-
34256	-		-
32456			S

Repeated once.

5040 TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By G. CROSS, Norwich.

23456	M	W	H
23564	2	2	I
62534		I	
24536	I		2
23645	2	I	I
32546	2		2
32465	2	2	I
34625		I	2
43526	2		2
32654	I	2	
23456	2		2

The 6th the extent right.

5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

By WALTER GILBERT, Raunds.

23456	B	M	W	H
45236			-	-
24536			-	-
52436			-	-
52364	-		-	-
35264			-	-
23564			-	-
56234			-	-
43265	-	-	-	-
24365			-	-
36245			-	-
23645			-	-
64235		-	-	-
26435			-	-
42635			-	-
63425			-	-
46325			-	-
34625			-	-
62345			-	-
54326	-	-	-	-
35426			-	-
42356			-	-
34256			-	-
23456			-	-

May 6th, 1912.

A $\frac{1}{4}$ -PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

For Young Conductors.

By E. MULLINS.

1264.

23456	W	B	H
53264	S	-	-
25364			-
32564			-
63245	-	-	-
23546		M	
42365	-	-	-
34265			-
23465			-
62354	-	-	-
3245678		M	
2357486		S	
2378564		B	
2386745		B	
2364857		B	
2345678		B	

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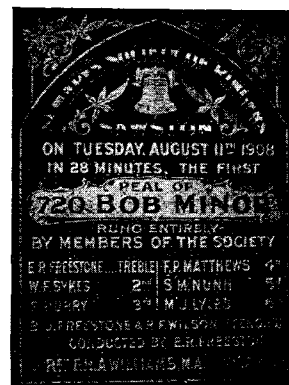
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INSTRUCTION OF BEGINNERS.

There is, without doubt, a need for a short, easily understood manual of instruction for beginners in the Art of Change-ringing, and what has been the difficulty in obtaining such a manual is getting the man who will write and publish it. As has been pointed out in a letter in a previous issue, there are works on Change-ringing, which are intended as instructions, and are useful to those who have made some advance in the Exercise: but they are too far advanced for the beginner. In order to overcome the difficulty, we, in a previous issue, invited correspondence on the subject, with the result that an offer was made by Mr. Woodhouse to write the book, provided he were assured that it would be acceptable, and that he would have a reasonable hope of not being a loser by the effort. Another member has now offered to write a short pamphlet suitable for the purpose, so that there seems a prospect of this much-needed want being supplied.

So far as Mr. Woodhouse's letter is concerned there has not been that response which might have been expected, and which would warrant the expenditure necessary to place such a handbook as would meet the need before the younger members of the Exercise. This may, of course, not mean that they are indifferent, but may be caused by each waiting for others to take the first step. We are hopeful that the situation will be met in a satisfactory way.

In the meantime if those in a difficulty will let us know what their special difficulty is we will do our best to help them out.

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, HOLLOWAY, N.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

FRANK I. HAIRS Treble.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 5.
HENRY J. RANZETTA 2.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 6.
ISAAC EMERY 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM, SOUTH HACKNEY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

THOMAS KING Treble.	FRANK I. HAIRS 5.
HAROLD BURTON 2.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 6.
ISAAC EMERY 3.	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This was rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. M. A. Wood.

MILVERTON (Somerset).—On Sunday, September 22nd, 1912, 168 Stedman Triples; W. Chapman, C. R. Liney (conductor), R. Scott, E. Chapman, H. Norman, A. J. Andrews, H. Moore, F. Chapman.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, BARKING, TOWER HILL, E.C.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. Treble.	CHARLES W. BRETT 5.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	ALFRED W. GRIMES 6.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 3.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 7.
FRANK I. HAIRS 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by H. W. WILDER, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

The band wish to take this opportunity to thank the Rev. A. W. Robinson for the use of the bells, and Mr. A. Joyce, the steeplekeeper, for having everything in readiness.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWARD T. WIGG .. Treble.	HENRY C. BICEFORD 5.
ARTHUR J. NEALE 2.	REUBEN SANDEES 6.
WILLIAM WATCHORN 3.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM HOESLEY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE,

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Watchorn.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN, E.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	ROBERT W. GREEN 5.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2.	WILLIAM TRUSS 6.
JAMES SCHOLES 3.	CHARLES S. BURDEN 7.
HENRY SPRINGALL 4.	ARTHUR HUGHES Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER,

Rung on St. Matthew's Day, and half muffled, as a last mark of respect to the late Matthew A. Wood, who was for many years steeplekeeper at this church.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

HAROLD W. CLARK .. Treble.	REUBEN SANDEES 5.
ARTHUR J. NEALE 2.	BERTRAM PREWITT 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
ALFRED J. HESSIAN 4.	JAMES GEORGE Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. PITSTOW, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The Provinces.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 11, 1912, in Three Hours Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

F. HAMMOND .. Treble.	*E. BISHOP, SEN. 5.
H. M. SMITH 2.	H. R. BUTCHER 6.
O. HOLMWOOD 3.	*A. MARTIN 7.
E. BISHOP 4.	C. BEASLEE Tenor.

Composed by C. A-NAELE, and Conducted by H. R. BUTCHER.

*First peal of Major. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. F. W. Champneys, rector, who was leaving the parish on the 11th, to the regret of the whole of the parishioners.

MERTHYR TYDVIL, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 20 cwt.

FRANK CHAVE Treble.	ALBERT HUNT 5.
EDWARD THOMAS 2.	ALBAN E. SLATTER 6.
FREDERICK B. STEDMAN .. 3.	WILLIAM SEELEY 7.
CHARLES PALEY 4.	P.C. JOHN E. COLE Tenor.

Conducted by ALBAN E. SLATTER.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

PERCY O. LAFLIN Treble.	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6.
CHARLES DICKENS 2.	JOHN NEAL 7.
JOHN CARTER 3.	ALF PADDON SMITH 8.
SAMUEL GROVE 4.	JAMES E. GROVES 9.
JAMES L. WELLS 5.	WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by P. O. LAFLIN.

This composition is from John Carter's Broadsheet, No. 5. First peal in the method as conductor.

LYMINGE, KENT.

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EADEBURG,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

ALFRED G. KEDWELL .. Treble.	EDWARD TRENDLELL .. 5.
LOUIS HEAD 2.	ERNEST CHEESMAN .. 6.
GEORGE FOORD 3.	WILLIAM H. WOOD .. 7.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. 4.	J. COPPINS Tenor.

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Cheesman. This was G. Foord's first peal of Triples.

HOLBETON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR REBBY† .. Treble.	WARREN HORN BROOK .. 4.
REV. E. S. POWELL .. 2.	*BENJAMIN MILLER .. 5.
WALTER WILLIAMS* .. 3.	WILLIAM D. JAMES .. Tenor.

Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

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

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD J. STAFFORD .. Treble.	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 5.
DANIEL JONES 2.	EDWIN J. TYLER 6.
FRANK W. PERRENS .. 3.	HERBERT KNIGHT 7.
ALBERT LITTLE 4.	*RALPH BAKER Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

*First peal in the method.

DEPTFORD, S.E.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt. 21 lbs. in F.

FREDERICK S. BACON .. Treble.	ALFRED G. BEERNINGTON .. 5.
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 2.	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 6.
FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON .. 3.	JOSEPH LAW 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 4.	CHARLES H. MACLEIN .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. J. O. HELMORE.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. G. H. Hewitt, who is leaving to take up a living near Burslem.

WAKEFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S 12-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS L. MOORHOUSE .. Treble.	JAMES MOORHOUSE .. 5.
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE .. 2.	JOHN T. EASON 6.
WILLIAM PEARSON 3.	THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 7.
H. C. WALTERS 4.	*F. COCKHILL Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS R. HENSHER.

Rung on the light eight. *First peal and first attempt. Messrs. Pearson and Walters had from Pontefract; the remainder from Wakefield.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BULWER'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED NAYLOR Treble.	WILLIAM PEARSON, JUN. .. 5.
WILLIAM P. BROOK 2.	*ARTHUR GILL 6.
ARTHUR WALKER 3.	THOMAS M. BARKER .. 7.
HARRY WALTERS 4.	WILLIAM PEARSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. M. BARKER.

*First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, September 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

CHARLES DICKENS .. Treble.	THOMAS MILLER 7.
JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. 2.	MORRIS J. MORRIS .. 8.
PERCY O. LAFLIN 3.	ALF PADDON SMITH .. 9.
THOMAS RUSSAM 4.	SAMUEL GROVE 10.
THOMAS H. REEVES .. 5.	JAMES E. GROVES .. 11.
JOHN NEAL 6.	*WILLIAM DAVIS .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

*First peal on twelve bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Painter, a highly respected member of the Guild.

GREENWICH, S.E.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY HOSKINS .. Treble.	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 6.
WILLIAM PYE 2.	REUBEN SANDERS .. 7.
FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON* 3.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 8.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 9.
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 5.	THOMAS JAKEMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by G. T. DALRY, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal on ten bells.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS WHITE Treble.	JAMES L. WRIGHT 5.
REV. A. T. BRISTON .. 2.	WILLIAM FOX 6.
HENRY GREGORY 3.	WILLIAM TAYLOR 7.
ALFRED C. WRIGHT† .. 4.	†JOHN SIDDALL, JUN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

†First peal of Stedman.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

WESLEY WATSON Treble.	GEORGE H. JAYE 5.
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN* .. 2.	HARRY F. DAWKINS 6.
REUBEN SANDERS 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	ALFRED W. GRIMES .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Ernest Pye.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JOHN T. RICKMAN Treble.	GEORGE GATLAND 5.
ALBERT D. STONE 2.	KEITH HART 6.
ERIC FILTNESS 3.	JOHN CAPP 7.
RICHARD STREDWICK .. 4.	PHILIP ALLFREY .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN CAPP.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. Treble.	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2.	ROBERT H. HAYWARD .. 6.
JAMES F. DUFFIELD 3.	*LEONARD E. LAST 7.
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. 4.	WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by FREDERICK R. BORRETT.

*First peal in the method. The ringers of the third, fourth, fifth and seventh bells are respectively twelve, thirteen, sixteen and fifteen years of age.

LEWISHAM, S.E.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM W. FOX* Treble.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 5.
EDWIN F. PIKE 2.	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH .. 6.
FREDK WM. RICHARDSON* .. 3.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 4.	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

*First peal of Double Norwich.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

J. HERBERT BENFIELD .. Treble.	JOHN BASS 5.
MISS K. C. THATCHER* .. 2.	WALTER PIGOTT 6.
HORACE HOWELL 3.	WILLIAM SHILVOCK 7.
MISS SARAH PIGOTT 4.	JOSEPH PIGOTT Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

*First peal of Major.

PENDLETON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt. in C.

WM. W. WORTHINGTON .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. SHUKER .. 5.
JOSEPH LOWE 2.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 6.
HARRY WASHBROOK 3.	JOHN T. BOTTRILL 7.
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM .. 4.	HARRY W. CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble.	FRED H. DEXTER 5.
ARTHUR PETTIT 2.	SAMUEL COTTON 6.
LOUIS F. ALLEN 3.	CHARLES H. FOWLER .. 7.
REV. R. P. FARROW 4.	JOSIAH MORRIS Tenor.

Composed by F. DEXTER, and Conducted by CHAS. H. FOWLER.

First peal of Norwich on the bells, and is now rung for the first time; also the 150th peal rung by the conductor.

COLSTERWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Southern Branch.)

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s in ten methods, viz.: i, St. Clements; ii, Kent Treble Bob; iii, Oxford Treble Bob; iv, Double and Single Court; v, Double and Single Oxford; vi, Double and Single Bob; vii, College Single. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM E. WOODS .. Treble.	*JOSEPH LORD 4.
JOHN W. LAKE 2.	ARTHUR I. HOLMES .. 5.
JAMES OSBORN 3.	*ARTHUR MACKERRAS .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

*First peal in ten methods. Quickest peal on ten bells.

HACKNEY.—On Sunday, September 22nd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 46 mins. T. Walker, A. W. Grimes (conductor). H. Franks, R. W. Green, E. E. Grimes, — Runham, B. Horton, T. King. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of the treble and 6th.

RAUNDS (Northants).—On Sunday, September 8th, 416 Double Norwich. A. Kirk, F. Kirk, H. Stubbs, F. Stubbs, R. Pendered, W. J. Gilbert, H. Copperwheat, W. Gilbert (conductor). And a course of Kent. On Tuesday, September 3rd, 336 Bob Major. A. Fairy, F. Stubbs, H. Stubbs, R. Pendered, W. J. Gilbert, H. Copperwheat, W. Gilbert, F. Kirk (conductor).

MALDON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(THE MALDON AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

ERENEZER W. FINCH .. Treble	ALFRED SOUTH 4.
W. GEORGE MANSFIELD .. 2.	HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. 5.
HAROLD FINCH 3.	FRED CHALK Tenor.

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and tenor.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford and Plain Bob.

REV. R. H. TYRWHITT ² DRAKE .. Treble	HERBERT L. HARLOW .. 4.
MISS EVELYN STEELE .. 2.	HENEY W. GAYTON .. 5.
HERBERT J. SHARPE .. 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

First peal in seven methods with a bob bell by Miss Steele.

TRING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

CHARLES N. LEMAN Treble	WILLIAM HODGETTS .. 5.
THOMAS L. SIMMONS .. 2.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. 6.
HENEY HODGETTS 3.	EDWARD WHITEREAD .. 7.
FRANK F. MARTIN 4.	ALFRED B. PECK .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

First peal of Major on the bells.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

RICHARD DRAGE Treble	ALLEN R. HICETON .. 5.
REV. C. J. STURTON .. 2.	†WILLIAM G. THORPE .. 6.
HARRY THORPE† 3.	*SYDNEY PROCTOR .. 7.
ALBERT COPPOCK 4.	NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by NEVILLE WIDDOWSON.

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

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s in ten methods. viz.: i, Cambridge Surprise; ii, Double and Single Court; iii, Double and Plain Bob; iv, Double and Single Oxford; v, St Clement's Bob; vi, Oxford Treble Bob; vii, Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM SHERCLIFF .. Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE 4.
HERBERT HURDMAN 2.	JOHN HOUGH 5.
ALBERT P. WAKLEY 3.	DAVID L. COTTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

First peal in ten methods on the bells.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes.

At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

Tenor 33 cwt.

Herbert Knight Treble	John Goodman, jun. ... 6.
Samuel Pearce 2.	Harry Goodman 7.
John Goodman, sen. ... 3.	Benjamin Gough 8.
Christopher Wallater .. 4.	William Fisher 9.
Samuel Baker 5.	Benjamin Fullwood .. Tenor.

Composed by the late William Micklewright, jun., and

Conducted by John Goodman, jun.

This peal was rung to celebrate the Festival of St. Matthew. Mr. Harry Goodman was proposed a member of the above Society previous to starting for the peal. The ringer of the treble belongs to St. Peter's; 2nd, 5th, 8th and 9th to Coseley; 3rd, 6th and 7th to Dudley; 4th to Willenhall; and tenor to Sedgley. The band desire to thank St. Peter's ringers for the bells, and Mr. Herbert Knight for obliging by taking a rope and for getting the bells in readiness.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Catherine,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

Thomas W. Creed .. Treble	Albert E. Coles 5.
Henry J. Creed 2.	George H. Head 6.
Isaac W. Creed 3.	Gabriel Chamberlain ... 7.
Charles R. Lilley 4.	Henry Moore Tenor.

Composed by Arthur Knights, and

Conducted by Charles R. Lilley.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob by all the band, the Association and in the West of England. Rung at the first attempt. The band wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. Francis W. Soames, for kindly giving permission to use the bells, and for his kind congratulation after the peal; also the Squire of Drayton, E. C. Trevillin, for kindly providing tea, and J. Welsh, steeplekeeper, for having everything ready. First peal of Major on the bells.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720s of Oxford and three of Kent Treble Bob, called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

Harry Hill Treble	Thomas W. Chapman... 4.
Ernest Stone 2.	Walter J. Horton... .. 5.
E. Harry Stoneley ... 3.	Geoffrey J. Stoneley .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. Harry Stoneley.

Rung for the Festival of St. Matthew, A. E. and M.

SHENSTONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 13 cwt.

Joseph W. Timm .. Treble	Bernard Claydon 5.
John Jennings 2.	Thomas Bloore 6.
Frederick J. Cope .. 3.	George Roberts 7.
Bernard W. Witchell... 4.	Bertram Leedham .. Tenor.

Conducted by Bernard W. Witchell.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 23, 1912, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt.

Joseph Woods...	Treble.	Henry Fyles ...	5.
George R. Newton ...	2.	Edward Counce ...	6.
George Woodhall ...	3.	*Thomas R. Storer ...	7.
F. Sydney Barnes ...	4.	Edwin Breeze ...	Tenor.

Composed by Henry W. Wilde, and
Conducted by George R. Newton.

*First peal of Major.

BUSHEY HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The Bushey Society.)

On Monday, September 23, 1912, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

Richard Darlow ...	Treble.	Bertram Prewett ...	5.
Joseph J. Allen ...	2.	Frederick Edwards ...	6.
Thomas R. Scott ...	3.	Robert E. Stavert ...	7.
Francis A. Smith ...	4.	Maurice F. R. Hibbert	Tenor.

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow, and
Conducted by Maurice F. R. Hibbert.First peal in the method as conductor. Robert E. Stavert's
150th peal.

Handbell Peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 12, 1912, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At The George IV., Brunswick Street, Haggerston,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Arthur F. Shepherd ...	1-2.	Frank I. Hairs...	5-6.
Clement Glenn ...	3-4.	Frank Bennett ...	7-8.
Alfred W. Grimes ...	...	...	9-10.

Composed by Arthur Knights, and
Conducted by Clement Glenn.

Umpires—W. J. Nudds and B. Horton.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The St. James's Society, Bury St. Edmunds).

On Friday, September 13th, 1912, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. R. Moore, Cemetery Road.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE.

Frederick Dewell ...	1-2.	Frank J. Levitt ...	5-6.
Harry A. Turner ...	3-4.	Arthur E. Moore ...	7-8.

Conducted by Arthur E. Moore.

Umpire—Walter Radley.

ASTON (Birmingham).—On Sunday, September 22nd, at the parish church for morning service, 531 Grandsire Triples. A. Edgerton, J. Jones, H. Jones, J. Hopkin, A. Jones, W. G. Ellis (conductor), F. Bennett, C. Allen. For evening service 1259 Grandsire Caters. A. Edgerton, J. Jones, A. Jones, P. Laffin, H. Jones, J. Hopkin, F. Bennett (conductor), W. G. Ellis, W. Davies, C. Allen. First quarter-peal of Caters as conductor,

CLAPHAM, LONDON, S.W.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 20, 1912, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At 58, Manor Street,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Miss Elsie L. Bennett ...	1-2.	Arthur F. Shepherd ...	5-6.
William Shepherd ...	3-4.	*Frank I. Hairs ...	7-8.

Composed by Henry W. Wilde, and
Conducted by William Shepherd.

Umpire—John I. Hairs. *50th peal this year. This composition contains 12 short courses and 36 long courses.

FULHAM, LONDON, S.W.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Monday, September 23, 1912, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

In the Belfry of All Saints' Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Louis Attwater ...	1-2.	James W. Driver ...	5-6.
Wm. Shepherd...	3-4.	Arthur F. Shepherd ...	7-8.
Frank I. Hairs ...	...	...	9-10.

Composed by James George, and
Conducted by William Shepherd.

Umpires—Miss E. L. Bennett, Messrs. A. W. Darlington, S. J. Collins, W. J. S. Knights, and F. G. Woodiss.

Miscellaneous.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

FINCHLEY.—On Sunday, September 22nd, 720 Plain Bob Minor. G. Saunders, W. H. Tubb, W. Webb, F. Tubb, B. Tubb, F. Barker (conductor). Also 360 Oxford Bob. G. Webb, W. Tubb, F. Tubb, W. Webb, B. Tubb, F. Barker (conductor).

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OXHEY (Herts.).—On Sunday, September 22nd, for morning service, 1216 New Cumberland Surprise. A. W. Dix, W. Hodgetts, F. L. Martin, C. N. Leman, G. N. Price (conductor), G. E. Howchin, H. Hodgetts, F. W. Brinklow. First quarter-peal in the method by all the band.

THE GUILD OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,
KENNINGTON.

KENNINGTON.—On Sunday, September 22nd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), taken from Holt's Original, in 48 mins. H. Opher, T. W. Wyatt, G. W. Clarke, *E. S. Garnett, Alec Miller, Arch Miller, G. W. Wild (conductor), K. C. Wightman. The ringer of the 3rd hails from Beckenham. *First quarter-peal on an inside bell.

CHESHUNT (Herts.).—On Sunday, August 11th, for evening service, the last 700 of Holt's Original. G. Andrews, H. Cornwall, W. G. Darlington, G. Maxim, F. Jelf, H. G. Rowe (conductor), A. Darlington, D. Tucker. Also on Sunday, August 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes). H. Simmons, G. Andrews, F. Jelf, C. Dilley, H. Cornwall, H. G. Rowe (conductor), W. Bottrill, R. Smith. On Sunday, August 25th, for morning service, 714 Grandsire Triples. G. Andrews, F. Jelf, W. G. Darlington, G. Maxim, H. Cornwall, R. Smith, H. G. Rowe (conductor), D. Tucker. On Thursday, August 29th, for practice, 462 Grandsire Triples. H. Simmons, G. Andrews, C. Dilley, H. G. Rowe (conductor), W. G. Darlington, F. Jelf, G. Maxim, D. Tucker. On Sunday, September 1st, for evening service, 546 Grandsire Triples. H. Simmons, F. Jelf, W. G. Darlington, G. Maxim, H. Cornwall, R. Smith, H. G. Rowe (conductor), D. Tucker. On Sunday, September 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins. C. Dilley, G. Andrews, F. Honsdon, F. Jelf, H. Cornwall, G. Maxim, H. G. Rowe (conductor), D. Tucker.

RETURN OF THANKS.

Mr. Ben Gough, of Coseley, Staffs., desires, through our columns, to thank all ringing friends of Bournemouth, Poole, Christchurch and district for the kindness extended to him during his recent visit to Bournemouth, especially to Mr. Chas. W. Goodenough, for making the necessary arrangements; Mr. Geo. Williams for specially visiting Bournemouth to conduct peal of Stedman Triples; to Mr. A. Macdonald for conducting the unsuccessful Stedman peal attempt at Poole, which came to grief after 2 hours 45 minutes ringing; to Mr. Martin Stewart and Mr. A. Osman for trying to get permission for Wimborne bells, and to all those who obliged by standing in the peals mentioned.

WANTED.—Set of 13 Handbells, cheap, in good order. Write, stating price, to F. Brown, Highwick Cottage, School Road, East Molesey, Surrey.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

A large clock has just been erected in Maulden Church tower, which shows time on one large dial, plays the Westminster quarter chimes and strikes the hours. The work has been carried out by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, who recently erected a similar clock at Silsoe Church in the same neighbourhood.

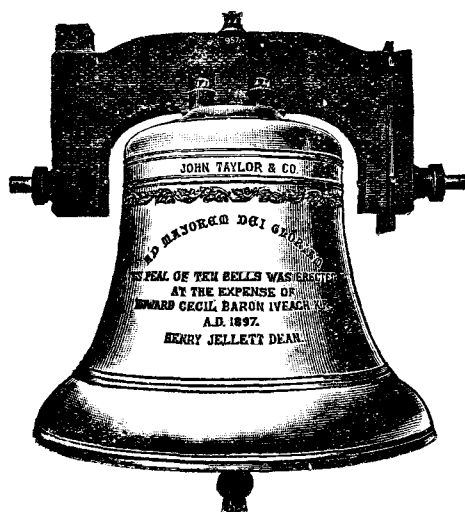
The Rev. R. Gardner-Smith, the recently retired Rector of Castleford, was the recipient of a beautifully ornamented address, given by some of his late parishioners, in which his twenty years' work in the parish was warmly recognised and regret expressed at his departure. A few weeks earlier he and Mrs. Gardner-Smith were presented with several gifts, among them a purse of gold to the Rector. Mr. Gardner-Smith has selected Leamington as the place of his retirement.

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Also "Great John" and the ring of Ten at Beverley Minster; and the ring of Ten at the Imperial Institute.

Also the bells of Dundalk R.C. Cathedral, and "Great Bede" of Downside Abbey, Also for the town halls of Manchester, Preston, Bradford, Halifax, Rochdale, Wakefield, Middlesbrough, Kendal, and Londonderry; and the Sydney and Adelaide Post Offices in Australia.

Also the chime of bells at Ames College, Iowa, U.S.A.
And the recast "Grandison" of Exeter Cathedral

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

By WALTER GILBERT, Raunds.

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Feb. 21st, 1911.

Announcing that the patronal festival of SS. Michael and All Angels, Bedford Park, would be celebrated on Michaelmas Day by a procession through the streets of the parish, the Vicar asks the parishioners to show their interest by decorating their houses with flags, coloured draperies and sacred pictures.

CHURCH ITEMS.

St. Michael and All Angels' Church Hall, Westcliff, will be dedicated on Saturday by the Bishop of St. Albans.

At the age of eighty-two, the oldest clergyman in the diocese of York, the Rev. Henry John Walker, has died at Burythorpe, Malton.

A carved choir-screen and pulpit canopy were dedicated at St. Barnabas' Church, Goldspink-lane, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Monday, as memorials of the late Mr. Alfred Dunning.

Peterborough City Council have accepted the invitation of the Dean of Peterborough to attend at the cathedral a service on Sunday, when the collection will be in aid of the flood sufferers of the district.

After being for five months in the hands of the builders, St. John's Church, Woolwich, was on Saturday afternoon reopened to the public, a service of dedication being conducted by the Bishop of Kingston.

On Saturday the Bishop of St. Asaph opened new church schools at Hawarden erected by the parishioners at a cost of about £4,000, in memory of the late Canon Drew, for five and a half years rector of Hawarden.

An iron screen is to be erected in St. Saviour's Church, Woolcott Park, Bristol, to the memory of the late Canon W. C. Prideaux, who was vicar from 1883 to 1909, and for many years an official of the diocese of Bristol.

In memory of the late Rev. T. Holt Wilson, rector of Redgrave and Botesdale, Suffolk, who died a year ago in Toronto, while on a visit, a parish room is to be built at Botesdale and a stained glass window placed in Redgrave Church.

Churchwarden for forty-five years at Brighstone Parish Church, where Bishops Ken, Wilberforce, and Moberly were former rectors, Mr. James Fisk, a well-known Isle of Wight agriculturist, has received appreciative gifts from the parishioners.

The many friends of the old mission days of St. Cyprian's, Brockley, will be glad to know that the church is to be enriched by a chancel-screen with rood and figures. The faculty has been granted and the work is in the hands of Messrs. Kempe and Co.

Hendon Parish Church is about to be enlarged, and a new nave will be erected. A morning chapel of a more worthy kind will be added, also a chancel-screen and rood will be put up. Mr. Temple Moore, F.R.I.B.A., is the architect, and some £6,000 will be spent.

At the Parish Church of Felixkirk, near Thirsk, the Archdeacon of Cleveland has dedicated new oak choir stalls and priest's desk and new chancel pavement, which have been placed in the church as a memorial to the late Rev. Henry Clayforth, who was vicar of Felixkirk from 1875 to 1900.

On Saturday, September 14, Mr. Henry Butcher, who had held the office of Verger and Sexton at St. Paul's Church, Tunbridge Wells, for forty years, died suddenly at the church while attending to his duties, from heart failure. Deceased was seventy years of age and had been connected with the church for over sixty years.

The Rev. W. Crosse, vicar of St. Cuthbert's, Carlisle, encourages his congregation to ask him questions in the

pulpit. A recent poser was: "Is it wrong to say 'damn'?" The vicar replied: "When the word slips out, as slip out it will at times, don't treat it lightly. Don't let us have any Gilbertian joking about the big, big D. Be brave enough to apologise and be ashamed."

In the course of the week of the Church Congress at Middlesbrough, which begins on October 1, Bishop Welldon, the Dean of Manchester, will consecrate two paintings which have been placed at the east end of the chapel of the Seamen's Institute. The works, from the brush of Mr. Frederick Beaumont, represent "Christ Walking on the Sea," and the "Transfiguration of our Lord."

The usual lectures on the history and architecture of St. Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield, are to be given on Saturday afternoons, October 12 and 19, at 2.30. The stone coffin and interesting worked stones recently found on the site of the Chapter House of the Priory will be on view. No tickets are required, but those interested are earnestly encouraged to subscribe to the restoration fund of the famous church.

A temporary church has just been dedicated by the Bishop of Exeter at Preston, a suburb of Paignton. The building is 58ft. by 37ft., and will seat 400 persons. Its walls are of panelled sheets of asbestos, while the roof is covered with slate and boarded inside. North and south aisles are provided, and the building is entered by a porch. The nave has a clerestory resting on arcade-posts, and there are also chancel, organ-chamber, and vestry, while the spirelet contains a bell turret. The architect is Mr. J. C. Beare, of Newton Abbott.

On Holy Cross Day, in St. Paul's Church, Middlesbrough, the Archdeacon of Cleveland dedicated two memorial windows, of which the subjects are respectively, "The Annunciation" and "The Presentation," to the memory of the late Rev. Arthur Kaye (vicar 1875 to 1884) and the late Rev. Thomas Henry Wilkinson (vicar 1884 to 1888). The windows, which are the work of Mr. Victor Milner, were given by members of the two families and by a number of friends who still remember the life and work of these two parish priests with gratitude.

In July, 1911, the cathedral at Fredericton, New Brunswick, was struck by lightning. The spire was destroyed as well as the peal of bells in the tower below, and the whole fabric was greatly injured. The cathedral has been repaired, and was recently dedicated by the Archbishop of Ottawa, in the presence of the Duke of Connaught. The building is decorated in style, and is said to have been modelled after the parish church of Snettisham, Norfolk. It has, like that church, a triple western narthex, and the choir and nave are of uniform height. The open spire rises some 20ft. higher than the one shattered in the storm of two years ago.

REOPENING OF WEST HACKNEY CHURCH.—After being closed for eight weeks, West Hackney Church is to be reopened by the Bishop of Stepney, at 8 p.m. to-day (September 28). The whole building has been completely restored and renovated, both inside and out, at a cost of over £1,500, of which sum £1,300 have been already raised or promised. All the defective stone has been cut out and new stone inserted, and the interior has been cleaned and redecorated. A new side chapel has been formed in the south aisle, and the electric light has been installed. The rector, Rev. A. M. Batty, will be most grateful for any help.

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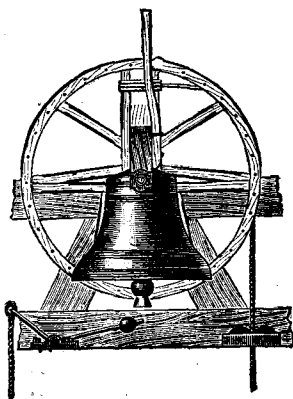
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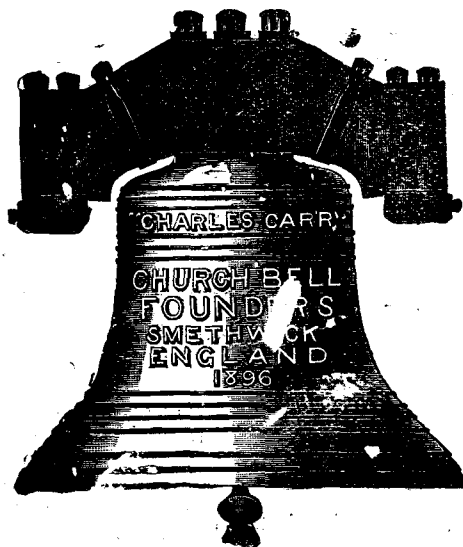
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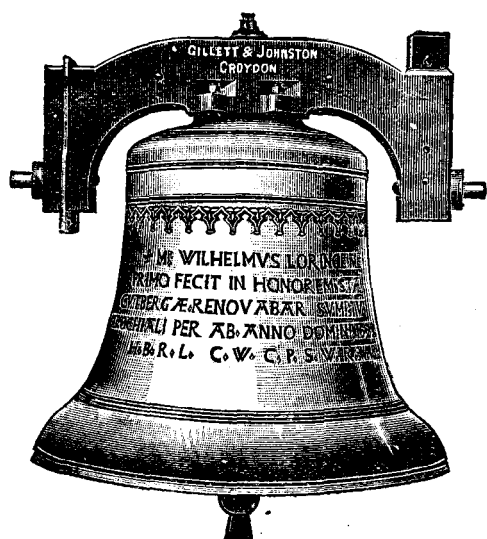
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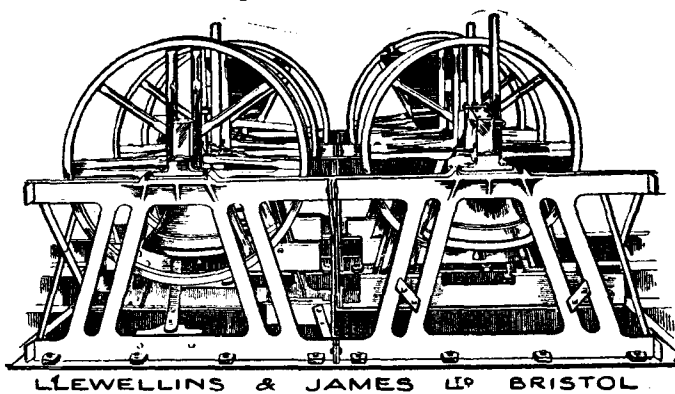
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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ASHFORD DIVISION MEETING.)

The Ashford Division of the Kent Association held a meeting at Appledore on Saturday. The company numbered about thirty, and the towers represented, in addition to the local one, were: Ashford, Hythe, New Romney, Brabourne, Rye, Stone-in-Oxney and Tenterden. The tower was opened at three o'clock and touches of Grandsire Triples were rung during the afternoon. A service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. O. Scutt) was held, and Miss Avery kindly obliged by presiding at the organ. A meat tea was partaken of at "The Swan Hotel" under the chairmanship of Mr. G. B. Anderson. The Vicar arrived in time to preside at the business meeting, and the principal item was to arrange meetings of the division for February and May of next year. Mr. G. Johnson moved that Headcorn be the rendezvous for February, but no seconder was forthcoming. Mr. A. C. Kay proposed Wye, which was seconded by Mr. A. Johnson and carried. At this meeting the usual travelling expenses will be allowed. As regards the May meeting many of the members seemed anxious to assemble at Rye, a town situated in Sussex, but on the Kentish borders. Whether this would be wise remains to be seen. The Ashford Division contains about forty towers, and about fifty per cent. are affiliated to the Association, so there is plenty of ground requiring cultivation. In the circumstances it would be best to make Rye an extra meeting, and then there is the Sussex Association to consider. Mr. A. R. Manning, who moved the resolution, realized this, and moved that it be an amalgamated meeting between the two Associations. Mr. T. A. Vincett seconded, and it was carried, but the resolution has to come before the Central Committee for their sanction, Rye being over the boundary. It is to be hoped that the Committee will fall in with the idea, for the meeting would prove to be the largest ever held in the ancient town.

Mr. A. R. Manning next moved that it be ascertained if the General Secretary knew if the services of the Association would be needed at the opening of Saltwood bells, and if so the arrangements be carried out by the District Secretary. This was seconded by Mr. G. B. Anderson and carried. Mr. Anderson also moved, and Mr. S. A. Gower seconded that the best thanks of the members be accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for the service and for presiding at the meeting. This was carried with applause.

In responding, the Chairman said he thanked them most warmly. He always looked upon it as a privilege and pleasure to be connected with an Association of the kind. It was also a special pleasure to him because he was connected with a church that possessed a good peal of bells, and a set of skilled bellringers who took a great interest in bell-ringing. It was a very great pleasure to his ringers to welcome members from other churches. It was a special pleasure to him to preside, but there were not only parishes in the deanery represented, but some came from Hythe, which church he was connected with for

eighteen months. He had not seen the Hyth ringers since he left that town, and he would like to say how much he welcomed them as well as other ringers. In conclusion he hoped the Associations and Guilds throughout the country would go on and prosper.

Subsequently the tower was again visited, Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Stedman Triples being kept going until about nine o'clock, when the proceedings terminated.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Midsomer Norton on Saturday last, when members were present from the following towers: Batheaston, Bathford, Bridgwater, Burnham, Midsomer Norton, Nunney, Leigh-on-Mendip, Shepton Mallett, St. Saviour's, Bath, Twerton-on-Avon, and St. James's, Taunton. A short service was held in the parish church, at which the Rev. E. Newling, Vicar of Midsomer Norton, officiated, and gave a short address, being assisted by the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill, Vicar of Leigh-on-Mendip, and President of the Midsomer Norton Branch. After the service tea was partaken of at The Greyhound hotel, after which the business meeting was held, the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill presiding in the absence of the Master through illness.

The minutes were read and confirmed, the Secretary remarking that he had sent the resolution "Welsh Disestablishment to the Prime Minister, Mr. Bonar Law, and the members of Parliament for Somerset, each of whom had acknowledged the receipt of same.

Mr. A. M. G. Daniel (Nunney) then moved the following resolution: "That this meeting comprised of men, who are not only Churchmen, but also honest men, who view with abhorrence the misappropriation of funds which are held on trust for a religious purpose, confirms and emphasises the resolution passed at the annual meeting of the Association held at Yeovil on June 29th last, "Welsh Disestablishment."

This was seconded by the Rev. A. Dewing (Camerton), and carried unanimously, the Secretary being instructed to send it to the Prime Minister, Mr. Bonar Law and the Somerset M.P.'s as before.

Ten new members were elected, and Wrington selected as the place for the next meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of Midsomer Norton for arranging the service, and for the use of the bells. A vote of thanks was also accorded the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill for presiding at the meeting.

This concluded the business, and a move was made to the tower, where touches of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung.

Mr. Hy. Dains, who rang through the peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral, received the hearty congratulations of the band at the close of the peal. It is twenty years since he stood in a similar peal.

Correspondence

To the Editor.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

SIR,—The two compositions by Mr. Walter Gilbert you published in the last issue of "THE BELL NEWS," are very false in more ways than one, and as each contain plenty of good musical course-ends, I will point out some of the pitfalls of these compositions which must be avoided in a true composition.

Firstly: it should be well-known by the young composer and never forgotten, that bells should never be reversed in 5-6 at course-ends. The reason why, is that by using 32465 or 43265 as course-ends, such a composition will be irretrievably false. Bells reversed in 5-6 at course-ends, can only be used under certain and limited conditions. Course-ends 24365 and 23456, can and may be used in a true peal, but one condition is that these must be brought up plain at course-ends, that is without a bob H, otherwise again such a peal will be false.

Those who wish to pursue this interesting subject, should read and study deeply, when after all it will be found that composition in this method is not a very difficult matter. The great difficulty now-a-days especially is to find something in it new to study or compose.

Secondly: Both these compositions are false at the M in certain courses. That on page 400 has false changes following course ends 62345 and 32546, and in order to detect these the student composer should know the scales which, when applied to course ends, give the changes that comes up at such M's. They are as follows: Plain change scale from 23456 is 42635, and the bob change scale from 23456 is 64235, and these scales when applied to course ends mentioned, will reveal the repetition as pointed out.

This is illustrated by the following diagram wherein the above scales are applied to the actual course ends of the composition on page 400 already mentioned.

DIAGRAM.

Course ends taken from composition.	Application of scales to course ends of composition.	Changes at M as exists in composition.
62345 M W H 54326 - - -	Bob change scale from 62345 Gives	53624
32546 M W H 54326 -	Plain change scale from 32546 Gives	53624

The same remarks and proofs, etc., may be applied to course ends 56234 and 26435 of composition on page 393, and similar results will obtain in the bob change proof.

HY. DAINS.

SIR,—Mr. Gilbert evidently does not understand the proof of Superlative, or he would not have published the two peals in your last issue.

He should know that it is only possible to have these reverse course-ends, 63254, 62345, 52364, 53246, but you can have 23645, 62345, 36245, but then no course-end with a 5-4. Likewise you can have 32654, 63254, 26354, but then no courses ending with a 4-5. His peals are both hopelessly false.

I also fail to see how Mr. Mullins gets his first course-end to the 5040 Bob Royal, as calls at w m can only produce 42635.

Yours truly,

GEORGE H. CROSS.

Notices.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on October 15th, and 29th; Southwark Cathedral on the 8th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 10th and 24th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th; and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 29th; all at 8 p.m. **WILLIAM T. COCKREVILL, Hon. Sec.**
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association late the St James' Society.—Established 1824.—A quarterly business meeting of the Association will be held at the headquarters room, The Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, Strand, W.C., on Monday, October 14th at 8.30 p.m. The annual concert will be held on Saturday, October 26th.

F. J. HARDY, Hon. Gen. Sec

34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Hernhill on Saturday, October 5th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at the school at 5.30 p.m.

Boughton, Faversham.

E. TRENDALL, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—Quarterly meeting at Wombourne on Saturday, October 5th. Bells available at 3. Service in Church at 5.30. Brake will leave High Level Station, Wolverhampton, at 2.45; return fare 1s 3d.

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H. KNIGHT, Hon. Sec.

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—The annual meeting for this district will be held at Dunmow on Saturday, October 5th. Bells ready at 3. Tea at 5.30 at The Angel and Harp.

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Peterborough and District Association.—A meeting will be held at Maxey on October 5th. Bells (6) available from 1 o'clock. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting after.

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F. T. COOK, Hon. Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Northern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Belbroughton on Saturday, October 5th. Service in the Church at 4.45. Tea kindly provided by the Rector in the schools at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Bells (6), and also Clent (8), available at 3 p.m. Motor Bns leaves Stourbridge Town station (not Hagley) at 3.15 p.m., and 4.45 p.m. for Belbroughton.

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E. J. DOWLER, Hon. Sec.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bassaleg on Saturday, October 5th, at 4 p.m.

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The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Nomination for Branch President to be sent to the Branch Secretary not later than October 11th. A good attendance of ringers is requested.

13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

J. H. BASTOW.

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, October 12th. Through the kindness of the Rector of Wrotham tea will be provided for all members who notify me not later than Tuesday, October 8th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5.30 p.m. Half railway fares up to 2s.

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G. MOORE, Dis. Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Strensham on Saturday, October 12th. Service in church at 4 o'clock. Tea provided for all those sending in their names to me by the Wednesday previous. Defford Station 2½ miles.

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The Bishop of Ely was attended by his chaplain (the Rev. Mowbray Smith), the Rural Dean (the Rev. J. H. Spokes, Barton), the Rev. H. B. Brown, the Rev. T. F. F. Williams, of Silsoe, and the Rev. R. C. Cory, of Higham Gobion. The following clergy were also present in their robes: the Revs. R. C. Whitwork (Wilstead); B. L. Postgate (Shillington); W. S. May (Ampthill); A. Crean (Flitton); T. Collinson (Gravenhurst); A. J. Foster (Wooton), A. E. Lloyd (Campton). The Rector, the Rev. Cecil Bromley, was unable to be present, owing to illness.

After the anthem, the Bishop attended by his chaplain, the Rural Dean, the Rev. H. B. Brown, and the Rev. R. C. Cory, proceeded to the entrance of the belfry, where his lordship said—"In the faith of Christ, we dedicate the peal of bells and this clock to the glory of God, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." A special prayer was offered, and then the bells rang out a merry peal. The bells having been lowered, the Bishop offered another prayer, and Miss Moore, of Maulden Cottage, the oldest Churchwoman in the parish, 85 years of age, loosened the cord which set the clock in motion.

The Bishop then ascended the pulpit, where he preached from the text—"Wist ye not that I must be in My Father's House." After service peals were rung on the bells by the following members of the Bedfordshire Association: the Rev. W. W. C. Baker (President, Dunstable); Rev. A. Rust (General Secretary, Husborne Crawley); Messrs. A. King (District Secretary, Luton District), J. Simms, H. Shepherd, and H. Smith.

NOTES TO PEALS.

The name of the ringer of the 7th bell, and conductor of the peal of Grandsire Triples at Llangibby on September 14th, is *Walter Large* not *George Large*, as sent us in error.

The date of the peal of Bob Minor rung at Holbeton, Devon, published last week, was also given us in error. It was given as September 14th, but should have been September 21st.

BY ROYAL WARRANT

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A TOUR IN THE EASTERN COUNTIES.

The dellghtful weather of the past month of September again tempted me to further wanderings. This time to the Eastern Counties. Solomon says "It is a good thing to have seen the sun," and I have taken his advice and basked most lavishly in its glorious and benign effulgence. The sun has ripened my complexion like unto the colour of the blackberries that I have gathered by thousands in fields and woods.

As I could not find a ringing friend to accompany me I went alone. There is always a feeling of liberty as you set forth on a long journey from home all to yourself. You can start when you like, stop when you like, take refreshments at your will, and excepting motors, have the road-way to yourself. You can also travel at your own speed, and, if you have any miseries of puncture, wind, or rain, they are not augmented by those of your companion.

I purposed to keep within a hundred miles of home, and so found my way as far as a village called Holbrook, six miles beyond Ipswich. There I found a light peal of six. I made myself known to the ringers, who soon contrived to arrange a peal, not of 5040 but 720 of Bob Minor. It lasted twenty-three minutes, and these village ringers were as delighted at their performance as those who rang the record peal of Bristol at Hornchurch. It has been inserted, I notice, in one of the most influential papers of Ipswich, and perhaps, had it not been that a sergeant of the Police Force rang in the peal, a snapshot of the party might have found its way to the press to rest in the wastepaper basket.

While we were regaling at the hostelry later in the day, one of the party called another aside, remarking: "I am glad we got the peal, for to-day is my birthday. Say nothing about it, for it sometimes proves expensive, and besides I am growing so old that I do not care to mention my age; will you take another?" Thus are our pleasures and aspirations but relative. To these simple ringers came all the joy and ecstasy of their achievement, and if the heart be satisfied, what more can mortals desire?

The Sunday morning saw me on my way to St. Mary's, Ipswich, to take part in the ringing for Divine Service. There I met the famous brothers Motts, with several of my old brother-strings, such as Fred Day, Robert Brundle, Wm. Catchpole, Edgar Pemberton, and others. Mr. James Motts called two touches of Stedman Cinques, exceeding gratifyingly to myself, who seldom get a look in on twelve bells. A noble peal they are, and handled by an expert company. Mr. James Motts informed me he could not tell the number of peals he had rung, as he keeps no account of them, a rare instance of modesty allied to genius. The choir of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, is one of the finest in the kingdom, and never shall I forget, after ringing, listening to the most perfect Cathedral music that has come in my path. No one fond of music should miss an opportunity to hear it.

On my way home I called upon that rising and clever conductor, Mr. Arthur Edwards, who resides at Boreham. Would I be in a peal on the following Saturday? Certainly—nothing better to terminate my tour. Before starting the peal, the steeple-keeper hinted we might meet with serious interruptions, as the parishioners were decorating the Church for the ensuing Harvest Festival. There might, he said, be also a choir practice while we were ringing, but we were to take no notice, but pursue

the even tenour of our way, as if the church were empty. The belfry being situated on the gallery, and open to the body of the church, I had little hope of scoring a peal under such adverse circumstances, and I almost doubted the warnings of the steeple-keeper, for how on earth could we ring during a choir practice?

We had proceeded with the peal about an hour and half, when suddenly the main doors of the church flew open, and about a score of choir boys began bringing in hundreds of chairs to seat an expected overflowing congregation. The noise was startling in the extreme, and I verily believe those boys were doing their best to overthrow and ruin our peal. Bang, bang! went several chairs in a heap, bops as well. Still we stuck to our work through it all, though our countenances did not display the symptoms of amiability. Dr. Johnson says life is not to be enjoyed, but endured. We found him to be correct in our efforts to gain the peal. Happily we had finished before the choir practice started, or probably each particular hair of our heads would have stood upright, as Shakespeare says, "Like quills upon the fretful porcupine," and I should not have had the pleasure of recording a peal which terminated my delightful tour in the Eastern Counties,

G. F. M.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The second quarterly meeting of the year was held at Bolsover on Saturday, September 28th, and proved very enjoyable and successful. Representatives were present from Alfreton, Burton-on-Trent, Chesterfield, Cotgrave, Darley Dale, Derby, Ilkeston, Loughborough, North Wingfield, Nottingham, Palterton, Ripley, Sandiacre and Sheffield, in addition to the local ringers, and some very good ringing was done during the afternoon and evening, Stedman, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge, Norfolk, Bristol and London Surprise being amongst the methods rung.

Tea was served in the National Schools at 5 o'clock, and was very well attended. Mr. J. W. Taylor (Vice-President) took the chair at the subsequent business meeting, supported by the Rev. Webb-Peploe (Vicar of Bolsover), Rev. S. M. Wheeler (curate), the Hon. Sec., Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. Knights, Mr. John Flint and others. Mrs. J. W. Taylor and several other ladies were also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed, after which eight new ringing members were elected.

The Chairman, in the course of his remarks on the work done during the past quarter, drew special attention to the great increase in the number of peals rung on six bells, and also the high standard of the methods rung. Eleven of these peals had been rung during the past quarter, eight of which were 5040s in seven methods, and one a 5040 in ten methods. He also noticed the first peal of Stedman rung at Oakham, the first in the county of Rutland, and a peal of Grandsire Caters, the first rung on handbells in the town of Derby.

The Vicar replying to a vote of thanks for the use of the bells and schoolroom, said he was pleased to welcome the Association to Bolsover, and hoped to again have the pleasure in the near future. Thanks were also accorded to the Bolsover band for kindly making the arrangements for the day, and to the chairman, after which many of the ringers returned to the tower where ringing was continued for some time.

LITTLE BOB MAJOR.

By E. BARNETT, Crayford.

5376.

23456 W M H

53426 S

45632 - -

63452 - -

46235 - -

34255 - -

63245 - -

26534 - -

32564 -

Eleven times repeated, with s for b in fifth course of the 6th and twelfth parts. Reduced to 5088 by calling the third course of first part s, 3rds, 5ths, which cuts out five courses and produces the part-end.

This peal has 4, 5 and 6 their extent in sixths.

First rung at Crayford as 5088 on September 28th, 1912, conducted by the composer.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By HENRY DAINS.

5056,

23456 M B W H

45236 - -

24536 - -

52436 - -

43526 - -

62534 - -

56234 - -

42635 - -

64235 - -

26435 - -

26354 X - -

35264 - -

23564 - -

52364 - -

36524 - -

53624 - -

46325 - -

34625 - -

63425 - -

54326 - -

35426 - -

42356 - -

34256 - -

23456 - -

This composition contains the full combination of the 6th in 5-6, by reason of the fact that she is not brought into either position by means of a bob before. It has 4-5-6 exclusively in 6ths at course-ends. I may add I do not remember seeing it published previously.

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5008.

23456 I 4 6

53624 - - -

36524 - - -

25634 - - -

56234 - - -

32654 - - -

26354 - - -

63254 - - -

35264 - - -

62534 - - -

23564 - - -

63425 - - -

34625 - - -

46325 - - -

23645 - - -

36245 - - -

42635 - - -

26435 - - -

64235 - - -

32465 - - -

24365 - - -

42563 - - -

54326 5 - -

43526 - - -

35426 - - -

24536 - - -

45326 S - -

53426 - - -

34526 - - -

25436 - - -

54236 - - -

32456 - - -

24356 - - -

43256 - - -

Repeat last twelve courses, calling first 1-6.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.

By C. J. SEDGLEY, Ipswich.

5040.

23456 M W H

43652 - - -

56234 - - -

42635 - - -

62534 - - -

35426 - - -

42356 - - -

54326 - - -

34625 - - -

26543 - - -

42563 - - -

64523 - - -

25346 - - -

34256 - - -

23456 - - -

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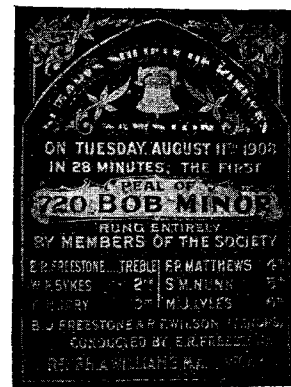
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1912.

FALSE COMPOSITIONS.

Last week we published two compositions from the pen of Mr. W. Gilbert, which are now proved to be hopelessly false. As has been previously intimated, we do not accept responsibility for the truth or otherwise of the compositions sent us for insertion, but publish them for what they are worth. It is only what we have a right to expect that when a composition is sent for publication it has been proved and found to be correct. If this has not been done, then an intimation should be given to that effect, so that steps may be taken to prevent those compositions which are false from appearing. We are always ready to give what assistance lays in our power to those who are striving to get to the front, in whatever direction their efforts may be put forth, and it is only fair to expect the same treatment from those who take advantage of our columns to push themselves on. Composers who wish their compositions published would save time and space which might be used more profitably if before sending them they made sure of their truth.

There is another way to look at the question, too. Ringers generally, and conductors especially, do not gain confidence in a writer whose works are found to be incorrect, and there is a danger that even if a true peal is written by one who has brought out two or three that are false, no one will look at it. One who would lead must first inspire confidence in those he wishes to lead, is a rule that holds good in whatever direction it is applied. That being so, we would advise young composers to make sure of their work before giving it to the public. We publish two letters in another column dealing with the peals in question, each containing hints which should prove helpful to aspirants to honour as composers.

In saying all this we have no wish to place any obstacles in the way of young composers; rather would we go out of our way to assist them; but we do ask them, on their part, to assist us by taking steps to ensure that their work is correct before it is published. We have before us at the present moment a letter from a beginner, thanking us for our criticism of a composition and the hints we gave him as to where he was wrong, and how to put them right. What we have done we can and are quite willing to do again.

The Metropolis.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES,

Tenor 50 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lbs.

JOHN D. MATHEWS Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 7.
HENRY DAINS 2.	†FRANK I. HAIRS 8.
ARTHUR N. HARDY 3.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 9.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 4.	WILLIAM BERRY 10.
HENRY DEW* 5.	WILLIAM SHIMMANS 11.
HAROLD BURTON* 6.	WILLIAM J. NUDUS Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

*First peal on twelve bells. †First peal of Cinques. The conductor's rooth peal and first peal as conductor on twelve.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

ERNST BRETT Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
ARMIGER J. TROLLOPE 2.	FRANK HAIRS 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT* 3.	ALFRED GRIMES 7.
HAROLD BURTON* 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

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

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, September 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILARS, 5014 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt. in D.

HENRY SPRINGALL Treble.	WILLIAM TRUSS 6.
EDWIN HORREX 2.	CHARLES S. BURDEN 7.
EDWIN GIBBS 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 8.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 4.	ALFRED B. PECK 9.
JAMES SCHOLES 5.	EMMANUEL HALL Tenor.

Composed by JOHN P. BRADLEY, and

Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late William P. Cooter and Matthew A. Wood.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 26, 1912, in Three Hours Twenty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. Treble.	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON .. 5.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 2.	*ALFRED W. GRIMES 6.
CHARLES T. COLBS 3.	JOHN E. MILLER 7.
FREDERICK G. TRGG 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell.

The Provinces.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE,

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

W. LAMBERT Treble.	T. BETTISON 5.
B. A. KNIGHTS 2.	T. RILEY 6.
W. GOSLING 3.	G. BEMROSE 7.
J. ROBBINS 4.	S. THOMAS Tenor.

Conducted by S. THOMAS.

This peal was attempted on August 3rd for W. Gosling's 85th birthday, but owing to the 4th bell going badly it had to be abandoned. It would be interesting to know if any man has rung a peal in his 86th year.

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THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight 6-scores each of Canterbury, Old Doubles, Plain Bob, and eighteen 6-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

HORACE PATRICK Treble.	ROBERT G. BLACK 3.
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2.	G. HENRY PATRICK 4.
EDGAR REID Tenor.	

Conducted by M. HOBBS.

First peal in four methods by all except the conductor.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

ARTHUR EDWARDS* Treble.	HARRY MOORE 5.
HENRY W. KIRTON 2.	JOHN DALE 6.
GEORGE F. MARGETSON 3.	HENRY F. COOPER 7.
PERCY LETCH 4.	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor.

Composed by H. PRICE, and Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

*First peal in the method as conductor. The ringers of treble, 2nd and 4th hail from Boreham; 3rd from Chigwell Row; 5th, 7th and tenor from Chelmsford; 6th belongs to the local company.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 22, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL 5000 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	WILLIAM J. GROOM 6.
ERNEST F. POPPY 2.	JAMES BETTS 7.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 3.	PETER LAYLIN 8.
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN 9.
WILLIAM ROSE 5.	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by J. MOTTS

First peal in method by the ringers of the 5th, 7th, and tenor.

BRISTOL.

THE ST. NICHOLAS' GUILD.

On Monday, September 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH (CITY).

A PEAL OF ERIN CATERS, 5018 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT STOWELL Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 6.
FRED G. MAY 2.	FREDK. W. WADE 7.
WILLIAM STOWELL 3.	GILBERT WILTSHIRE 8.
CHARLES PERRY 4.	ISAAC LONG 9.
ALFRED E. REEVES 5.	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor.

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

Arranged for Mr. J. H. B. Hesse.

DUDLEY (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, September 4th, at St. Thomas's Church, the following members of the Parish Church Society rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins., with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of sympathy to the family of Mr. Francis John Wilkes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wilkes, and grandson of Mr. S. Spittle. Master of the Dudley Parish Church Society, who met with a fatal accident whilst cycling at Dudley on August 31st. C. Faulks, G. Guest, J. Mills, W. Goodman, J. Goodman, jun., H. Sheppard, H. Goodman (conductor), W. Meek.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BRUERTON'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR EDGERTON Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
JAMES JONES 2.	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 6.
THOMAS HORTON 3.	FRANK BURLEIGH 7.
WILLIAM H. JONES 4.	REUBEN HALL Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This peal was arranged as a farewell peal to the conductor, who is shortly sailing for Australia, and who also rang his first peal at the above church on the same bell.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, September 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

*First peal in seven methods on a bob bell.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, September 24, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM COLEY Treble.	HARRY LEA 5.
ELIJAH WHITE 2.	WILLIAM H. WEBB 6.
VICTOR WHITE 3.	ALFRED HACKETT 7.
EDWARD BACHE* 4.	MATTHEW HACKETT Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM COLEY.

*First peal in the method. This peal was rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Somers, who have been prominent members of the Church for a great number of years.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRANK BENNETT Treble.	GEORGE HUXLEY 5.
ISAAC EMERY 2.	*ARTHUR BYGRAVE 6.
SPENCER MARSHALL* 3.	GEORGE DURLING 7.
HUBERT J. BLACKWELL 4.	ALFRED JAMES, SEN. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal in the method.

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PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, September 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

CLARENCE GOOCH Treble.	ERNEST WHITING 5.
EDWIN WHITING 2.	JOHN SNELLING 6.
GEORGE SNELLING 3.	FREDERICK BORRETT 7.
BERTIE TURNER 4.	FREDERICK SEAGER Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON Treble.	HENRY GEORGE 5.
HERBERT DAY 2.	FRED W. HILL 6.
JAMES PAGETT 3.	WILLIAM C. PILCHER 7.
JOHN FLOWER 4.	ALEX. HUTCHISON Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HALEY, and Conducted by FRED W. HILL.

The quickest peal on the bells. It was George Dawson's 95th peal, and the first he had rung away from his own tower (Duffield), he having rung 94 peals there.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM C. MINCHIN .. Treble.	*VICTOR R. WILLIAMS .. 5.
HARRY LEWIS 2.	CHARLES E. BARTLETT .. 6.
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 3.	JOHN J. JEFFRIES 7.
WILLIAM C. CUSE 4.	WILFRED G. COOK Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

*First peal. This peal was specially arranged and rung as a wedding peal for the conductor, Mr. F. J. Lewis, who was married to Miss Margaret Little on February 15th, 1912, when an attempt for a peal unfortunately failed.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIX-PART NO. 11.

ERNEST CARTER Treble.	JAMES ELDERFIELD 3.
WILLIAM HENLEY 2.	JAMES BLACEMORE 6.
GEORGE ALLDER 3.	GEORGE BASDEN 7.
JOSEPH J. PAREE 4.	WALTER E. HARRIS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. J. PAREE.

Rung on the 15th anniversary of the dedication of the two treble bells. Mr. Harris was elected a member of the above Guild before starting.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

GEORGE H. CROSS Treble.	GEORGE MOY 5.
GEORGE S. SOAME 2.	FRANK COPEMAN 6.
WILLIAM A. HEMPEL 3.	FRED J. HOWCHIN 7.
GEORGE HOWCHIN 4.	ALBERT G. WARNES Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by GEORGE CROSS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Copeman.

SELBY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

ALBERT CRYER* Treble.	*HORACE MORLEY 5.
GEORGE MORLEY* 2.	FREDERICK CRYSE 9.
CHARLES JACKSON 3.	*HENRY FAIRLAM 7.
JAMES JACKSON* 4.	THOMAS STRUDWICE Tenor.

Composed by W. H. THOMPSON, Esq., M.A., and

Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

*First peal. This composition is from "Grandsire," page 205, and is now rung for the first time. Rung in honour of the dedication of the new south transept by His Grace the Archbishop of York. The new wing with its beautiful stained glass window, which cost about £10,000, is the gift of Mr. Wm. Liversedge, a native of Selby.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

DAVID COTTON Treble.	WALTER CANNER 5.
JOHN HOUGH 2.	ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE .. 6.
WALTER HAIR 3.	WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON .. 7.
WILLIAM J. SMITH 4.	REUBEN STEVENSON Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HOUGH.

First peal of Triples as conductor. Rung on Michaelmas Eve.

POTTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

SAMUEL STUBBINGS .. Treble.	SYDNEY J. COLEMAN 4.
GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 2.	WILLIAM COMPTON 5.
ALFRED BAILEY 3.	EDMUND C. CHASTY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE D. COLEMAN.

MAULDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HERBERT L. HARLOW .. Treble.	CHARLES STAPLETON 4.
PERCY J. COOKE 2.	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5.
WILLIAM STAPLETON .. 3.	CHARLES A. ROBINSON Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

First peal on the bells, which have been overhauled, and a new treble added by Mears and Stainbank, the "go" being excellent. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

PUTNEY.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin on September 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins., to mark the occasion of a marriage between the son of the Rev. Canon Rivington, Vicar of Putney, and the daughter of the Rev. — Sedgewick, Vicar of Sherborn, Warwickshire. T. Bolton, A. Hubbard, W. Honeyball, B. Morris, G. W. Honeyball, J. Kent, A. Jones (conductor), H. Whantlaw. And on Sunday, September 22nd, for Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 48 mins. A. Hubbard, *T. Bolton, *W. Honeyball, A. Jones, *C. Collis, jun., *G. W. Honeyball, J. Kent, J. Herbert. Composed and Conducted by A. Hubbard. *First quarter-peal in the method.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

HARRY SMITH .. .. .Treble.	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. . . . 6.
SAMUEL PRABCE 2.	HARRY GOODMAN 7.
WILLIAM R. SMALL 3.	ALFRED ROWLEY 8.
HERBERT SHEPPARD 4.	BENJAMIN GOUGH 9.
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. . . . 5.	CHARLES FAULKS .. ..Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM MICKLEBRIGHT, and
Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

This is supposed to be the first peal of Grandsire Caters in which all the ringers are members of the C.E.M.S., and was rung as a compliment to the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, on the 20th anniversary of his induction as Vicar of Dudley. Messrs. W. R. Small, H. Smith and A. Rowley belong to Tipton Parish Church C.E.M.S.; B. Gough and S. Pearce to Coseley Parish Church C.E.M.S.; the rest to Dudley Parish Church C.E.M.S.

BOLTON, BRADFORD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR AINGE .. .. .Treble.	JAMES COTTERELL 5.
FRANK R. CUNDALE 2.	JOHN MCKELL 6.
PERCY I. JOHNSON 3.	HERBERT DRANSFIELD .. 7.
JAMES R. KEMP 4.	THOMAS R. HENSHER ..Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by THOMAS R. HENSHER.

First peal in the method by the ringers of the treble and 2nd. First peal of Double Norwich in the city of Bradford. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. G. Naylor to Miss Margaret Oates, of Lightcliffe, the ringers wishing them health and happiness; also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd. Rung on the eve of St. Michael's Day.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

JOHN WYATT .. .. .Treble.	ALBERT N. SELBY 5.
JOHN HOYLE 2.	ERNEST G. STIEBENS .. 6.
WILLIAM A. GARRARD .. 3.	*CHARLES E. READ 7.
CLARENCE H. DORRIS .. 4.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD ..Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

*First peal in the method.

OXFORD.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH (COLLEGE) CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt. in D flat.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. .Treble.	ARTHUR D. BARRER 7.
ALBERT WALKER 2.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 8.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 3.	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENEY .. 9.
FRANCIS E. DAWE 4.	ALFRED B. PECK 10.
THOMAS H. REEVES 5.	HERBERT LANGDON 11.
FREDERICK J. HARDY .. 6.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

The band, mainly composed of representatives from London and Birmingham, wish to tender their best thanks to the Dean for so readily granting permission; and also to the head verger—Mr. Francis—for his kindness and attention in having everything ready for the visitors. Messrs. Walker and Reeves hail from Birmingham; Shepherd from Wolverhampton; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn from Caversham; Hibbert from Reading; Dawe from Woking; the remainder from London.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Canterbury Pleasure, two of Oxford Single Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM FISHER* .. .Treble.	ALFRED CROUCHER 4.
GEORGE FISHER† 2.	ERNEST NEWELL 5.
HUBERT CHARFEY 3.	CHARLES EDWARDS .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. First peal upon the bells.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES,

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE POVEY .. .. .Treble.	EDWIN F. PIRE 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 2.	ISAAC EMERY 6.
REGINALD BROUGH 3.	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7.
JOHN WHEADON 4.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

This is the first peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and by the Association.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM HAYO* .. .. .Treble.	*BERT PRERITT 5.
FRED STUBBS 2.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 6.
THOMAS JERVIS 3.	WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. 7.
JAMES NICKERSON 4.	FRANK KIRK .. ..Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

*First peal in the method. Rung on the eve of the Festival of SS. Michael and All Angels.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .Treble.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 5.
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN* .. 2.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 6.
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN* .. 3.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 7.
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. 4.	WILLIAM SAWYER .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

*First peal.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET (Wilts)—At St. Margaret's Church on Sunday, September 22nd, for Harvest Festival, before morning service, 720 Plain Bob. A. J. Gilbert, C. Gilbert, F. Looker, G. Lancaster, J. Tuckwell, W. G. Lancaster (conductor). Before evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. J. Gilbert, T. Moulden, F. Looker, W. G. Lancaster, J. Tuckwell, G. Lancaster (conductor). After evening service 720 Cambridge Surprise. A. J. Gilbert, T. Moulden, W. G. Lancaster, R. W. Hyner, G. Lancaster (conductor), C. J. Gardiner. On Monday, September 23rd, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Manton, A. J. Gilbert (first 720 with a bob bell), R. W. Hyner, F. Looker, W. G. Lancaster (conductor), T. Moulden.

WIDFORD, ESSEX—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 27, 1912, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Carter's One-Part No. 12. Tenor 11½ cwt.

Henry F. Cooper ... Treble.	*Percy Letch ...	5.
Henry Head ... 2.	Arthur Head ...	6.
Alfred Tarbun, sen. ... 3.	Harry Moore ...	7.
Arthur Edwards ... 4.	†James Walden ... Tenor.	

Conducted by Arthur Edwards.

*First peal of Stedman. †First on eight bells.

COLSTERWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Southern Branch.)

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Single Court and three 720s each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Arthur Taylor ... Treble.	*J. Frank Proctor ...	4.
Harry Thorpe ... 2.	David B. Overton ...	5.
William G. Thorpe ... 3.	Sidney Proctor ... Tenor.	

Conducted by Sidney Proctor.

*First peal of Minor.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in 3 Hours 6 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 12 cwt

Albert D. Stone ... Treble.	George Gatland ...	5.
John T. Rickman ... 2.	Arthur Hutchings ...	6.
Henry Stalham ... 3.	Keith Hart ...	7.
Edmund H. Lindup ... 4.	Bert Challen ... Tenor.	

Conducted by Keith Hart.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 30, 1912, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At the Old Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Variation of Parker's 12-Part.

Horace Howell ... Treble.	John E. Eaton ...	5.
Miss Sarah Pigott ... 2.	Walter Pigott ...	6.
J. Herbert Benfield* ... 3.	†George Pigott ...	7.
John Bass ... 4.	Joseph Pigott ... Tenor.	

Conducted by George Pigott.

Quickest peal on the bells. *First peal inside. †First peal as conductor.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in 2 Hours 53 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

Joseph J. Pratt ... Treble.	Walter S. Inwood ...	5.
Charles T. Coles ... 2.	Maurice F. R. Hibbert ...	6.
Henry Waite ... 3.	Bertram Prewett ...	7.
Ernest Pye ... 4.	William Honor ... Tenor.	

Conducted by Bertram Prewett.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Arthur T. King, Esq., I.S.O., a Vice-President of the Association.

RAWTENSTALL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 30, 1912, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 14 cwt.

Thos. Rollerson ... Treble.	†Geo. Hy. Hargreaves ...	5.
Thos. Collinge ... 2.	*William Graham ...	6.
Fred Wallwork* ... 3.	*William Rideough ...	7.
James Rollerson ... 4.	Alex Rideough ... Tenor.	

Conducted by Geo. H. Hargreaves.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and Mrs. H. B. Worswick.

Handbell Peal.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 23, 1912, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

At 21a, Muriel Road,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

William A. Hempel 1-2.	Albert Rought ...	5-6.
Albert G. Warnes... 3-4.	George H. Gross ...	7-8.

Composed and Conducted by G. H. Cross.

Umpire—B. Fry.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28th, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At 16, Wellesley Road,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES.

William Roughton* 1-2.	William Hodgetts... 5-6.
George N. Price ... 3-4.	Frank F. Martin ... 7-8.

Composed by Arthur Knights, and

Conducted by George N. Price.

Umpire—Thomas L. Simmons. *First peal of Stedman Caters on handbells.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The St. James's Society, Bury St. Edmunds.)

On Sunday, September 29, 1912, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. R. Moore, Cemetery Road,

A PEAL OF TRIPLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

In the Kent Variation.

Frederick Dewell ... 1-2.	Arthur E. Moore ... 5-6.
Harry A. Turner ... 3-4.	Frank J. Levitt ... 7-8.

Composed by F. Dench, and Conducted by Arthur E. Moore.

Umpire—W. Kemp. This peal was rung to replace a peal by the same band on August 28th, 1911, which afterwards proved to be false.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The St. James's Society, Bury St. Edmunds.)

On Monday, September 30, 1912, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

In the Belfry of the Norman Tower,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

William W. Kemp†... 1-2.	Harry A. Turner ... 5-6.
Frederick Dewell ... 3-4.	John Sparrow ... 7-8.

Composed by Henry J. Tucker, and
Conducted by Harry A. Turner.

Umpire—Frank J. Levitt. †First peal double-handed, and first attempt.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A monthly meeting was held at Allesley, near Coventry, on Saturday last, about twenty-five members attending from Nuneaton, Allesley, Rugby, Coventry, Sutton Coldfield and Stratford-on-Avon. The bells are a light and musical ring of six which go well, and the local ringers are persevering members of the Guild. Inside the tower, however, the bells are rather noisy, and the condition of things would undoubtedly be greatly improved by an additional floor between the bells and the ringing chamber. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob Minor were brought round during the afternoon and evening, whilst handbell ringing was indulged in after tea. The Rector (the Ven. Archdeacon Bree) kindly entertained the company to tea, and although he was not able to be present to begin with, he looked in afterwards.

The Hon. Secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to him for his hospitality and welcome to the Guild, and

this the Rev. T. Miriam acknowledged on behalf of the Rector. Seven new members were elected at this meeting.

DEATH OF A KEIGHLEY RINGER.

The remains of Mr. W. Bastow, for sixteen years a ringer at the Parish Church, were interred at the Keighley Cemetery on Saturday, September 7th. He was well-known in the district, and a large number of people were assembled round the grave. After the service a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung as a last tribute to their late comrade by J. Edmondson, 1-2; R. W. Jennison, 3-4; S. Bateman, 5-6; T. Bancroft, 7-8.

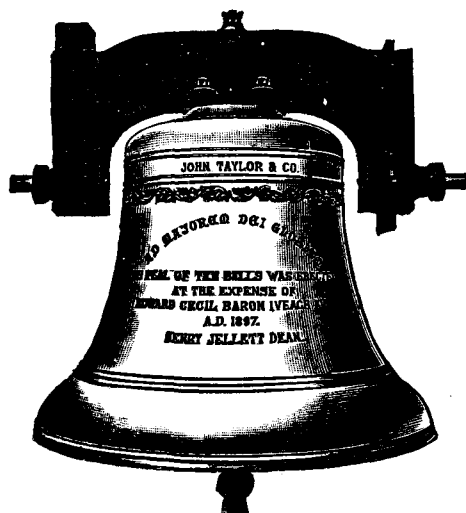
THANET.—On Thursday, September 12th, at St. Laurence's Church, 504 Stedman Triples. W. G. Birch, S. G. Twyman, F. W. Gibbs, A. E. Jarman, A. Jones, W. J. Jarman, H. G. Marsh, A. Gambrill. Conducted by S. G. Twyman First 564 by the ringers of the treble, 3rd, and 7th

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Also the bells of Dundalk R.C. Cathedral, and "Great Bede" of Downside Abbey, Also for the town halls of Manchester, Preston, Bradford, Halifax, Rochdale, Wakefield, Middlesbrough, Kendal, and Londonderry; and the Sydney and Adelaide Post Offices in Australia.

Also the chime of bells at Ames College, Iowa, U.S.A.
And the recast "Grandison," of Exeter Cathedral

THE BELLS OF NORTH BOVEY, DEVON.

The ring of six bells at North Bovey, South Devon, which were cast by Bilbie, Cullompton, in 1814, have been silent for some time owing to their bad condition. The treble, which was found to be badly cracked, was sent to London to be recast by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, and the work of rehanging the bells was carried out by Messrs. Aggett and Son, the well-known bellhangers, of Chagford, Devon.

Ringers from Moretonhampstead, Widdicombe-in-the-Moor, Manaton, Stoke, Chagford and Dunsford rang several touches upon the bells, and everyone was of the opinion that the tone and "go" of the bells left nothing to be desired."

On Sunday, the ornamentation of the lady-chapel of Syston Parish Church was dedicated as a memorial to the Rev. John M. Tucker, who died in 1907. The decorations, which were designed by Mr. W. D. Caroe, F.S.A., consist of the paneling in oak of the south wall, with a memorial inscription between the two windows, and the east end has a carved retable bearing the emblems of the Passion, whilst on either side of the window are three carved niches destined to hold figures of St. John, St. Peter, and St. Paul.

A number of touches have been unavoidably held over till next week,

CHURCH ITEMS.

The Bishop Paget Memorial Fund in the diocese of Oxford has reached a total of over £2,914.

For the success of the herring fishery a service of intercession was held at the parish church at Yarmouth.

Free cloak-room accommodation for damp garments is provided in a North London church, a brass check being given in return for each coat or cloak.

In Harpenden Church (Hertfordshire) a tablet has been placed in memory of the late Sir Charles Lawes-Wittewronge, who was well-known both as athlete and artist.

Morland Parish Church, Penrith, is to be provided with a new organ, the gift of Mr. Joseph Hoult, of Liverpool, in memory of many happy days spent in the neighbourhood.

The Bishop of Liverpool opened the new day schools which have been built, at a cost of over £8,000, in connection with the parish church on Hardshaw Fields, St. Helens.

In memory of the Rev. Charles Napier Kelly, minor canon of St. Paul's Cathedral, and Rector of St. Nicholas Cole Abbey, in Queen Victoria Street a memorial was unveiled this week.

The Rev. E. W. Skilton has been appointed Church of England Chaplain, and the Rev. R. Walker, of Stroud Green, Nonconformist Chaplain at the City of London Cemetery at Ilford.

At Tupsley, Herefordshire, the new oak reredos and oak stalls were dedicated last week. They are treated in fifteenth century style, and harmonise with the oak screen and pulpit recently placed in the church.

The Countess of Leicester (sister of Lord Annaly), who kept her birthday yesterday, has consented to open a sale of work at Norwich in aid of the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society on Wednesday next.

In announcing a weekly evening service for women only, the Rev. A. M. Hanley, vicar of Kensal Rise, makes an appeal to men to co-operate with him by making this their "night in," so that it may be their wives' "night out."

As successor to the late Rev. E. C. Carter, who, with his wife, was lost on the "Titanic," the Rev. Thomas Brownhill Parker, late chaplain to King's College Hospital, was instituted and inducted as vicar of St. Jude, White-chapel.

Hackney Borough Council has agreed to accept from the Vicar and Churchwardens of Hackney a deed of conveyance for the future custody and maintenance of Hackney old church tower, dating back to the thirteenth century.

Appealing for £200, the Rev. F. W. Isaacs, vicar of Chiswick and Rural Dean of Hammersmith, announces that he is arranging a Thanksgiving Day, desiring that the money should be raised by a voluntary offering, instead of a bazaar.

The alms at a service of thankoffering in the new church of St. Michael, Newquay, amounted to £367 on Sunday morning, when the preacher was Archdeacon du Boulay. A special effort is being made to extinguish a debt of £800 on the Building Fund, and £485 have already been obtained.

By an anonymous donor the carillon of St. John's Parish Church, Peterborough, is being restored. Altogether fourteen tunes can be played, including "The Bailiff's Daughter of Islington," "Home, Sweet Home," "The Minstrel Boy," "Nae Luck About the House," and "See the Conquering Hero Comes."

Mrs. G. T. Edwards laid a corner-stone at St. Stephen's Church, Norbury, in connection with the addition now being made of chancel, lady-chapel, vestries, and porch. Except for the tower, this will complete the church, the foundation-stone of which was laid in 1908. The present extension will cost £3,700, and will increase the seating accommodation by two hundred.

The completion of the church extension scheme at Wrexham has been celebrated this week. The scheme was started by Canon Davies four years ago, and comprises three new churches and a church-house, at a cost of £24,000. On Tuesday the Bishop of St. Asaph dedicated the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, and there was a service of thanksgiving in the parish church.

The people of Allethwaite, near Grange-over-Sands, have recently raised a fund for beautifying their church, as a result of which the Archdeacon of Furness has just dedicated a number of gifts, including some good oak panelling round the sanctuary, a new altar of oak, and some costly tiles which have been placed in the chancel. In addition, a handsome reredos was presented by good friends.

A section of the choir at St. Mary's Parish Church, Swineshead, Lincolnshire, have come out on strike. At Sunday evening's harvest thanksgiving service there was a procession with a cross, and as a protest the choir went on strike, whilst members of the congregation showed their sympathy by leaving the church. A short time ago the bellringers went on strike, and the bells have not since been rung.

St. Edmund's, Dudley, has been reopened after complete restoration of the interior and installation of the electric light. Since 1904 this edifice, which is the oldest parish church in Dudley, has undergone extensive repairs and improvements—the roof made sound at a cost of £120, a new vestry built costing £300, the churchyard drained; and now it has been painted and cleaned, the galleries scraped of paint and varnish, and the pulpit lowered and placed in a more convenient position—the whole costing £250.

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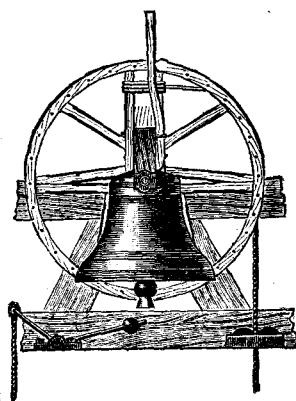
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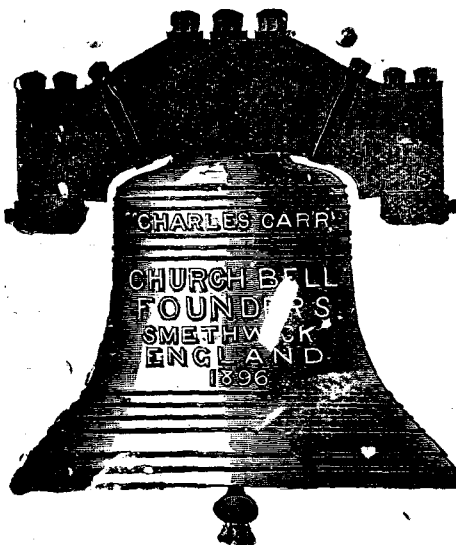
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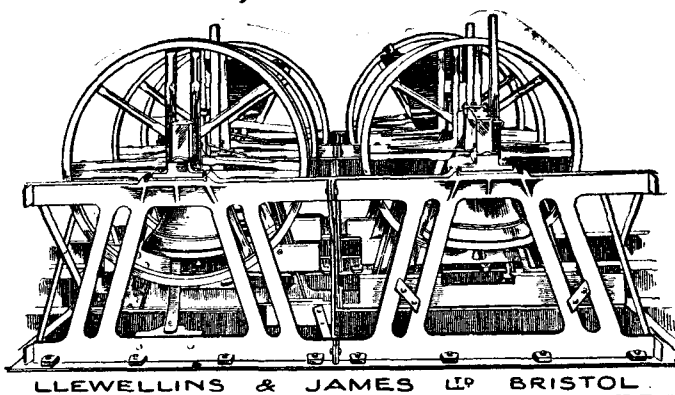
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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CANTERBURY DISTRICT.)

The members of the Canterbury District met at Hernhill on October 5th, for the special meeting decided upon at the annual gathering in May last. Fortunately the day was very fine, and travelling was pleasant, and so members began to gather soon after 3 o'clock, having walked, cycled or motored, and one and all agreed that place and weather were everything desirable for such a meeting.

The Rev. A. Clark opened the meeting with prayer, and heartily welcomed those present to his parish. Various touches in the standard methods were rung before 5.30, when an adjournment was made to the school for tea. This was provided by the local member—a phrase explaining much to those who know the district.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore proposed a very hearty vote of thanks, firstly to the Vicar for the use of the bells, etc., and expressed the delight of the ringers at his presence during the afternoon; and secondly to the gentleman who had provided the tea, which was so well catered for and enjoyed. This was seconded by Mr. W. E. Pitman and carried with acclamation. Both gentlemen suitably responded.

Mr. E. G. Buesden proposed that another special meeting be held at Selling during January, and this was duly carried *nem con.* A return to the tower was then made, and the bells were kept going till 9 p.m. in various methods, including Superlative.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting of this district was held on Saturday, September 28th, at St. George's, Gravesend. Ringing was booked to commence at 3.30 p.m., but owing to serious illness in close proximity to the tower this was abandoned. Milton-next-Gravesend was opened instead. The service was held at St. George's at 5 o'clock, about forty being present, the Rector, Canon Gedge (assisted by his father) officiating. The District Secretary presided at the organ. The Rector took his text from the special lesson given in the Kent County Association service book. Tea was served in the Church House (kindly placed at the disposal of the members by the Church House Committee), fifty-six partaking, including the Rector, who also presided at the meeting.

In opening the Rector spoke of the cause which had debarred them from using the bells and him the pleasure of hearing them. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, followed by a short report of the doings in the district, which showed the lapse of one tower and twenty-eight members, and the addition of twenty-nine members. Twenty-eight peals have been rung in the district since the last annual meeting, against thirteen last year. Fourteen members rang their first peal, two their first as conductor. Mr. Hyland, of Upchurch, rang his 50th peal, and Mr. Wilkins, of Sheerness, rang his 150th peal. Then followed the election of district representa-

tive and district secretary, both of whom were again unanimously elected. The next meeting will be held at Chatham in December.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for presiding, and for his address in church; also to the other clergy for the use of their bells. Ringing was again indulged in at Milton-next-Gravesend and at Swanscombe till 9.15.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.

A meeting of this District was held on Saturday, Sept. 28th, 1912, at Stanford-le-Hope, some 30 members being present. These duly arrived at the meeting place in time for a short ring before the service, which was held in the Parish Church at five o'clock. This was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. Russell. Afterwards an adjournment was made to the Rectory, where a plentiful tea was spread, which, needless to say, was thoroughly enjoyed. This part of the programme over the business meeting was proceeded with, the Master of the district in the chair. The minutes of the Brentwood and Shenfield meetings having been passed new members were elected in the persons of Messrs. W. Halls and W. Hawkins (Stanford-le-Hope) and H. Joslin and H. Chinnery (Orsett). The election of Mr. H. W. Clark, of Cubitt Town, as a non-resident life member of Baddow Tower was confirmed. Great Waltham found no opposition as the place for the next meeting in December. This ended the business.—The Rev. H. T. Eyre then proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for conducting the service, and for his kind hospitality, concluding with a short description of Stanford-le-Hope bells.—Mr. C. H. Howard seconded the proposition, and urged members of the towers in the neighbourhood to arrange for combined meetings for practice.—The Rector briefly returned thanks, and assured those present that it was a great pleasure to meet them.—Time was on the wing, and those who had a brake ride home were compelled to take a hasty farewell to enable them to reach home by midnight. It had been intended to pay a visit to Orsett, but this was found to be impossible. The towers represented at the meeting were Barking, Boreham, Braintree, Chelmsford, Fryerning, Little Bentley (South Weald), Orsett, Shenfield and Widford.

NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting for the North-Eastern District was held at Dunmow on Saturday last. A short service was held at the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar, and the rev. gentlemen afterwards presided over the business part of the proceedings. At the election of officers the Master Mr. S. Elliott (Coggeshall), and the Secretary, Mr. A. Shufflebotham (Braintree) were re-elected for the ensuing year. Four ringing members were next elected, and a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his services in church and at the meeting brought a successful meeting to a close.

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The committee meeting was held in the Institute, Mr. W. R. Small being voted to the chair. Six new members were enrolled, and the next meeting fixed for January 18th (or thereabouts) at Perry Barr. Letters of apology were received from Messrs. S. Reeves (Central Council representative) G. Hughes (Ringing Master), J. Taylor, T. J. Elton and J. E. Groves. A short service was held in the beautiful church, brightened by the help of the choir boys, and a helpful address given by the Rev. Preb. P. Nicholas, Vicar, his text being "Whatever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men," that being the Society's motto.

A splendid meat tea was provided in the schoolroom. Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for his address, the use of the bells, etc.; the organist and choir boys for their services; to the ladies who were so attentive at the tea table; and last, but by no means least (not even in stature) to Mr. Rowland Cartwright, for his never untiring help. A little handbell ringing was indulged in, to the special delight of the uninitiated; after which the tower was re-visited, when the bells were set going in various methods. During the afternoon a group was formed in the churchyard, and a "snap" taken by a budding photographer.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended and most successful quarterly meeting was held on Saturday last at Bassaleg, Monmouthshire. The bells, which are a ring of six and are of cast steel, probably had something to do with so many putting in an appearance, many that were present never having heard cast steel bells before, and from the unanimous opinion expressed by all that heard them cast steel is a failure so far as bells are concerned. Fortunately this is the only ring of steel bells in the Diocese, and the opinion was generally expressed that if Viscount Tredegar knew that they were unsatisfactory a new peal would be forthcoming.

The meeting was held in the parish rooms, which by the way are an excellent and magnificent suite, recently built and presented to the parish by Viscount Tredegar. The chair was taken by the Vicar of the parish, the Rev. D. Bowen. Instructors' reports having been heard the place for the next Monmouthshire quarterly meeting was discussed, and it was unanimously decided to visit Marshfield. Several new members were then elected, including Miss E. Pacey, of Rumney tower. It was decided to hold a committee meeting in Cardiff to discuss the question of issuing annual reports, the meeting to be held and the report to be submitted at the annual meeting on Dec. 26th.

This concluded the business meeting. The Vicar then very kindly invited those present to tea in the adjoining room. At the conclusion of the tea a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the rev. gentleman for his kindness, and also the ladies present who so kindly helped.

The Vicar, replying, said he was grateful for the vote of thanks, and heartily welcomed the Association to his parish. At present he had no band of ringers, but he was about to call a meeting to start a band, as several in

the parish were willing to learn. He would then call upon the Association to come to his assistance and help them in change-ringing.

During the evening the four standard methods were rung bringing to a close a very enjoyable meeting, and one which is likely to do good.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN BRANCH QUARTERLY MEETING.

For the first time in its history the Worcestershire Association held a meeting in the old-world town of Belbroughton (famous for its scythes) on Saturday last, and it was in every way a most enjoyable and successful meeting. The service in the church, conducted by the Rector (Rev. C. M. Cooke), was very well attended. In his address, which was very much appreciated, the rev. gentleman spoke of ringers loving their work on account of its extreme difficulty. It also brought out their manliness and usefulness. As Church workers ringers sacrificed a great deal of their spare time in practising and making themselves efficient, and in helping younger members to become so. After the service a splendid repast, kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens, was partaken of in the schools, over 70 sitting down. The following parishes were represented: Kidderminster. Oldhill, Oldswinford, Wolverley, Halesowen, Wolverhampton, Clent, Stourbridge, Wollaston, Rowley, Wordsley, Smethwick, Brierley Hill, and the local band. At the business meeting, which followed, the Rector presided. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Oldbury on January 18th, whilst the quarterly peal is to be attempted at Belbroughton, Mr. H. Martin being chosen as conductor. Two honorary members, one life performing member, and nine performing members were elected, the Rector of Belbroughton and the Vicar of Clent being included in the first category, while the last-named comprised the Belbroughton company. The secretary was instructed to write a letter, expressing the sympathy of the meeting, to the widow of the late Mr. W. T. Whitehouse, for many years a ringer and tower keeper at Oldswinford church. In proposing the re-election of Mr. R. Matthews (Master), Mr. J. Pigott (Committeeman), and Mr. E. J. Dowler (Secretary), Mr. H. Mason spoke of the success of the Association. Since the division into three branches there had been a considerable increase in the attendance at services and business meetings, together with a large increase in the number of members. He also dealt with the great changes that had been effected in belfry management during the past 25 years, and the very sincere way in which ringers as a whole performed their duties as Church workers.

Mr. A. E. Parsons moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his address; to the organist for his services at the organ; to the Rector and churchwardens for the splendid tea they had provided; and also to the ladies for the excellent service they had rendered during the tea.

This having been duly carried,

The Rector, in reply, said it gave him the greatest possible pleasure to meet the Association there. He hoped everyone would enjoy himself, and trusted it would not be long before the first peal of 5,000 changes would be rung on his bells. He also expressed a hope that it would not be the last time the Association would visit there.

The bells (6, tenor about 15 cwt.) were kept going until nine o'clock (Miss K. Thatcher taking part) and thus a very successful meeting ended.

COSELEY RINGERS' OUTING.

The Coseley band, together with a large number of friends, spent a most enjoyable afternoon and evening at Penkridge on the occasion of their annual outing, in spite of a wait of an hour or so on the platform at Wolverhampton. Permission to use the bells of the Peukridge had been obtained, and as soon as they caught sight of the tower away the ringers ran with all the speed they could put on, each doing his best to out-distance the others and be first at the goal.

The more staid and sedate members of the party quietly strolled through the streets and on to the bridge of the Peak, where one member of the party explained how hay-making was carried on in the river. Another, a disciple of Izaak Walton, and of yore a pike-catcher at this spot, thought he espied a "twenty-four incher Jack," and coupling it with a flight of circling "Twit-Twits," the attendant group immediately grasped the possibility of a congregation to listen to our "St. Francis," but, alas! the gentleman in question looked over the parapet: *Exeunt* birds and fishes. The party would have remained on the bridge longer enjoying the sylvan beauties, but realised that it was tea time, so tracks were made to a magnificent room, adorned with Union Jacks and other decorations, where due refreshment was provided, to which all did justice, especially the Warden and Ringing Master, both of whom had been enjoying the sea breezes of the sunny south, which naturally had given them good appetites.

The party sat down in silence, and after a very long and profitable interval, the Vicar rose to propose a vote of thanks to Mr. Law, without whom such an occasion,

would be almost impossible. Mr. Marsden seconded, and the vote was carried with acclamation. Mr. Law responded in a capital speech, and as the Vicar of Penkridge entered the room as he was speaking, Mr. Law took the opportunity of proposing a vote of thanks to him for the use of the bells. The Rev. J. A. Price seconded, and from him the company learnt with surprise that he and Mr. Kempson had been fellow curates at Cannock.

After the votes of thanks the party dispersed for a while, but later on united and attended evensong in the beautiful old church. At about 6.30 most of the visitors wended their way to the station, but no inducements could get the ringers from the Church tower, and the train steamed out of the station to the merry jingle of the bells. They did, however, eventually stop ringing, as was proved by the fact that their own bells rang out in merry riot for service on the Sunday morning.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening consisted of touches of Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples, Canterbury Pleasure and Bob Major, conducted by Mr. Fisher.

It is proposed to erect a memorial window to the late Bishop Sheepshanks in the Church of St. Barnabas, Heigham, Norwich, in the building of which he took so great an interest.

The Bishop of Manchester, in the presence of a very large congregation and some thirty clergy of the district, consecrated the new Church of St. John, Great Harwood. In the course of his address he commended the energy and faith that had undertaken such a work, and added that it was delightful to him to notice that new churches were being built in Accrington, Colne, and other parts of East Lancashire, where consecration services were awaiting him in the near future.

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RE-DEDICATION OF THE BELLS.

MAYOR AND CORPORATION ATTEND.

The festival day of its patron saint was chosen at St. Michael's, Bath, for the celebration of the annual thanksgiving for the ingathering of the harvest, and at the morning service the Mayor and Corporation attended in state, and the bells were re-dedicated. The bells have been rehung in a steel frame of special design, and all returned, the corrosion have been taken off by sandblasting. They have been fitted with cast-iron headstooks with special renewable steel gudgeons, so that they can be rehung in years to come at much less expense. The seventh and second bells have been recast, and the old inscriptions re-produced with a new addition. A chiming apparatus has been fixed, consisting of the Ellacombe chiming hammer in an oak chiming case. Each bell bears an interesting inscription.

The tenor which weighs 16 cwt.,—"I to the Church the living call, and to the grave do summon all."

The seventh—"Peal re-hung and 7th re-cast, June 1912, in memory of Ellen Tanton Little. H. J. Heard, M.A., Rector, D. Leslie Beath and Robert Best, churchwardens."

Sixth—"We were all cast at Gloucester by Abel Rudhall, 1757."

Fifth—"Prosperity to our benefactors."

Fourth—"Peace and good neighbourhood."

Third—"Fear God, Honour the King."

Second—"Hark to our melody."

Treble—"When us you ring, we'll sweetly sing."

The work has been carried out under the supervision of Mowbray A. Green, F.R.I.B.A. by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London, who hold the Royal Warrants of the present King, King Edward VII. and Queen Victoria. Mr. Robert Warner represented the firm at the service. The cost has been defrayed out of the legacy left by the late Miss Little, and the work has been executed as the inscription on the seventh bell indicates, to her memory.

The church was very tastefully decorated. Flowers of many colours abounded, and the beautiful autumn tints of the foliage made a charming back ground. Harvest was truly the dominant note, for there was a profusion of bright coloured apples, grapes, bread and corn, and other produce, judiciously introduced into every portion of the decorative scheme, which was the work of Mrs. Heard, the Rev. D. and Mrs. Ballard, Mrs. Weaver, the Misses Clack, Mrs. Best, Mrs. Plowman, and Miss Hinley. The Mayor, Alderman T. F. Plowman, was accompanied by Aldermen I. Rubie, B. John, C. B. Oliver, and J. W. Knight; Councillors W. J. Baker, G. T. Cooke, H. S. P. Curtis, C. H. Hacker, F. G. Hearse, Miss Hope, P. Jackman, F. Mullett, G. F. Powell, J. W. Rose, R. J. H. Scott, T. Southwell, J. W. C. Southwood, F. W. Spear, S. J. G. Stone, T. T. Stone, A. W. Thomas, T. Vezey, A. W. Wills, A. E. Withy, and W. Woodbridge, with the Town Clerk (Mr. F. D. Wardle), the City Treasurer (Mr. A. G. Moger), Mr. W. H. Herd (City Auditor), Mr. J. W. Gatehouse (City Analyst), Mr. J. Vaughan Phillips (Chief Constable), Mr. J. Hatton (Director of the Baths), and Mr. C. M. Hodges (Curator of the Art Gallery).

Special music was sung by the choir, the anthem being Maunder's "While on earth remaineth," and the *Te Deum* Simper in C, while the National Anthem was played as the civic procession entered the Church. Prior to the sermon the clergy, choir, and churchwardens, followed by the Sword Bearer and the Mace Bearers, the Mayor and

the Town Clerk proceeded to the tower, where the dedicatory prayers were said by the Rector (the Rev. H. J. Heard). Then the bells were chimed, the Rector taking the tenor bell, the Rev. D. Ballard (curate), the 7th; Dr. Leslie Beath (churchwarden), the 6th; Mr. R. J. Best (churchwarden), the 5th; Alderman Rubie, the 4th; the Mayor, the 3rd (selected because of its fitting inscription, "Fear God, Honour the King"); the Town Clerk, the 2nd; and Mr. Mowbray Green (the architect), the treble.

The sermon was preached by the Rector, who remarked that the bells had been sanctified to Christian use for a great many years. In the parish of St. Michael's they had records of chimes more than 500 years ago, and throughout all those years not long had the bells been silent. The present peal was first hung in the church preceding the existing building. In 1788 they were brought from Gloucester, of course by road, and hung with rejoicings in the tower of the last church, where they remained until 1835. In passing, he might say that though 1757 was an age very far short of the present one, an age of insincerity, deep scepticism and brutal indifference to higher things, nevertheless it had both in State and Church the seeds and commencement of higher and better things. It was the year when Clive were out to India, and General Wolfe went from that parish and that city and won imperishable glory on the Heights of Abraham, but there were seeds of higher things—Wesley and Whitfield were preaching to thousands. Things in the past were not all wrong, and a good many things had been handed down from the past which were not altogether unworthy of preservation. People might say why should the clanging of bells be added to the hoot of the motor horn and the shriek of the railway whistle? It was not his province to discuss the question of the street noises, and he did not advocate indiscriminate bell-ringing, but he pointed out that the bell represented to some of them Christianity. They rang out a public proclamation of the full and free redemption in Christ. However much bounded and narrowed their religion might sometimes have been by merely human doctrines, however much fenced in by officialism and formalism, nevertheless there was the Bible, the Psalms and the Canticles, and the beautiful prayers handed down to them from their forefathers, and all might go in. However, much they might make excuses, the feast was spread, and the bells rang out a reminder, "Lest we forget." The tolling of the bell reminded them that their time of opportunity, too, was passing, and the ringing of the bells reminded them of the day of rest. Perhaps a little noise out of the ordinary might be good. They had to endure secular noises all the week, and perhaps they might for one day endure a little noise that was not altogether agreeable to their sensitive ears.

After service the bells were rung by members of the Bath and Wells Association, who were delighted with their tone and "go".

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COOKHAM (Berks).—On Saturday, September 28th, a meeting took place for combined practice. About twenty members were present representing Burnham, Chalfont St. Peter, Cookham, Farnham Royal, Fulmer, Maidenhead, Old Windsor, and Stoke Poges. 360s of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were rung, also 120s of Grandsire Doubles, in which Miss Ellis, of Halesworth, took part; and 120s of Stedman Doubles to which Mr. E. Keeley rung the tenor. Mr. Keeley is one of the Guild's oldest members. The local ringers rang in several touches of rounds.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM BELLS.

RESTORED AND RE-DEDICATED.

The old ring of five bells at the Parish Church, Sible Hedingham, Essex, were very far from being tuneful; in fact, were so much out of tune that it was decided that nothing but recasting the treble and fourth bells could possibly make a tuneful ring of them. In addition to this much other work was necessary if the tower was to be put in anything like proper condition. As in other parishes the question of ways and means had to be considered, but in this case all anxiety was relieved by the generosity of two ladies, the Misses E. A. and E. Webster, who defrayed the whole of the expenses. An idea of what this amount was may be gathered from a recital of the work which had to be done. As before mentioned the first and fourth bells were to be recast and 2 cwt. of new metal put into the latter to make it the requisite thickness to give a full volume of tone; a new treble to be added; all the bells retuned; the old wooden frame removed and a massive frame of wrought steel standing upon heavy compound steel rivetted girders fixed in its place; provision made for the addition of two bells to complete the octave. When this addition has been made Sible Hedingham will possess one of the grandest peals of eight in the county.

The work was placed in the hands of Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, and it cannot be gainsaid that it has been carried to a successful issue. This was acknowledged to be the case by all who were present on September 26th, when Mr. C. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, got together a band for a trial ring, and also on the following Sunday afternoon when members from all over the district gathered to give them a thorough testing after the dedication service. This was conducted by the Rector, the usual dedicatory prayers being said and hymns sung whilst a few rounds were rung. Immediately after the conclusion of the service the visitors took possession of the tower and the bells were kept going to touches in various methods till time for Evensong. The towers represented included Bocking, Braintree, Cavendish, Coggeshall, Gestingthorp, Great Bentley, Great Bardingfield, Greenstead Green, Halstead, Ipswich, Kelvedon, Pentlow and Yeldham. The tone and "go" of the bells was spoken of as being all that could be wished for.

The band who took part in the ringing on Thursday were Messrs. L. Wiseman, C. H. Howard (conductor), F. Clayton, H. Cooper, A. Shufflebotham and A. Bowell. A well-struck 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was accomplished in 25 mins., to the great delight of all who heard it.

The diameters and weights of the bells with the inscriptions on them are as follows:—

Tenor.—47 5/8 in. 18 cwt. 1 qr. 0 lb. Miles Graye made me 1627.
5th.—42 1/2 in. 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. Recast by Bowell of Ipswich, 1912.
4th.—37 1/2 in. 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. Ave Maria.
3rd.—35 in. 7 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. Sancta Katherina Ora Pro Nobis.
2nd.—32 5/8 in. 6 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. Miles Graye made me 1627. Recast by Bowell of Ipswich 1912.

Treble.—30 1/8 in. 5 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. Alfred Bowell, Founder, Ipswich, 1912. To the Glory of God, this bell, the gift of two sisters, E. A. and E. Webster, was dedicated Sept. 29th, 1912.
Think when the bells do chime its Angel's music.

The first peal on the bells, rung on October 3rd, is recorded on another page.

HULL.—On Monday, September 30th, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. J. Hedges, C. Jackson (conductor), G. Dowling, T. Whitfield, T. Morton, H. Rodmell, E. Cutsforth, J. Marsh (first quarter-peal).

ELECTRICITY APPLIED TO CHIMES.

A chime of eight bells, weighing 53 cwt., is to be erected at Dunecht House, near Aberdeen (the seat of Lord and Lady Cowdray), by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, London, N.E., at a cost of £1000. The bells are to be operated by Messrs. John Warner and Sons Patent Electrical Apparatus, which combines a mechanical device for tune playing with a clavier or keyboard to be operated by hand. The carillon will be worked from the electric lighting mains, by current, which is generated upon the premises.

Some of the many ringers who visited Messrs. Warners' Stand at the Festival of Empire Exhibition, Crystal Palace, will remember the electrically rung bell which was shewn there.

These bells are a great boon for small churches, where it is impossible to erect a ringing bell, and also for schools and public buildings. Messrs. Warner have just erected a 4 cwt. bell at St. Matthias' Church, Tulse Hill, and they have a 6 cwt. bell in hand for the Church of the Holy Spirit, Clapham, and also others for Swansea Training College, and schools at Kilburn, Tottenham and Enfield.

Other bells have been erected at Southall (3 cwt.), Southsea (3 cwt.), Hornsey (3 cwt.), St. Helens (Lancs.), St. Augustine's Convent (Westgate-on-Sea), Wimbledon, Gravesend, Tonbridge, Ealing and Westminster.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SUTTON-ON-HULL.—On Wednesday, September 25th, for Harvest Festival Service at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble bob. C. Jackson, T. Goadin, J. S. Calvert, H. Rodmell (conductor), A. E. West. On Thursday, September 26th, at All Saints' Church, Hull, for Harvest Festival Service, 406 Grandsire Triples. J. Hedges, H. Jenkins, C. Jackson, T. Harrison, D. Meadley, E. Cutsforth, T. Whitfield, F. Dale. On Friday, September 27th, at Holy Trinity Church, for Harvest Festival Service, 560 Grandsire Triples and 521 Grandsire Caters. F. Dale, C. Jackson (conductor), G. Dowling, T. Whitfield, F. Messison, J. Highfield, E. Cutsforth, T. Morton, G. T. Miller, J. Chamberlain.

THE HERAFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ALDENHAM (Herts)—On Sunday, October 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by G. H. Daynes. E. H. Godman, A. W. Mansfield, J. A. Childs, W. Hewitt, G. Layzell, W. S. Inwood (conductor), H. G. Rowe, F. Mead. Mr. Rowe was on a visit from Cheshunt.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, September 29th, at Bishop Ryder's Church, 120 Grandsire Doubles was rung to celebrate the wedding day of Mrs. S. Coley. S. Coley conductor, J. Perry, J. Porter, W. Carrod, G. Taylor, T. Pierce.

FARNHAM ROYAL.—On September 21st, for the Harvest Festival, an attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob was lost after two hour's ringing. J. J. Parker, G. Gutteridge, W. Henley, G. Basden, J. Elderfield, W. Willing, G. Alder, G. Martin (conductor). On Sunday, September 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 40 mins. J. Bovington, H. Skuse, G. Gutteridge, J. J. Parker (conductor), J. Elderfield, W. Henley, G. Basden, W. Clarke.

HERNE (Kent).—On Sunday, September 29th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (46 calls). C. Holman, F. Jones (conductor), W. Sorrell, S. R. Jezard, E. Hartop, E. Slingsby.

MISTLEY (Essex).—On Wednesday, September 25th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. C. Rumsey (age 15, first 720), J. Souther, H. Saunders, F. Souther, W. Honeywood (conductor), F. Watling Saxmundham).

The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1912.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY HENRY DAINS.

COMPOSITION NO. 2 IN THIS METHOD.

At the first glance at the compositions I noticed in your last issue I ventured a hope that they would run true in the Burton Variation of Superlative, which is a highly musical method, in which bells can be reversed in 5 6 almost at will, as in Double Norwich Court or in Bob Major, always providing the that bob and plain changes are kept true at M, W and H, but a second glance disposed of this hope entirely.

Now, in order to show the student composer a way of using the 23456 and 24365 in a true peal, I venture to publish the following composition, which contains 62345 and 63254 course ends, and so gives a practical example of using these reverse course ends, which are noted by an * as follows:—

6400.				
23456	M	B	W	H
45236			—	—
24536			—	—
52436			—	—
64235	—			—
26435				—
42635				—
56234	—		—	—
23564		—	—	—
52364		—	—	—
35264		—	—	—
*63254		—	—	—
25634		—	—	—
62534		—	—	—
43526	—	—	—	—
65324	—		—	—
36524			—	—
*62345		x		—
46325		—	—	—
53624	—		—	—
†63425	—		—	—
54326	—		—	—
†34625	(—	—	—	—
56423	(—	—	—	—
45623	(—	—	—	—
64523	(—	—	—	—
35426	—		—	—
42356		—	—	—
34256		—	—	—
23456	—		—	—

This composition contains the extent of the method on plan published without 2nd in bths place at course ends, tenors together, and also the greatest number of changes.

"On the plan" means that when these course ends are course ends with bells reversed in 5 6, one course of such a group of three is cut out and entirely lost in such a composition.

In further explanation let me add that while both may be brought up by a bob before, both of them may be brought up without a bob before. See example in course ends marked †.

By omitting bobs bracketted changes are reduced to 5056 in number, while the 6th retains the full extent in 5 6. NOTE.—Composition No. 1 on this plan is not yet published

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM, S.E.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22½ cwt.

MERRICK R. WARNETT* .. Treble.	FREDR. WM. RICHARDSON .. 5
WILLIAM W. FOX 2.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 6
THOMAS TAYLOR 3	HARRY WARNETT, SEN. .. 7.
JOSEPH LAW 4.	*HENRY J. NORGATE .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WARNETT, SEN.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday peal to M. R. Warnett, son of the conductor.

The Provinces.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR W. COX* .. Treble.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. .. 5.
THOMAS EAST 2.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. .. 6.
HARRY HOLIFIELD 3.	JAMES S. NAPPER 7.
ALBERT E. LOCK 4.	ALFRED WOODLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

*First peal.

KEIGHLEY, YORKS.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HERBERT GREEN .. Treble.	ROBERT W. JENNISON .. 5.
JOHN EDMONDSON 2.	SAM BATEMAN 6.
EDDIE GREEN 3.	JOHN HALL 7.
THOMAS BANCROFT 4.	SMITH MURGATROYD .. Tenor.

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY, and Conducted by T. BANCROFT.

Rung with the bells muffled to the memory of the late William Bastow.

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Witney and Woodstock Branch.)

On Monday, September 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

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

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

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

PETERBOROUGH.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720s of Oxford Bob, two 720s of Double Court, and three 720s of Plain Bob Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOSEPH DUNTHORNE Treble.	JOHN J. JUTSON 4.
WILLIAM WALDEON* 2.	HENRY A. TRAYNAR 5.
EDWIN TILLEY 3.	GEORGE JUTSON Tenor.

Conducted by G. JUTSON.

*First peal.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Halesworth District.)

On Monday, September 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

LEONARD KEMP* Treble.	JAMES SPALDING 4.
FREDK. C. LAMBERT 2.	THOMAS CRANE 5.
E. AUSTIN HEAD* 3.	WALTER KERRISON Tenor.

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung as a farewell peal to Captain and Mrs. P. Balfour, who are leaving Wissett Hall for an extended period, and who have taken great interest in the church, choir, and ringers. *First peal of Minor. The treble ringer is 15 years of age.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES:

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM DELLER Treble.	WILLIAM WHEELER 5.
HARRY BOTTRILL 2.	HARRY SMALD 6.
GEORGE DENT 3.	JOHN CORDELL 7.
HENRY F. COOPER 4.	ISAAC CAVILL Tenor.

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

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, October 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

FREDERICK BERRITT Treble.	GEORGE GOWER 5.
JOHN WILSON 2.	WILLIAM ROOPE 6.
FREDERICK ROOPE 3.	FREDERICK SURRIDGE 7.
RUSSELL RICHES 4.	CHARLES ROOPE Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by F. BERRITT.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Hollis' Five-Part (No. 2) Tenor 29½ cwt.

CHARLES J. STAINER Treble.	WILLIAM E. WARD 5.
REV. J. C. CANTLOW* 2.	EDWARD HATCHER 6.
GEORGE H. COOMBS 3.	A. RICHARD WARD 7.
PERCY LONG 4.	T. WILLIAM KEMP Tenor.

Conducted by A. RICHARD WARD.

*First peal. Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. J. C. Cantlow (who was resigning to his duties at St. Stephen's, Carlisle, in celebration of his former association with the Ryde band. He was re-elected a member of the Guild previous to starting.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN Treble.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 5.
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN† 2.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 6.
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN† 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7.
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN 4.	WILLIAM BURGESS Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and

Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

†First peal in the method.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

FREDERICK WILKIN Treble.	FRANK CLAYDON 4.
LEWIS WISEMAN 2.	ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 5.
HORACE H. COOPER 3.	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor.

Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

First peal on the bells, and rang at the first attempt.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JACOB WILLIAMST Treble.	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5.
CHARLES E. PERKINS 2.	JOHN LLOYD 6.
WALTER J. BRETHERTON 3.	CHARLES F. WHITE 7.
WILLIAM POTTER 4.	*WILLIAM ATKINS Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours Seven and a Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 22½ cwt.

WALTER WHITE Treble.	WILLIAM C. WAKLEY 5.
WILLIAM E. WHITE 2.	R. HENRY BARTRAM 6.
J. JAMES JACKSON 3.	*THOMAS SQUIRES 7.
ALBERT P. WAKLEY 4.	*WILLIAM ALLISON Tenor.

Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

*First peal of Stedman.

BROMLEY, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BROMLEY COMMON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TEURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt

ISAAC EMBRY Treble.	ERNEST B. CROWDER 5.
HUBERT J. BLACKWELL 2.	GEORGE HUXLEY 6.
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON 3.	GEORGE DURLING 7.
FREDK. W. RICHARDSON 4.	*JOHN J. NEWICK Tenor.

Conducted by G. DURLING.

*First peal.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Variation of Parker's 12-Part. Tenor 23 cwt. 4 lbs.

WILLIAM G. NIPPER Treble.	WILLIAM J. PERRY 5.
FRED G. MAY 2.	EDWIN J. ANDOW 6.
FRANCIS W. NIPPER 3.	GEORGE A. COLLINS 7.
JOHN H. B. HESSE 4.	ANTHONY LANE Tenor.

Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

All the above except the conductor belong to Wrington, and it is the first peal on eight bells by all except the ringers of 2nd and 4th.

NEWENT, CLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE EVER BLESSED VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720s. Tenor 17 cwt. 22 lb. in E flat.

JOSEPH WILLIAMS Treble.	JOHN CLARK 4.
W. J. ROBERTS 2.	CHARLES L. SADLER 5.
EDWARD SUMMERS 3.	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

First peal of Minor on the bells. First peal of Minor by ringers of treble and 2nd, who were elected members previous to starting.

RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(The St. Andrew's Society, Rugby.)

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

JOSEPH B. FENTON Treble.	WALTER MALINS 5.
ALFRED J. HESSIAN 2.	CHARLES W. WHEELER 6.
HARRY O. WHITE 3.	JOHN W. CHANDLER 7.
ERNEST J. OLIVER 4.	JAMES GEORGE Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by J. B. FENTON.

Rung to welcome the new Rector of Rugby, the Rev. Cland Martin Blagden, late of Christ Church College, Oxford.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

WILLIAM T. TUCKER Treble.	CHARLES H. RUSSELL 5.
LIONEL H. PAGE 2.	EDWIN J. HARDING 6.
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
LEONARD HARRIS 4.	OWEN H. GILES Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The first peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung as a wedding peal to L. Harris. E. J. Harding's 50th peal.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble.	THOMAS W. GARRARD 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2.	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 6.
THOMAS FITZJOHN 3.	WILLIAM DENT 7.
PERCY W. FORDHAM 4.	W. R. JOHN POULSON Tenor.

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

For calling see "BELL NEWS," May 18th, 1888.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(The Maldon and District Guild.)

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOSEPH H. WALDOCK Treble.	ALFRED SOUTH 4.
W. GEORGE MANSFIELD 2.	HORACE J. MANSFIELD 5.
HAROLD FINCH 3.	FRED CHALE Tenor.

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

Arranged for Joseph H. Waldox, who was proposed a member previous to starting. First peal on the bells, which were increased to a peal of six in June 1911, by adding a new treble, and recasting the old bells. The work was carried out by Messrs. Warner and Sons who have made them into a very musical peal, which go excellently

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN DALL Treble.	CHARLES T. COLES 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	REUBEN SANDERS 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
WILLIAM MILLER 4.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in E.

JOSEPH HANLEY* Treble.	JAMES L. YORK 5.
JOHN OVERTON 2.	WM. SHORT 6.
HERBERT BAILEY* 3.	WM. SANDERS 7.
CHARLES H. WATTS 4.	ARTHUR GARRETT Tenor.

Conducted by WM. SHORT.

†First peal. *First peal in the method. ‡First peal in the method away from the tenor. The conductor is now on a tour through the Hereford Diocese as Instructor for the above Guild.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD, AND THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of London Surprise, one of Chester, two of Beverley, and two of Cambridge Surprise, called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN Treble.	GEORFREY J. STONELEY 4.
EDGAR VALLANCE 2.	THOMAS H. VALLANCE 5.
WALTER J. HORTON 3.	E. HARRY STONELEY Tenor.

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

First peal of Surprise Minor by the Warwickshire Guild, by all the band, and on the bells; also first by the Midland Counties Association.

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MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
 (WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, October 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST E. BARBER .. Treble.	WILLIAM RANFORD 4.
GORDON W. CHECKETTS .. 2.	*JAMES W. EDGINGTON .. 5.
WILLIAM PAGE 3.	†ROBERT G. KNOWLES .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

*First peal in seven methods. †First peal in seven methods as conductor. This is the quarterly peal for the above branch.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. Treble.	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 4.
ANDREW MARSHALL 2.	JIM BEACH 5.
FREDERICK BUTCHERS .. 3.	EDWIN LAMBERT .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

First peal in seven methods for J. A. Lambert, who hails from Merton, Surrey.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

REX T. BUSWELL .. Treble.	GEORGE A. BLAXLEV .. 4.
E. MAURICE ATKINS 2.	WALTER T. WILSON .. 5.
FRED WILFORD 3.	WILLIAM D. JAMES .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. D. JAMES.

Handbell Peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

JAMES M. BAILEY 1-2.	CHARLES F. BAILEY .. 5-6.
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3-4.	EDGAR H. BAILEY 7-8.

Composed by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN, and
 Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The St. James's Society, Bury St. Edmunds.)

On Friday, October 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. R. Moore, Cemetery Road,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

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

Composed by J. NICHOLL, and Conducted by FRANK J. LEVITT.
 Umpire—W. W. Hemp.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The St. James's Society, Bury St. Edmunds.)

On Sunday, October 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. R. Moore, Cemetery Road,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL 5080 CHANGES;
 IN THE KENT VARIATION.

HORACE F. MOORE .. 1-2.	FREDERICK G. DEWELL .. 5-6.
ARTHUR E. MOORE .. 3-4.	HARRY A. TURNER .. 7-8.
FRANK J. LEVITT .. 9-10.	

Composed by ROBERT WILLIAMS, and
 Conducted by HARRY A. TURNER.

Umpire—W. W. Kemp. First peal of Kent Royal "in hand" by all, also by the above Association by residents only.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. W. Pye, 8, Sansom Road, Leytonstone,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ERNEST PYE 1-2.	GEORGE R. PYE 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE 3-4.	JAMES GEORGE 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Umpires—R. Sanders and E. T. Wigg. The above is the conductor's rooth peal on handbells.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On Saturday, September 7th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, 720 Oxford Bob, and 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Avis, G. Jones, G. Ambrose, J. Burles, F. Hayes, F. Mitchell conductor. On Tuesday, September 10th, 720 Oxford Bob, J. Avis, G. Jones, F. Hayes, F. Mitchell, J. Burles, V. Jarrett, R.E. (conductor). Also touches of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Crandsire. V. Jarrett, R.E., was on a visit to the neighbourhood. On Thursday, September 26th, for Harvest Festival, 720 Plain Bob. J. Avis, G. Jones, J. Allen, F. Hayes, G. Ambrose, R. Smith (conductor). On Sunday morning, September 29th, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Argent, G. Jones, J. Allen, F. Hayes, G. Ambrose, F. Mitchell (conductor). First 720 by H. Argent. On the same evening, for Divine Service, after an unsuccessful attempt for a date touch in eight methods, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. J. Avis, G. Jones, G. Ambrose, J. Burles, F. Hayes, F. Mitchell (conductor). Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Mitchell, this being his rooth as conductor, and J. Avis. After service 360 Plain Bob.

DEPTFORD, S.E.—On Sunday, September 29th, for evening service at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from the "Original," in 44 mins. G. R. Simmonds, A. G. Bennington, F. S. Bacon, T. G. Deal, F. W. Richardson (conductor), E. B. Crowder, J. Crowder, T. Easterby.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HUNTLEY (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, September 1st, after evening service at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 25 mins. J. Williams, J. B. Tyler, E. Summers, C. L. Sadler, J. Clark, W. Poston (conductor). First 720 in the method by ringers of treble and 2nd, and on the bells.

NEWENT (Gloucester).—For Evensong at the Church of the Ever Blessed Virgin, on Sunday, September 1st, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins. Tenor 17 cwt. 22 lb. J. Williams, J. B. Tyler, E. Summers, W. Poston, J. Clark, C. L. Sadler (conductor). First 720 of Minor on the bells since their restoration.

HARWICH (Essex).—On Tuesday, October 1st, 1008 Bob Major, J. Alderton, F. Watling (conductor), T. Poulson, G. Thompson, A. Morris, B. Elmer, C. Chaplin, C. Ellis.

In Memoriam.**MR. ROBERT SMITH (MAIDENHEAD).**

On Monday, September 30th, there died at Boyn Hill, Maidenhead, in his 89th year, Mr. Robert Smith, one of the oldest members in the Oxford Guild, his membership dating from its inauguration. He was born at Kingsclere, Hants., and served his time in the Metropolitan Police, retiring on a pension some 42 years ago. He kept no record of his peals, but there is a record of a peal of Grandsire Triples in which he rang at the Dockyard Chapel, Devonport, on Saturday, November 2nd, 1867, in 2 hrs. 55 mins., conducted by W. Banister, being the first peal in the western counties. He had also taken part in seven peals for the Oxford Guild. He was the first to introduce change-ringing in the East Berks. and South Bucks. District, starting at Boyn Hill where he met plenty of opposition from the old "Stoney" band. But once started he kept on until he had a band who could ring 120 Grandsire Doubles. Having accomplished thus much, he visited all the towrgs in the district, until he aroused sufficient interest to form the old East Berks. and South Bucks. Society, which eventually became the Oxford Diocesan Guild. He had not taken an active part in ringing for several years, but was always pleased to meet ringers and talk of old times, when ringers would walk miles to ring 120 Doubles. The funeral took place on Friday, October 4th, at St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead, Canon Drummond, Vicar of Boyn Hill, officiating. In the evening, with the bells half muffled, at the Church of All Saints, Boyn Hill, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 45 minutes by L. Copsey, A. Walker, A. W. Garaway, Albert Walker, C. Smith, J. Eldridge. G. Martin (conductor), H. Jones.

MR. WM. HY. INGHAM (SUTTON, MACCLESFIELD).

We regret to record the death of Mr. Wm. Hy. Ingham, which sad event took place at his residence, Parvey Farm, Sutton, near Macclesfield, very suddenly on September 26th, in his 62nd year. He had been a member of the St. James' band from the time the bells were first added to the church, and leader since 1879. Many ringers were indebted to him for their knowledge of change-ringing, and in this connection he was always most painstaking and patient. He leaves a widow, two daughters, and two sons to mourn their loss. He was interred at St. James' Church on Monday, September 30th, the funeral rites being conducted by the Rev. W. R. Gough, Vicar. After the interment had taken place, the following ringers rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the grave: J. Manifold, 1-2; A. B. Lomas, 3-4; J. M. Davenport, 5-6; T. Mottershead, 7-8. And 360 Kent Treble Bob with the bells deeply muffled, was rung on the tower bells. Among the beautiful floral tributes received was one from St. James' Church ringers, and one from St. Michael's Church ringers, Macclesfield.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PULHAM (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, October 2nd, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, an attempt for a peal of London came to grief after ringing nine courses. H. Garnham, E. Whiting, J. Snelling, F. Seager, E. Whiting, G. Snelling, C. Brice, F. Borrett. On Thursday, September 19th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples came to grief after ringing twenty-five courses. W. Steele, E. Whiting, C. Baker, F. Roope, E. Whiting, W. Roope, F. Borrett, C. Roope.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NEWENT (Gloucestershire).—For Matins, on Sunday, September 1st, at the above church, 360 Bob Minor in 15 mins. H. Awford, W. J. Roberts, J. B. Tyler, J. Byard C. L. Sadler (conductor), J. Williams. First 360 for all with the exception of the ringer of 3rd and conductor.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GAERLEON (MON).—On September 26th, for Harvest Festival, 1260 Grandsire Triples. L. Stafford, F. Bolton, C. Davies, H. Holmes, S. Jones, G. Stafford, W. Large (conductor), N. Holmes. Also 168 Stedman Triples. On October 6th, for morning service, 532. For evening service 1260. F. Bolton, G. Stafford, E. Davies, H. Holmes, P. Stafford, G. Large, W. Large (conductor), N. Holmes.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

FINCHLEY.—On Sunday, October 6th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob. G. Webb, W. H. Tubb, W. Webb, F. Tubb, B. Tubb, F. Barker (conductor). For evening service 720 College Single. G. Webb, W. H. Tubb, F. Tubb, W. Webb, B. Tubb, F. Barker (conductor).

LATE PEAL.**BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.****THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(North Bucks. Branch.)

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES 5049 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 18 cwt

Walter Sear Treble.	Edward Whittbread ... 5.
John Mead† 2.	Cecil A. Valentine ... 6.
George N. Price 3.	Harry Sear 7.
Charles W. Smith 4.	†Thomas Best Tenor.

Conducted by Harry Sear.

†First peal of Stedman. First peal in the method as conductor.

St. Mildred, Bread Street, E.C., which has just been re-opened, after restoration, was rebuilt by Wren after the Great Fire, and had another narrow escape from destruction on the formation of Queen Victoria Street. The carved woodwork is handsome, and is ascribed, probably with some reason, to Grinling Gibbons.

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UNVEILING OF A PEAL BOARD.

On Sunday, September 30th, a peal board recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung May 18th, in which five of the local ringers took part, was unveiled. The local ringers were F. Chell, sen., T. Chell, J. Goodall, P. Preston, A. Abberley, and the band was completed by three ringers from Stoke-on-Trent, viz., C. Page, E. Landon and S. Churton, the latter conducting the peal. He has also acted as instructor to the Stone tower. The ceremony of unveiling the board (a Marblette one) took place after the morning service. It is the joint gift of the Rev. C. P. Ford, and Mr. A. S. Marsh. Mrs. Marsh, the wife of Mr. J. S. Marsh, one of the churchwardens, unveiled the board in the presence of the Rector, Canon Ivens, Rev. F. W. Walker (curate), Churchwarden Marsh, several ladies and gentlemen and a number of ringers. The usual thanks and acknowledgements were exchanged,

embracing speeches by Mrs. Marsh, the Rector, Mr. J. S. Marsh, Mr. P. Preston and Mr. S. Churton. Messrs. S. Churton and C. Page desire to thank most heartily Messrs. P. Preston and E. Cope for their hospitality to them during their stay. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for evening service by the following ringers: *F. Chell, jun., T. Chell, E. Cope, J. Goodall, C. Page, S. Churton (conductor), P. Preston, *A. S. Marsh. *First quarter-peal.

SHOREDITCH CHURCH BELLS.

Dr. Andrew Carnegie having promised £280 towards the Organ and Church Repairs Fund, that fund is now completed.

There is also every prospect of the work on the bells being put in hand shortly.

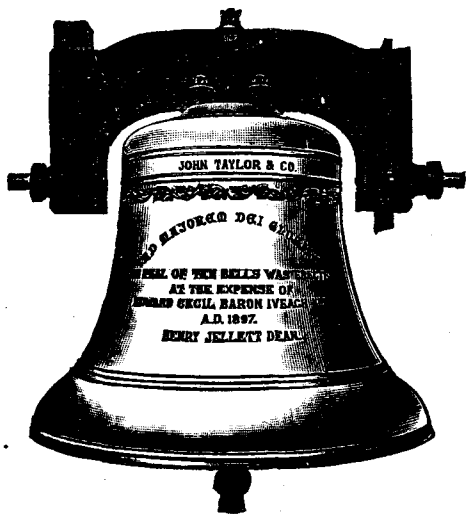
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And the recast "Grandmen" of Exeter Cathedral

BOB ROYAL.

Mr. E. Mullins writes thanking Mr. Cross for drawing his attention to the error he made in writing the peal of Bob Royal in our issue of last week. He says: "There should have been a full course before the w m course with a bob at home. I append the right figures, and the number is 5220."

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RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

On Thursday, October 3rd, the Rev. J. C. Cantlow generously entertained the Ryde band to dinner at "The York" Hotel, and a most enjoyable evening was spent with pleasant reminiscences and mutual congratulations, terminating with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Drake, the genial host.

A number of touches have been unavoidably held over till next week.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of Notices under this heading is Sixpence for 35 words, for the first insertion; repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on October 15th, and 29th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 24th; St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 15th; and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 29th; all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—The annual dinner will be held at The London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. Akehurst, J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, W. T. Cockerill, E. A. Davies, T. Faulkner, G. R. Fardoo, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney. Towers open for ringing will be Southwark Cathedral, 4 to 5 p.m.; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 4 to 6 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

22, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association late the St. James' Society.—Established 1824.—A quarterly business meeting of the Association will be held at the headquarters room, The Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, Strand, W.C., on Monday, October 14th at 8.30 p.m. The annual concert will be held on Saturday, October 26th.

F. J. HARDY, Hon. Gen. Sec.

34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The London County Association, late the St. James' Society.—Established 1824.—Northern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, October 19th, at St. Andrew's, Holborn, E.C. Business meeting at 6.0 p.m. in the tower. The tower will be open for ringing from 7.0 p.m. to 9.0 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.

ARTHUR D. BARKER, Hon. Sec. pro tem.

49, Noel Street, Islington, N.

The London County Association, late the St. James' Society.—Established 1824.—The tenth annual grand Bohemian Concert will be held on Saturday, October 26th, at The Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, E.C. Doors open at 7.15 p.m. Commence at 7.45 p.m. Admission by programme, price 6d., reserved seats 1s., which may be obtained from all officers of the Association. Ladies specially invited.

F. J. HARDY, Hon. Sec.

34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance of ringers is requested.

J. H. BASTOW.

13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, October 12th. Through the kindness of the Rector of Wrotham tea will be provided. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5.30 p.m. Half railway fares up to 2s.

G. MOORE, Dis. Sec.

Bell Villa, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

Worcestershire and Districts Association—Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Strensham on Saturday, October 12th. Service in church at 4 o'clock. Tea provided. Defford Station 2½ miles.

Madresfield, Malvern.

R. G. KNOWLES, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James, Waterfoot, on Saturday, October 19th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.

JOHN H. HAYDOCK, Branch Sec.

31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at The Brook on Saturday, October 19th. Bells ready at 3.30. Members intending being present please send word to 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

WALTER HODGKINS, Sec.

The Midland Counties Association.—Burton-on-Trent District.—

A ringing meeting will be held at Etwall on Saturday, October 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Through the generosity of the Vicar tea will be provided for all those attending the meeting who send their names before Wednesday, Oct. 16th, to HARRY WAKLEY, Sec.

160, Horninglow Road, N., Burton-on-Trent.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—The annual festival will be held at Newcastle on Saturday, October 26th. Six peals available for ringing. Committee meeting in Cathedral vestry at 12 noon. Service in Cathedral at 1 p.m. Dinner at The County hotel at 2 p.m. Will members intending to be present please notify

26, Greenbank Crescent, Darlington. CHAS. TODD, Hon. Sec.

The Warwickshire Guild.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rugby on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea (at usual charge) will be arranged for those who let me know by October 20th. Committee meeting after tea.

Shottery. REV. C. C. COX, Hon. Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Church Lench on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Service with an address at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting after the service. Those intending to take tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, October 22nd. Bells (6) at 3 p.m.

JAMES HEMMING, Hon. Br. Sec.

10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bromley (S.S. Peter and Paul), on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service with address by the Rev. Donald Tait (Vicar), at 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow in the Parish Room. Will those who wish for tea please send their names to me not later than Tuesday, October 22nd. Will those who have not paid their subscriptions please do so at this meeting.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Thanet, on Saturday, October 26th. The bells will be available from 3 till 9 p.m. The usual travelling allowances will be made at this meeting.

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SWINDON (Wilts.)—At Christ Church, on Sunday, September 23rd, for morning service. 544 Double Norwich. A. Lawrence, E. Bishop, R. W. Hyner, G. W. Townsend, G. Essex (Caversham), H. W. L. Wells, T. Robinson, C. J. Gardiner (conductor). On Tuesday, September 24th, for practice. 448 Superlative Surprise. W. G. Lancaster, G. W. Towns, A. B. W. Hyner, F. Looker, G. Essex (Caversham), H. W. L. Wells, G. Lancaster, C. J. Gardiner (conductor). On Sunday, September 15th, for morning service. 504 Stedman Triples. O. W. Layng, A. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, W. Newell (Reading), E. Bishop, G. W. Townsend, C. J. Gardiner (conductor), J. M. Brinkworth. Also 560 Double Norwich. G. W. Townsend, A. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, E. Bishop, T. Robinson, H. W. L. Wells, S. Palmer, C. J. Gardiner (conductor). For evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. A. Lawrence, G. W. Townsend, R. W. Hyner, W. Newell (Reading), T. Robinson, H. W. L. Wells, C. J. Gardiner (conductor), J. M. Brinkworth.

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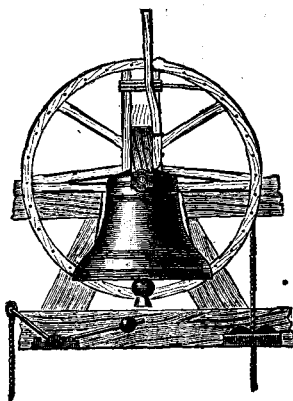
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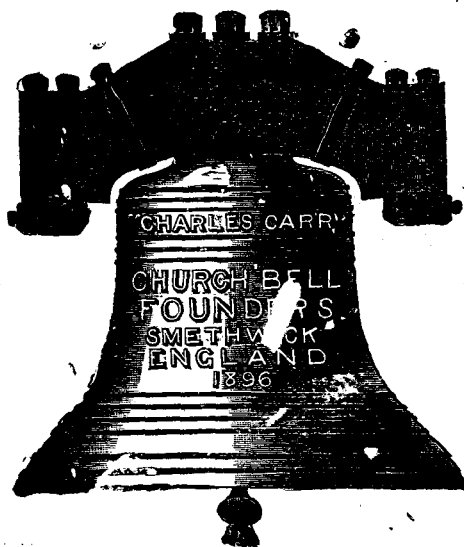
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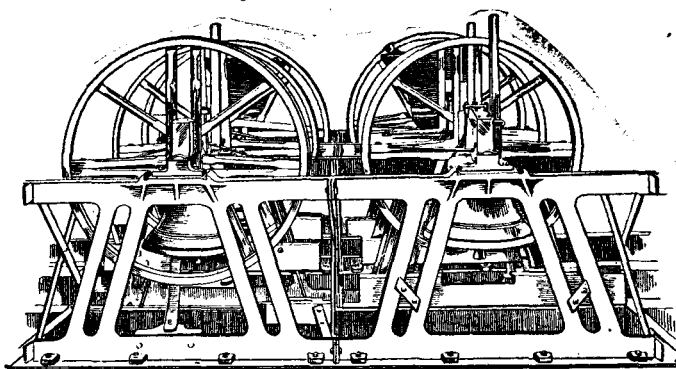
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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A large and representative gathering of members attended the annual meeting of the above Association at Norwich on Thursday, October 10th. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. Giles (8), St. John de Sepulchre (8), St. Gregory (6), and St. Peter Permountergate (5), were open to the use of the visitors throughout the day, and were very largely used. Divine Service was held at St. Peter Mancroft, the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer (Rev. C. L. Kennaway), reading the special prayers and collects, and the Vicar of Mancroft (the Rev. F. J. Meyrick), the special lesson. A large number were present, and the singing of hymns and special Psalms was quite a feature of a hearty and inspiring service. A particularly appropriate address was delivered by the Bishop of Thetford, his lordship's remarks being based upon the text: "There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification." At the close of the service luncheon was served in the Mancroft Mission Hall. The Rev. C. L. Kennaway presided, and was supported by the Revs. F. J. Meyrick, E. C. J. Bowen, and E. C. Hopper; Messrs. W. J. Howson, D. Hayward, and T. Fitzjohn (District Secretaries): D. O. Holme, G. P. Burton, J. E. Burton, A. Coleman, and C. E. Borrett (Secretary). After the health of "The King" had been loyally drunk, Mr. G. P. Burton returned thanks, in the form of a toast to the Bishop of Thetford for his admirable address in Church, and to the incumbents who had placed the towers of their churches at the disposal of the members.

The Rev. E. C. Hopper gave the toast of "Success to the Association," and this was responded to by the Chairman.

The Secretary (Mr. C. E. Borrett), read the annual report which stated:—"It is our good fortune to be able to announce in the opening words of this, the thirty-fourth, annual report, that during the last twelve months our progress has been more rapid and extensive than in any other year of our history. In our early days progress was mainly measured by the number of members on the books, but now that we have practically reached high water mark in this direction, we must measure progress by what our members do in the way of actual ringing. The amazing increase in our peal performances during the last twelve months (and especially during the last nine months) is, therefore, particularly gratifying. We record, with deep regret, the death of one of the founders of the Association—Dr. Meadows, of Otley. He was one of the small circle of enthusiasts (the late Rev. G. H. Harris, Captain Moore, and Mr. Gervase Holmes were of the number) who met at Ipswich in 1876, and discussed the possibility of starting a ringing society for the diocese of Norwich. The direct result of that discussion was the meeting at Norwich on February 10th, 1877, when this Association was formally constituted. Dr. Meadows was the last survivor of those who attended the conference at Ipswich, and in 1906 he was unanimously elected one of our vice-presidents. The number of our original members has also been further re-

duced by the death of the Rev. Canon Ripley, and the North Elmham band has lost one of its oldest members by the death of Henry Betts. Our financial position is thoroughly sound, the statement of accounts for 1911 showing a considerably increased balance over that of 1910. We regret to announce the resignations of three district secretaries—Miss Constance Meadows (of Woodbridge), Mr. Henry Hopson (of Beccles), and Mr. J. W. Sedgley (of Lynn). All three have been at the head of their respective districts for a number of years, and have rendered invaluable services. An encouraging amount of restoration work to bells and belfries has been carried out in the diocese since our last annual meeting. Mention has been made of the great increase in the number of peals rung since the last annual meeting. In the analysis for 1911, compiled by the Central Council, we occupied third place according to point value, although we actually scored 23 peals more than any other Association. Solely through the fault of those taking part in them, three of our peals were unfortunately not recorded in the ringing papers, nor in our own printed report. Had they been published in the usual way we should have been second in the analysis instead of third. Our printed report for 1911 contained particulars of 181 peals, to which must be added the three unpublished ones already referred to. This great number constituted a record for ourselves or for any other Association, our own previous best being 159 rung in 1904. Since the beginning of 1912, up to the present date, we have rung no less than 180. It is to be hoped this great increase in peal-ringing is not done at the expense of our chief duty—that of ringing the bells for Sunday services. All over the country increasing importance is given to this obligation of ours, and the clergy are rightly urging it upon us at every opportunity. The first rule of our society begs for the recognition of ringers as office-holders in the Church.

The re-election of officers, the election of new members, and a vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting. Members then once more adjourned to the various belfries of the city, and the bells were kept going until a late hour. In all ways the festival was a great success, and the members present spent a most enjoyable day.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—At the Church of All Saints on Sunday, October 5th, for morning service, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. J. Dewey, G. A. Ransom (conductor), F. Goddard, H. Biggs, T. Beadle, H. W. Lidbetter, G. Spencer, H. Beadle. For afternoon service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. J. Dewey, C. S. Bird, J. Crocker, F. Skevington (conductor), H. Cook, C. Iles, C. Hunt, W. Brooks. For evening service a 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Webb, C. Dell, G. Miles, W. H. Lidbetter, W. New, T. Beadle, G. Spencer (conductor), A. Beckensale, Mr. H. J. Dewey belongs to Reigate, and this was his first visit to Isleworth.

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QUARTERLY MEETING OF WESTERN BRANCH.

On the extreme western boundary of the county, the parish of Strensham is situated, and at some distance from the village the parish church is reached after traversing winding lanes, and crossing fields. The church itself stands out, a good landmark visible for miles around, though rather isolated, only the rectory, a cottage, and a small schoolroom being near. Inside the church, which dates back to the 12th century, is to be found some very rich carvings, the old oak showing off its beauty, which would delight the eye of any visitor. Here, on Saturday, October 12th, the quarterly meeting of the above branch was held. The bells, six in number, were raised, and 6-scores of Doubles, and touches of Bob Minor were rung. The Rector (Rev. A. E. F. C. Davenport), conducted a service at 4 o'clock, and gave a very practical address. Tea had been kindly provided by A. J. Taylor, Esq., (through whose munificence the bells were recently rehung and a new treble added), and was much enjoyed.

While the tables were being cleared, more touches of Oxford Treble Bob, and Oxford Bob were rung.

The business meeting followed, the Rector presiding, in the unavoidable absence of the Squire. Ringers were present from the Cathedral and St. John's, Worcester; Hallow, Suckley, Malvern Link, Madresfield, Upton-on-Severn, Castlemorton, Welland, and Strensham; also Mr. J. H. Sheppard, of Wolverhampton, and others. Malvern Link was selected for the next quarterly meeting on January 25th, 1913. The quarterly peal is to be attempted at Strensham, Mr. W. C. Jones to be the conductor. The Rector consented to become an hon. member; also Mr. T. C. Santler, of Malvern Link. Two new performing members were also added. Mr. Page was re-elected Master; Mr. R. G. Knowles (Secretary); and Mr. W. C. Jones, of Worcester, to represent the branch on the Central Committee.

The Rector promised to convey the thanks of the meeting to A. J. Taylor, Esq., for providing such an excellent tea, and in acknowledging a vote of thanks, he said he was very pleased to meet the ringers, and wished them to make it known, though Strensham Church was rather out of the way, there was a Church worth seeing, and a ring of bells which he would gladly give permission to ring. This ended a successful meeting.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.

The half-yearly meeting of the Maidstone District was held at Wrotham on Saturday last, when sixty-five members from various parts accepted the kind invitation given them by the Rev. and Mrs. Aston Gwatkin. The bells were set going at 5.30 p.m.; short service and address at 5 p.m. Mr. Allen (Rochester District Sec.), presided at the organ.

The ringers were afterwards invited to tea in the Hall in the absence of the Rector by Mrs. Aston Gwatkin, an hon. member, where a capital spread was found awaiting them. The business meeting followed, the Rev. G. R. Pascoe being voted to the chair. In opening the proceedings Mr. S. Hayzelden proposed a hearty vote of thanks be given to the Rev. and Mrs. Aston Gwatkins for the splendid reception they had given the Association,

and the chairman was requested to convey the same to them. Before reading the minutes of the last meeting the Sec. spoke in appreciative terms of the record attendance that afternoon. No doubt it was due to the fact that the bells had recently been rehung, and he felt it was only right to say that Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, had carried out the work most satisfactorily, the "go" and tone of the bells being beautiful. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Aylesford on Saturday, January 18th, 1913. Quite a keen competition took place for place of holding the annual meeting—Maidstone, Lenham and West Malling being proposed—and Maidstone was eventually selected. The Secretary then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding.

The Chairman, in replying, promised to become a member of the Association. This brought the proceedings to a close. The ringers again visited the tower and some good ringing was indulged in.

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NOTES.

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Messrs. Geo. Day and Son, of Eye, have just completed the restoration of the bells at Salle, Norfolk. They supplied and fixed the new frame in which the bells were hung.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank cast two new bells, which were added to complete the octave, tuned in the key of E flat.

Salle Church bells have always been noted for tune-playing, and the addition of the two bells will enable a greater number of hymns to be played.

At Thetford, on Tuesday, a touch of 672 Bob Major, and one of 518 Grandsire Triples were rung in memory of Mr. John Deeks, who had been a member of the local company for twelve years.

A peal of 5040 Bob Minor was rung at Barcombe, Sussex, on Saturday, to celebrate the home-coming of the Rector, the Ven. Archdeacon Salmon.

After an interval of ten years, a peal was rung at Blagdon, Somerset, on October 12th. It was a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, rung to celebrate the birthday of Mr. H. J. Trim, a member of the band.

The North Stoneham band rang a farewell peal to the Rev. E. K. Browne, who has resigned after serving the parish as Rector for 26 years.

Messrs. J. Warner and Sons were the recipients of hearty congratulations on their work in connection with the bells at Whitechurch Canonorum, Dorset.

The same firm have also recently recast and rehung a new peal of six bells at Lower Peover, for which they also were heartily congratulated.

The Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 8896 Treble Bob Major at St. Margaret's, Barking, on Saturday last.

Mr. Hughes, the esteemed ringing Master of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, reached one of life's milestones last week. To celebrate the event, a band of members rang a peal of 5040 Bob Major.

Our congratulations to Miss Hilda Willson, who on Saturday last rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Triples at Quorndon. Miss Willson is 13 years of age, and probably the youngest girl ringer to ring through a peal on Church bells.

From March 1826 to Saturday last, no band of local ringers has rung a peal at Trowbridge, Wilts. We prophecy that they will be heard of again in a much less space of time.

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MEMORIAL BELLS AT LOWER PEOVER.

NEW RING OF SIX.

The parishioners of the ecclesiastical parish of Lower Peover paid a tribute to the memory of the late Rev. Arthur Guest on Sunday, when a peal of six bells were dedicated to the honour and glory of God, in memory of him who for the long space of thirty-four years had rendered faithful service within and without the venerable Church. It will be remembered that on Thursday night, September 28th, last year, the rev. gentleman, who was one of the most popular harvest festival preachers in the Northwich and Knutsford districts, had a preaching engagement at the Marston Church Harvest Thanksgiving Service, and was on his way to fulfil the engagement when he met with injuries which proved fatal. The tragic suddenness of the call to the grave filled all with sorrow, and especially was this the case in his own parish, where he had lived and laboured for the greater portion of his life. It was only a natural sequence on the part of the parishioners to plan some scheme whereby the memory of so worthy a pastor should be permanently identified with the Church which he loved so much; and when subscriptions were invited there was such a generous response that the Memorial Committee had no hesitation in embarking on the heavy cost of re-casting and re-tuning the bells, which had done service for so long a period. Accordingly the well-known London firm of Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, was commissioned to execute the work, and this they have performed to everyone's utmost satisfaction, the splendid tone of the new bells being especially admired.

The bells were dedicated at a commemorative service on Sunday afternoon, in the presence of a large congregation, including many old friends of the rev. gentleman from a distance, as well as a number of relatives, among them Mrs. Guest, Mr. T. Guest (brother), and Mr. Spurrier (brother-in-law). It was also appropriate that such an old friend as the Rev. H. A. D. Surridge, Vicar High Leigh, should take an important share in the impressive service, including the delivery of the address. The service was intoned by the Rev. H. H. M. Lefroy (Vicar), and the Lessons read by the Rev. E. G. Auden, Rector of Byley. After the singing of the hymn "For all the saints who from their labours rest," the clergy processioned to the belfry, where the Rev. H. A. D. Surridge read the introductory prayer:—

"Prevent us O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favour, and grant that this our service held to Thy honour in memory of Thy departed servant, late Vicar of this parish, may be acceptable unto Thee, through Jesus Christ. Amen."

Then the prayer of dedication was read by the Vicar:—

"O Almighty Lord God, who didst of old deign graciously to accept the gifts of Thy people for the enrichment of Thy Tabernacle in the wilderness, and of Thy Temple in Jerusalem, we pray Thee to receive with Thy blessing this our offering, which we now dedicate to Thy glory for the use and benefit of Thy Church and of this parish in memory of Arthur Guest, Thy priest, beseeching Thee that, if it be in accordance with Thy gracious will, these bells may for many generations call worshippers to Thy house; that their sound may carry thoughts of thankfulness to the faithful, of warning to the careless and ungodly, of comfort to those that mourn, of joy to the newly wedded, of hope to the afflicted, and tell of innocence and holiness in those who are brought to Holy Baptism,

of steadfast perseverance in those who are here confirmed, of spiritual strength and refreshment for those who kneel at Thy altar: that those who ring and those who come within the sound of these bells may alike be called nearer to Thee in the unity of the blessed company of all faithful people, and serve Thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life, through Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

The next prayer was read by the Vicar:—

"To the glory of God and as a last memorial of His servant, Arthur Guest, priest of this Church and Parish, these bells after being recast and restored, are now dedicated by his parishioners and friends in sure confidence that he has been called from earth to Refreshment, Light and Peace, in the Paradise of God. Amen."

Following this the bells were rung, and the clergy returned to the altar. The memorial office was then recited, and prayers were read by the Vicar of High Leigh. An impressive service closed with the singing of the hymn "Abide with me."

The new bells are a ring of six, with a 12½ cwt. tenor in the key of G, and are hung in a steel frame with all the most modern fittings. The inscriptions upon the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—Dorothy Mary Guest, 1894,

2nd.—Mrs. and Miss Groves, Mrs. C. Bell, Mrs. C. Burgess.

3rd.—Guest Memorial Committee. C. Burgess, George Bell, W. Page

4th.—Rev. H. M. Lefroy, M.A., Vicar, 1912. W. Lea, S. Carter, R. W. Platt, G. A. Vernon. Wardens.

5th.—These bells were hung in 1853. Rev. John Holme, Incumbent. J. C. Bancroft, Isaac Goodwin, T. Atherton, George Leech, Wardens.

Tenor.—These six bells were re-cast in 1912. In memory of Rev. Arthur Guest, M.A., Vicar (1877-1911).

SALLE, NORFOLK.

The dedication of the two trebles which have been added to the old peal of six bells in the church of SS. Peter and Paul, Salle, took place on Thursday, October 10th. The service was conducted by Canon Westcott. The bells have been hung in a new oak frame, with new fittings, by Messrs. Day and Sons, of Eye, and "go" splendidly. The two new bells were cast by Mears and Stainbank, and make a first-class splice. The same firm cast the 3rd and 4th in 1836, and the 7th in 1852. The 5th is by Charles Newman, and dated 1698. The 6th is by an Edmund, of Lynn—one of whom was living in 1353—and the other in 1417. The tenor is by Richard Baxter, of Norwich, who was in business from 1416 to 1424. In the return of 6th Edward VI Salle had two larger bells, reputed to weigh 32 and 41 cwt. In 1836, the then tenor being split, was very foolishly by the authorities exchanged for a new treble. The present tenor is reputed to weigh 18 cwt., but the bell exchanged in 1836 ought to have been retained, as if that peal had been increased to eight with its tenor of not less than 25 cwt., it would have been worthy of the present magnificent Perpendicular Church, which would comfortably seat 1000, and yet the total population of the village is under 200.

At the dedication three lead of Oxford Treble Bob were rung by F. Borrett, H. Day, J. Snelling, G. Snelling, F. Seager, B. Turner, E. Whiting, F. Day. Afterwards a peal of Kent was rung, particulars of which appear on

another page, following an unsuccessful attempt for Cambridge. The Salle and district ringers and the peal band were entertained to supper by Mr. Woolmer, of Salle Park, who has borne the entire expense of repairing the Church, adding the organ, and of augmenting and rehanging the bells.

NEW BELLS AT WHITECHURCH CANONICORUM.

DEDICATION BY THE ARCHDEACON OF DORSET.

Two new treble bells, which have recently been placed in the tower of the Parish Church of Whitechurch Canonicon, near Bridport, Dorset, were dedicated on Thursday, October 10th, by the Venerable Archdeacon of Dorset (Rev. O. L. Dundas).

The treble bears the following inscription:—

"Hear my voice, O God." A. W.; G. T. B., R. G. S., 1912.

The 2nd, which is to commemorate the Coronation of the King and Queen, bears the inscription:

"May all in truth and harmony rejoice,
To honour Church and ring with heart and voice."

A. W., G. T. B., R. G. S. 1912.

In commemoration of the Coronation of King George V.

The respective weights are as follows:—

Treble—6 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb., note E flat; 2nd—7 cwt 0 qr. 7 lb. note D.

The work has been efficiently carried out by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Bellfounders, London, and the two new bells are in perfect tune with the others, and make a truly excellent splice. They complete a fine octave (tenor 20 cwt.) of which the parishioners should feel proud, which reflects the greatest credit upon the founders.

The dedication service was held at 2.30, when there was a large congregation. The surpliced clergy present were the Ven. Archdeacon of Dorset, Rev. E. H. Lee (vicar), W. H. M. Sellwood (curate), F. J. Lory (Wootton Fitzpaine), E. H. Greenhow (Chideock), S. E. Sims (Charmouth), and the Rev. Stubbs, who worked in the parish for a short time. There were also Revs. C. F. Langford (Bradpole), and the Rev. E. D. Maynard (Marshwood), in the congregation. Among others also present were a band of ringers of Bridport and Bradpole, consisting of Messrs. T. H. Beams (conductor), W. S. B. Northover, J. Zealley, C. Barrett, A. Hile, and F. C. Webb (Cork).

The service opened with the singing of Psalm xxxi, as the surpliced choir and clergy passed down the aisle to the belfry steps, where the Archdeacon was presented with the keys of the tower. The bells were then opened by the local ringers, viz.: Messrs. C. Knight, C. Knight, jun., J. Diment, H. Jewell, W. Christopher, F. Pitman, W. Gibbs, T. Gibbs, H. Davie, and T. Taylor.

Then followed evensong, which was conducted by the Vicar. The proper psalm was the 150th, the first lesson taken from Numbers x., verses 1-11, was read by the Rev. E. H. Greenhow, and the second from Rev. viii., verses 1-7, by the Rev. S. E. Simms. Appropriate hymns were sung, in which the congregation joined heartily. The Archdeacon preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon, taking his text from Eph. iv., verse 3: "Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." In his opening remarks he said it was the second time he had the

privilege of coming to rejoice with the parishioners on the occasion of the enlargement of their peal of bells. In speaking of the lessons to be obtained from bells, he accentuated the following points: They help people to rejoice, while they also ring in times of sorrow; they also teach the necessity of looking upwards in life, to take a heavenly view of things, and to remember the joy here is only a foretaste of the heavenly joy. The bells teach that without penitence it is impossible to praise, and further every bell in the peal has a note of its own, but all work together in perfect harmony. This is so in life. Every man has his different vocation to perform for himself, while he must also work socially and in harmony with his fellow-men. In conclusion he urged the ringers to practice what they called others to practice: that while they taught others these lessons, they must also receive them themselves, and that while they called others to Church, they also must attend regularly. The preacher congratulated the parishioners on their fine peal of bells. During the singing of a hymn a collection was made for the bell fund, and the service was concluded with prayer and the benediction by the Archdeacon. Miss B. Hawthorn ably presided at the organ. After the service and during the evening the band of ringers from Bridport and Bradpole, with the Rev. C. F. Langford, gave some excellent examples of change-ringing.

A tea, which was largely attended by the residents and visitors, subsequently took place in the schoolroom. This was followed by a dance.

MR. C. TRIBE'S 100 PEALS.

Mr. C. Tribe, of Tenterden, has rung 100 peals, as follows:—

On six bells	17
Bob Triples	3
Grandsire Triples	55
Stedman Triples	11
Bob Major	8
Kent Treble Bob Major	4
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	1
Grandsire Caters	1

The above were rung in 40 different towers in Kent, Sussex, and Hants.

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Mr. H. G. Rowe, of 160, High Street, Cheshunt, sends us the following advertisement, which we gladly insert in the hope that it may meet the eye of some ringer, looking for a similar berth:—

UNDER COWMAN WANTED; Married; to fill up his time in the garden.—Apply, Miss E. Boyd, Cheshunt Street, Cheshunt, Herts.

WINFARTHING.—On Sunday, October 6th, for afternoon service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Moss, B. Manser, S. Anninson, H. Garnham, F. Roope, F. Burrows (conductor). After service 720 Plain Bob Minor. H. Fulcher, H. Garnham, F. Roope, W. Mears, F. Burrows (conductor), G. Snelling. For evening service 720 Plain Bob Minor. H. Fulcher, F. Burrows (conductor), S. Anninson, G. Snelling, W. Mears, H. Garnham.

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1912.

We have noted with much gratification the increasing number of correspondents who have taken to send us items of news, and take this opportunity of thanking them for so doing. So much has this been the case that on several occasions we have been compelled to hold over news from week to week. This has happened again this week. Many correspondents will be disappointed at not finding their items inserted, but we can assure them we very sincerely regret that lack of space renders it impossible. Our pages are not elastic, and we have not yet solved the problem of making two bodies occupy the same space at the same time. But all will appear in due course. As soon as we can make the necessary arrangements, and this will be done when circumstances warrant it, space will be found for all that comes in. While this evidence of growing interest is manifested there are satisfactory signs in other ways, which we take as an indication that our efforts are bringing their reward.

The Metropolis.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

HAROLD BURTON Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 2.	*WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 6.
FRANK I. HAIRS 3.	ALFRED W. GRIMES .. 7.
ISAAC EMERY 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal in the method.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Five Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BARKING,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 8896 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

ERNEST G. FENN Treble.	EBENEZER ANDREWS .. 5.
CALEB FENN 2.	*REGINALD BLAKE .. 6.
GEORGE W. FAULKNER .. 3.	HERBERT LANGDON .. 7.
THOMAS FAULKNER 4.	ALBERT C. HARDY Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON, and
Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

The longest peal on the bells, and by all the band. *First peal of Treble Bob.

The Provinces.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14½ cwt.

MISS MAY THOMPSON .. Treble.	HENRY BROWN 5.
JOHN CLARKE 2.	JAMES HARRIS 6.
MISS LILIAN A. WILLSON .. 3.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. 7.
ALBERT H. BELL 4.	W. W. THOMPSON Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Rung as a birthday peal to Miss M. Thompson, aged 17 years.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 24 cwt.

HERBERT COCKINGS Treble.	WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. 5.
CHARLES TRIBE 2.	ROBERT J. DAWK .. 6.
JOHN J. MANTELOW .. 3.	CHARLES W. PLAYER .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	PHILIP HODGKIN Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.
Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT* .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
ERNEST J. DOBRIE† 2.	*CHARLES TRIBE 7.
EDWIN F. PIKE† 3.	*HERBERT J. BLACKWELL .. 8.
ISAAC EMERY 4.	†WILLIAM SPIKE 9.
ROBERT J. DAWK 5.	*PHILIP HODGKIN Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM T. ELSON, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal on ten bells. †First peal of Grandsire Caters.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

JAMES T. WARD Treble.	WALTER PERKINS 5.
GEORGE N. PRICE 2.	JAMES GARRATT 6.
JOHN J. MAWBY 3.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. 7.
WILLIAM E. WHITBREAD .. 4.	ARTHUR CHAPMAN Tenor.

Conducted by G. N. PRICE.

Arranged for Messrs. Price and Whitbread.

BARKSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, October 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Court, St. Clements, Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM E. WOODS .. Treble.	ARTHUR DRURY 4.
REGINALD SCOTT 2.	WILLIAM WATSON 5.
ARTHUR PALMER 3.	ARTHUR MACKEARS Tenor.

Conducted by A. MACKEARS.

Rung in honour of the return of Captain H. F. P. D. Acland and Mrs. Acland to Syston after their wedding.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch.)

On Tuesday, October 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOSEPH H. PARSONS .. Treble.	FRED BRACE 4.
CHARLES E. PERKINS .. 2.	WALTER J. BRETHERTON .. 5.
ROBERT MATTHEWS .. 3.	CHARLES F. WHITE Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung as a welcome peal to the Rev. C. V. B. Robinson, the new curate of the parish.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt 1 qr. 16 lbs.

FREDERICK ROOPE Treble.	HENRY GAENHAM 5.
GEORGE CROSS* 2.	FREDERICK SURRIDOR 6.
CHARLES BAKER 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE 7.
CHARLES ROOPE 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by F. ROOPE.

*First peal in the method.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lbs.

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

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON, and Conducted by W. T. TUCKER.

First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. E. K. Browne, who was for twenty-six years Rector of the parish, and has recently resigned.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

WILLIAM ORSLER Treble.	E. HOBART SMITH 5.
GEORGE E. SYMONDS 2.	WILLIAM FLORY 6.
ROBERT H. HAYWARD 3.	*PETER LAFLIN 7.
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN 4.	JOHN C. SELF Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

*First peal of Grandsire Triples.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

HENRY J. SELBY Treble.	JAMES HEASMAN 5.
ARTHUR J. LEWIS 2.	*GEORGE MALYON 6.
GEORGE B. SELBY 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7.
ERNEST LEIGE* 4.	HARRY DUBLING Tenor.

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

*First peal of Stedman. Rung on the anniversary of the conductor's birthday, the band wishing him many happy returns. The ringers of 1, 2 and 3 belong to Westerham; 4, 5 and 6 to Edenbridge; 7 and 8 to Chislehurst.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDK. BORRETT Treble.	ERNEST WHITING 5.
EDWIN WHITING 2.	GEORGE SNELLING 6.
BERTIE TURNER 3.	FREDK. MANSEY 7.
FREDK. SEAGER 4.	JOHN SNELLING Tenor.

Composed by J. PLATT, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

First peal on the bells.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, October 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL 5040 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble.	FREDERICK MANSEY 6.
EDWIN WHITING 2.	GEORGE SNELLING 7.
CHARLES BAKER 3.	JOHN SNELLING 8.
BERTIE TURNER 4.	ERNEST WHITING 9.
HENRY GAENHAM 5.	FREDERICK SEAGER .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

First peal on ten bells by all except the ringers of treble and third.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ANDERSON Y. TYLER Treble.	JAMES S. WARD 5.
GEORGE N. PRICE 2.	WALTER J. GERMAN 6.
JAMES GARRATT 3.	WILLIAM E. WHITBREAD .. 7.
J. HUBERT HORN† 4.	JAMES HOUGHTON .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by G. N. PRICE.

Arranged for Messrs Price and Whitbread. †First peal in the method.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

*First peal in the method away from the tenor.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE N. PRICE Treble.	JOHN OLDHAM 5.
WILLIAM WILLSON 2.	EDWARD WHITBREAD 6.
WILLIAM SMITH 3.	EDWARD READER 7.
ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT .. 4.	WILLIAM THORLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

This peal was arranged for Messrs. Price and Whitbread, of Watford, Herts., who were elected life members previously to starting.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

RICHARD DARLOW Treble.	FRANK T. MARTIN 5.
THOMAS L. SIMMONS 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT 6.
WALTER S. INWOOD 3.	FRANCIS A. SMITH 7.
HUBERT EDEN 4.	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. The 100th peal on the bells.

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14½ cwt.

MISS HILDA F. WILLSON <i>Treble</i> 5.	SYDNEY SHELTON 5.
MISS LILIAN A. WILLSON 2.	T. HENRY HARDY 6.
LESLIE WILLARS 3.	WILLIAM WILLSON 7.
EDGAR VALLANCE 4.	RALPH HUBBARD <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

First peal by the ringers of the treble, 5th and tenor. Miss Hilda Willson, aged 13, is presumably the youngest girl ringer on record to accomplish a peal upon Church bells.

BARROWBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Single Court and Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN PERL† <i>Treble</i> 4.	ARTHUR DRURY 4.
REV. C. J. STURTON 2.	*WILLIAM E. WOODS 5.
ARTHER MACKEARS 3.	JOSEPH LORD <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.

†First peal in three methods. *First peal on a bob bell.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES:

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN H. LEWIS <i>Treble</i> 5.	*CHARLES E. BOYERS 5.
JOHN WILKINSON 2.	THOMAS MURRAY 6.
ROBERT SPERRING 3.	WILLIAM DAVIES 7.
WILLIAM BIBBY* 4.	HENRY W. WILDE <i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

Rung for Harvest Thanksgiving. *First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. For calling see Midland Counties Association Report, 1905, No. 1210.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(The Bolney Branch.)

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Two Hours Fifty-seven and a Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

ARTHUR ABSOLAM <i>Treble</i> 5.	THOMAS GASSON 5.
WILLIAM VINCENT* 2.	GEORGE A. LEWY 6.
WILLIAM WHEELER 3.	WARDEN WALDER 7.
FRANK STONE 4.	GEORGE WALDER <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by WILLIAM VINCENT.

*First peal as conductor.

HARROLD, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FRANK SKEVINGTON <i>Treble</i> 4.	WILLIAM JACQUES 4.
HERBERT L. HARLOW 2.	HENRY W. GAYTON 5.
MISS EVELYN STEELE 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

SAXLINGHAM, NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR,
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

EDWIN WHITING <i>Treble</i> 5.	JOHN SNELLING 5.
FREDERICK BORRETT 2.	GEORGE SNELLING 6.
WILLIAM STEELE* 3.	*JOHN E. BURTON 7.
GEORGE P. BURTON* 4.	FREDERICK SEAGER <i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by E. WHITING.

*First peal in the method and first attempt to ring the method.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

HAROLD BUTCHER* <i>Treble</i> 5.	GILBERT H. HARDING 5.
WILLIAM MCCAFFREY 2.	ARTHUR K. HARRISON 6.
JESSE FRANCIS 3.	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7.
CHARLES RAISON 4.	*WILLIAM BAXTER <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by GILBERT HARDING.

*First peal of Triples. This was the quickest peal on the bells, also the first since rehanging by Messrs. Llewellyns and James. All the above ringers are members of the local band, and it was the first peal rung at Trowbridge by entirely local men since March 28th, 1826.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

SAMUEL PEARCE <i>Treble</i> 5.	LEONARD F. TAYLOR 5.
CHRISTOPHER WALLATTER 2.	BENJAMIN GOUGH 6.
EDGAR T. SMITH 3.	HARRY GOODMAN 7.
SIDNEY R. ROPER 4.	THOMAS J. ELTON <i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE, and
Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

Messrs. Pearce and Gough belong to Coseley; Wallatter to Willenhall; Smith and Elton to Walsall; Goodman to Dudley; Roper and Taylor to London. This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Geo. Hughes, of Wednesbury, the esteemed ringing master to the above Society, who came specially to hear the last part of the peal; also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Leonard F. Taylor, the ringers greeting them with the usual good wishes. The above band desire to thank Mr. Ben Fullwood for the bells and getting same in readiness; also to him and his good wife for their kind hospitality to them and Mr. Hughes after the peal.

WOOLWICH, KENT.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS <i>Treble</i> 5.	HENRY C. BECKFORD 5.
GEORGE R. PFE 2.	JOHN ARMSTRONG 6.
GEORGE H. JAYE 3.	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	ARTHUR J. NEALE <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by GEORGE B. PYE.

WIMBLEDON.—On Tuesday, September 24th, for practice at St. Mary's Church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. W. Devulder, R. Moss, H. Holden, W. S. Smith, A. Taylor, S. Frost (conductor). Also four 120s of Grandsire Doubles. G. Hyde, 3; T. Garrard, 4; W. Mayes, 6. H. Holden hails from Cobham, Surrey.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES, Tenor 14 cwt.

LEONARD P. BAILEY Treble.	ERNEST S. BAILEY 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2.	EDGAR H. BAILEY 6.
FREDERICK W. BAILEY 3.	CHARLES F. BAILEY 7.
JAMES M. BAILEY 4.	*CHARLES E. FISHER Tenor.

Composed by the late REV. H. E. BULWER, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

*First peal in the method.

BLACKBURN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN AND PRESTON BRANCHES).

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Vicars' Six-Part. Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble.	WILLIAM H. HUNTER 5.
HARRY JONES* 2.	†JOHN H. GARTSIDE, JUN. .. 6.
FREDK. HINDLE 3.	WILLIAM E. WILSON 7.
FRED RIGBY 4.	JOHN WATSON Tenor.

Conducted by W. E. WILSON.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. The ringers of the 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 6th hail from Chorley.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble.	RICHARD STREDWICK 5.
JOHN T. RICEMAN 2.	WILLIAM C. HAET 6.
JOHN CAPP 3.	KEITH HAET 7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT 4.	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HAET.

The band visited Rotherfield at Mr. Rickman's invitation, and they wish to thank him, through "THE BELL NEWS," for providing a sumptuous dinner after the peal. The local ringers are also thanked for having everything in readiness.

BELCHAMP WALTER, ESSEX.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. Treble.	OLAVE BROYD 5.
WILLIAM DENT 2.	*HARRY W. CATTERWELL .. 6.
ALBERT CATTERWELL 3.	WALTER NICE 7.
ARTHUR SYMONDS 4.	*GEORGE PANNELL Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method. The 6th and tenor men were elected members previous to ringing the peal. It is upwards of sixteen years since a peal has been rung on these bells.

RICKINGHALL.—On Sunday afternoon, for service, touches of Minor, Cambridge, Double Court and Oxford, in which the Messrs. Buckingham and the local company took part.

GISLINGHAM.—On Monday evening touches of Cambridge, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob Minor were rung. C. Nunn, L. Last, J. D. Buckingham (conductor), E. Buckingham, E. Youngs, G. Bailey, W. Clover, R. Last. J. D. Buckingham bails from Goldhanger, Essex; E. Buckingham from Bradwell, Essex.

CIRENCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.
Tenor 29 cwt in D.

FRANCIS W. BOND Treble.	*W. H. L. WELLS 6.
W. C. MINCHIN* 2.	CHARLES BARTLETT 7.
JOHN AUSTIN 3.	H. T. GARDNER 8.
H. C. BOND 4.	JOHN J. JEFFRIES 9.
CHARLES J. GARDNER .. 5.	W. C. FINCH Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HETTERSLEY, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

*First peal of Caters. Rang on the eve of the anniversary of the Dedication Festival, and as a farewell peal to W. C. Minchin.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch.)

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

At the Church of The Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 23 cwt.

ALBERT E. PARSONS Treble.	CHARLES F. WHITE 5.
ROBERT MATTHEWS 2.	ALFRED HACKETT 6.
WILLIAM BIRD 3.	SAMUEL GROVE 7.
VICTOR WHITE 4.	WILLIAM GREEN Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Parsons and the conductor.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Tuesday, October 15, 1912, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original.

William Rock Small Treble.	Alfred Rowley 5.
Arthur Baker 2.	Harry S. Smith 6.
Samuel Pearce 3.	Thomas Hughes 7.
John Henry Jones 4.	Benjamin Gough Tenor.

Conducted by Alfred Rowley.

Messrs. Small, Rowley and Smith belong to Tipton; Baker, Pearce and Gough to Coseley; Jones and Hughes to Wednesbury.

Handbell Peal.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 27, 1912, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5072 CHANGES.

Wilby J. Hazell 1-2.	John Thomas 5-6.
Miss Edith K. Parker .. 3-4.	William Shepherd .. 7-8.
James Parker 9-10.	

Composed by Fredk. G. May, and
Conducted by John Thomas.

TIBENHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday morning, September 29th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor and 240 Cambridge Surprise Minor. After morning service, 360 each College Exercise and London Scholars' Pleasure, and 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, S. Moule ringing the treble, he having walked fifteen miles to take part. He has now rung in fifty towers and walked to them all. E. Youngs hails from Thornham; G. Bailey from Rickinghall, who took part in the ringing with the local company; S. Moule from Market Weston.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 10, 1912, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

At The George IV., Brunswick Street, Haggerston,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
In the Kent Variation.

Arthur F. Shepherd... 1-2.	William Shepherd ... 5-6.
Ernest Pye... 3-4.	Alfred W. Grimes ... 7-8.

Composed by A. Knights, and
Conducted by Alfred W. Grimes.

Umpire—E. D. Grimes. Mr. J. E. Davis also heard the last part.

HAGGERSTON, LONDON, N.E.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 10, 1912, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. A. W. Grimes,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
In the Kent Variation. Tenor size 17.

Arthur F. Shepherd... 1-2.	William Shepherd ... 5-6.
Ernest Pye... 3-4.	Alfred W. Grimes ... 7-8.

Composed by Arthur Knights, and
Conducted by Alfred W. Grimes.

Umpire—Mr. J. E. Davis.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 11, 1912, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

In the Vestry of St. Margaret's Church,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES,

James M. Bailey ... 1-2.	Charles F. Bailey ... 5-6.
Ernest S. Bailey ... 3-4.	*Fredk. W. Bailey ... 7-8.

Composed by J. R. Pritchard, and
Conducted by Charles F. Bailey.

*First peal on handbells. Umpire—E. H. Bailey.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 13, 1912, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

At "Leyland," Queen's Road,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor size 16 in C.

Miss Elsie L. Bennett 1-2.	Frank I. Hairs... 5-6.
William Shepherd ... 3-4.	Arthur F. Shepherd 7-8.

*William A. Woodrow ... 9-10.

Composed by William Willson, and
Conducted by William Shepherd,

Umpires—Messrs. J. Loveridge, and F. Shepherd, sen. *First peal of Royal. First handbell peal of Royal by the above Guild.

Miscellaneous.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHESHUNT (Herts).—On Thursday, October 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. D. Tucker, G. Andrew, F. Jelf, C. Dilley, H. Cornwell, G. Maxim, H. G. Rowe, H. Simmons. Composed by G. H. Daynes, and conducted by H. G. Rowe. On Sunday, October 13th, for morning service, 546 Grandsire Triples. H. Simmons, G. Andrews, F. Jelf, H. G. Rowe (conductor) H. Cornwell, G. Maxim, F. W. Elliott (Cromer), D. Tucker.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANFRECHEF (Mon).—On October 11th, 720 Bob Minor. H.

Holmes, F. Bolton, E. Davies, C. Davies, G. L. Stafford, W. Large (conductor). Also touches of Kent Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

TREVETHIN (Pontypool).—On October 12th, 720 Bob Minor. D. Pinney, H. Pinney, S. Rogers, C. Davies, G. Large, W. Large (conductor). And a touch of Grandsire Doubles.

BARNES (Surrey).—On Sunday, October 13th, for Harvest Thanksgiving Service at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. M. Jacobs, H. Barrett, E. H. Cook, H. Stevens, R. Mackrill, B. Morris, C. F. W. Hunt, J. Wilmott. Composed by W. T. Elson, and conducted by C. F. W. Hunt.

BIRCH.—On Sunday, October 13th, after evening service, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving at St. James's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. J. Idle, W. Holbrook, J. W. Washbrook (conductor), W. E. Ryder, H. Washbrook, J. Derbyshire, W. H. Idle, R. Davies.

CLARE (Suffolk).—On Sunday, October 6th, for evening service, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival. 1184 Bob Major. —. Ince, W. Dent, A. Symonds, D. Gridley, A. Catterwell, O. Broyd, W. R. J. Poulson (conductor). G. Moore. Longest touch as conductor, and first attempt at Major by the treble ringer, whose age is 16.

HADLEIGH (Suffolk).—On Saturday, September 28th, at the Church of St. Mary, a quarter peal of Bob Major. A. Thorpe, S. H. Symonds (conductor), G. Lambert, F. A. Poulson, W. Dent, T. Reed, A. Symonds, W. R. J. Poulson. Composed by E. Mullins, and supposed to be rung for the first time.

MONKS ELEIGH (Suffolk).—On Friday evening, September 27th, 720 Victoria Treble Bob. *L. Head, W. R. J. Poulson (conductor), H. Crick, A. Symonds, *A. Keeble, *W. Stiff. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. *H. Whymark, H. Crick, A. Symonds, W. Stiff, A. Symonds, W. R. J. Poulson (conductor). *First 720 in the method.

OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Tuesday evening, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Lane, T. Eades, C. H. Drake, S. R. Garner, G. Beeby, H. Baker (conductor), E. E. Bridges, A. Thomas. First quarter-peal by the ringer of the treble.

EYE.—On Sunday, September 8th, for morning service, with the Messrs. Buckingham, some of the Thornham and Eye companies rang touches of Kent Major, Double Norwich and Boh Major, conducted by E. Poppy.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, October 6th, for Harvest Festival, 720 New London. W. Hollocks (conductor), A. Symonds, A. Hollocks, H. Crick, T. Levitt, H. Poulson.

RUGBY.—On Monday evening, September 23rd, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1280 changes), in 55 mins. *W. H. Cole, J. A. Fenton, *W. Tayler, †W. Malins, A. J. Hessian, E. J. Oliver, C. W. Wheeler, J. W. Chandler. Conducted by W. Malins. *First quarter-peal in the method. †First as conductor.

SOUTH WIGSTON.—On Saturday, September 21st, 518 Grandsire Triples. L. Willars, J. Clarke, F. Staniforth, E. Vallance, H. Brown, Miss Hilda Willson, W. Willson, W. W. Thompson, On Tuesday, September 24th, for practice, 1008 Grandsire Triples. Miss May Thompson, *Miss Hilda Willson, A. H. Bell, H. Brown, J. Clarke, J. Harris, W. Willson, W. W. Thompson. *Longest touch with an inside bell.

SAXMUNDHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, September 28th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Fleming, W. Drew, J. Avis, F. Watling (conductor), H. Philips, G. Hardy.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).—On Saturday, September 7th, touches of Cambridge Surprise Minor, Kent, Oxford and Double Court were rung to oblige Messrs. J. D. and E. Buckingham, who were on their holiday. The ringers who took part were: W. Clover, L. Last, C. Nunn, W. Rose, E. Youngs, G. Cattermole, A. J. Berry. For evening service on Sunday, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Rose, E. Youngs, J. D. Buckingham, E. Buckingham, W. Clover, T. Turner (Eye, conductor), W. Rose,

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.

On Saturday, October 12th, about thirty members of this branch assembled for the monthly meeting at St. Luke's, Heywood. They represented the following towers, viz.: Heywood, Rochdale parish, and St. Albans, Balderstone, Milnrow, Newhey, Todmorden parish and Unitarian, Middleton, Oldham parish, Glodwick, Hyde and Helmshore. Mr. John Harrison, of Heywood, presided. Three new members were elected. Nominations for branch President were called for, and the names of Mr. R. Buckley (Milnrow), and Mr. W. Crabtree (Balderstone) were put forward. The election will take place at the next meeting to be held at Balderstone. Subsequently the bells were kept going to Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major. The annual social gathering in connection with the branch will be held at Milnrow, this evening (October 19th).

CONCERT IN AID OF SHOREDITCH BELLS.

A concert is to be held to-night (Saturday, Oct. 19th) in aid of the fund being raised for the restoration of the above bells, in the Church Room, Shoreditch. A very interesting programme is arranged, which will include tune-ringing on handbells by the Stoke Newington Handbell Ringers (Messrs. F. Blaber, T. Scarlett and Stubbs), and courses of Bob Major and Bob Royal will be "tapped off" by members of the Royal Cumberland Youths. Songs and recitation, with other items, will be rendered by the famous operatic company, "The Carltons." The fund has recently progressed most favourably, and if this concert is a success the work will be put in hand.

Tickets may be obtained from Mr. H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch. Doors open 7.30. Admission 6d., 1s. and 2s.

WALSOKEN (Norfolk).—On Sunday morning, September 29th, for Harvest Festival, 723 Bob Minor. T. Haines, J. Albins, S. Andrews, T. Blunt, R. Narborough, J. W. Storey (conductor).

JOHN TAYLOR & CO.,

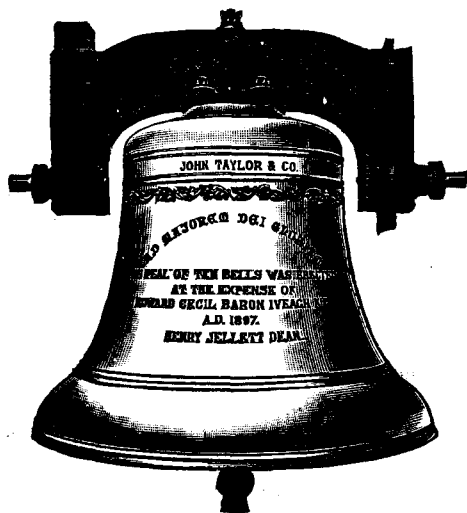
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Also the bells of Dundalk r.c. Cathedral, and "Great Bede" of Downside Abbey, Also for the town halls of Manchester, Preston, Bradford, Halifax, Rochdale, Wakefield, Middlesbrough, Kendal, and Londonderry; and the Sydney and Adelaide Post Offices in Australia.

Also the chime of bells at Ames College, Iowa, U.S.A. And the recast "Grandison" of Exeter Cathedral.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By ERNEST MORRIS, Leicester.

5056.

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25643				-
62354			-	
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Repeat last 24 courses, calling first 5.

2nd only four times in 4ths in the first four courses, and its extent in 2-3 at alternate course-ends.

A number of peals, etc., have been unavoidably held over until next week.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of Notices under this heading is Sixpence for 36 words, for the first insertion; repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on October 29th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 24th; and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 29th; all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—The annual dinner will be held at The London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs J. Akehurst, J. C. F. Bawley, C. S. Burden, W. T. Cockerill, E. A. Davies, T. Faulkner, G. R. Fardon, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney. Towers open for ringing will be Southwark Cathedral, 4 to 5 p.m.; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 4 to 6 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

22, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association, late the St. James' Society.—Established 1824.—Northern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, October 19th, at St. Andrew's, Holborn, E.C. Business meeting at 6.0 p.m. in the tower. The tower will be open for ringing from 7.0 p.m. to 9.0 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.

ARTHUR D. BARKER, Hon. Sec. pro tem.

49, Noel Street, Islington, N.

The London County Association, late the St. James' Society.—Established 1824.—The tenth annual grand Bohemian Concert will be held on Saturday, October 26th, at The Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, E.C. Doors open at 7.15 p.m. Commence at 7.45 p.m. Admission by programme, price 6d., reserved seats 1s., which may be obtained from all officers of the Association. Ladies specially invited.

F. J. HARDY, Hon. Sec.

34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints' Edmonton, by kind permission of the Rector, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at The Rose and Crown at 5.30, at the small charge of 6d. each. Members and friends cordially invited. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid as early as possible.

C. T. COLES, Hon. Sec.

Norfolk House, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

The Lancashire Association—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James, Waterfoot, on Saturday, October 19th. Bells ready at 3.30.

JOHN H. HAYDOCK, Branch Sec.

31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Tue Brook on Saturday, October 19th. Bells ready at 3.30.

WALTER HUGHES, Sec.

3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

The Midland Counties Association.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Etwall on Saturday, October 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Through the generosity of the Vicar tea will be provided for all those attending the meeting.

HARRY WALKLEY, Sec.

160, Horninglow Road, N., Burton-on-Trent.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—The annual festival will be held at Newcastle on Saturday, October 26th. Six peals available for ringing. Committee meeting in Cathedral vestry at 12 noon. Service in Cathedral at 1 p.m. Dinner at The County hotel at 2 p.m.

26, Greenbank Crescent, Darlington. CHAS. TODD, Hon. Sec.

The Warwickshire Guild.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rugby on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea (at usual charge) will be arranged for those who let me know by October 20th. Committee meeting after tea.

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REV. C. C. COX, Hon. Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Church Leuch on Saturday, Oct.

26th. Service with an address at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting after the service. Those intending to take tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, October 22nd. Bells (6) at 3 p.m.

JAMES HEMMING, Hon. Br. Sec.

10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

The Kent County Association—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bromley (SS. Peter and Paul), on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service with address by the Rev. Donald Tait (Vicar), at 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow in the Parish Room. Will those who wish for tea please send their names to me not later than Tuesday, October 22nd. Will those who have not paid their subscriptions please do so at this meeting.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

34, Ade'aide Road, Chislehurst.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Thanet, on Saturday, October 26th. The bells will be available from 3 till 9 p.m. The usual travelling allowances will be made at this meeting.

Boughton, Faversham.

E. TRENDLE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available from 5. Meeting at 7.

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Branch Sec.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Bennington on Saturday, October 26th, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. A free tea will be kindly provided by the Rector, the Rev. W. Mill's. Will those who can, notify me by Friday, October 25th, so as to have some idea as to how many to provide for.

W. H. LAWRENCE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Turvey on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m.

John W. Barker, Dis. Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bishops Waltham on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available from noon. Short service at 4.15. Tea by the kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. E. H. Rycroft), at the Parish Hall at 5 o'clock. Meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by the 21st inst.

J. WHITING, Dist. Sec.

Fareham.

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting of the South-Western division will be held at All Saints, West Ham, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Service in the Church at 5.15 p.m., followed by tea in the Church Hall in Meeson Road at 6.0 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea. Members intending to be present at the tea will oblige by notifying me not later than Wednesday, October 23rd.

H. RUMENS, District Secretary.

32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

The Surrey Association.—Quarterly meeting at Behlilton, Sutton, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells open at 3. Short service with address by the Vicar at 5. Tea at Shaftesbury Hall at 5.45. Business meeting after.

Cyril F. Johnston, Hon. Sec.

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Notice.—Grand Concert in aid of Shoreditch Bells Fund, to-day, in the Church Room. Tickets, 6d., 1s., and 2s. from H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch. Doors open at 7.30.

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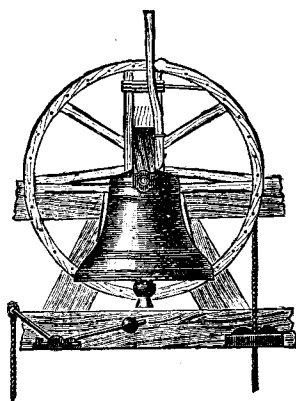
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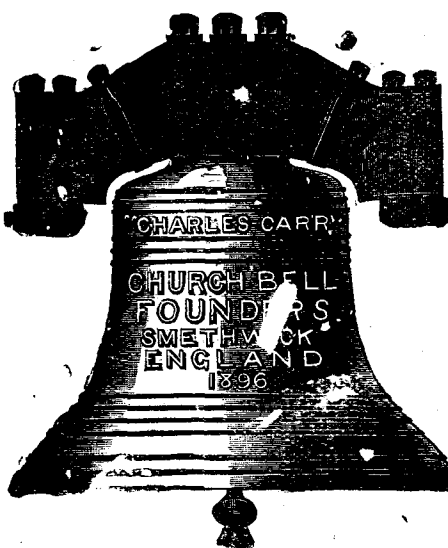
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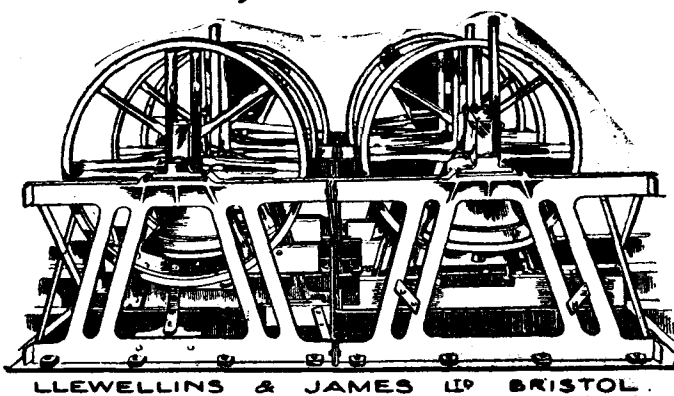
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HADLOW, KENT.

MEMORIAL TABLET DEDICATED.

On Wednesday evening last week the service at St. Mary's Church took the form of the dedication of a memorial tablet to the late Mr. H. Snowden Ward, erected by the bell-ringers of the church, in affectionate remembrance to his memory. The deceased gentleman, who died in New York, December 7th, 1911, was a great friend of the local bellringers, being an enthusiastic supporter of campanology, and in the belfry of the church may be seen a fine peal board presented by him and unveiled by the Ven. Archdeacon of Tonbridge, on May 11th, 1908, in commemoration of a complete peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes; the names of the successful local band, also the clergy and churchwardens, being inscribed thereon. The previous record of this fine achievement dated back to 1854, a period of fifty-four years having elapsed. He was well-known as a photographic expert and as a lecturer on Dickens. In addition to several works on photography, he published "Shakespeare's Town and Times," and, in conjunction with his wife, Mrs. Catherine Weed Ward, brought out "The Real Dickens' Land," a series of charming photographic pictures. He acted as honorary secretary to the National Dickens' Library Fund, which purchased and placed in the Library of the Guildhall, London, what is probably the most complete Dickensiana in existence. A large congregation was present at the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. S. H. Money Penny, among the appropriate hymns selected being "Let saints on earth in concert sing, with those whose work is done"; and "The Saints of God their conflict past."

The rev. gentleman preached an eloquent sermon from Revelations xiv, 13, depicting the chief characteristics in the life of the late Mr. H. Snowden Ward as those of selflessness, helpfulness, cheerfulness, and a high sense of duty.

The ringers rang peals at the close of the service in honour of their friend and benefactor, whose loving memory will remain undying to all who had the pleasure of coming in contact with him, and his friends and admirers were legion.

DEDICATION OF WINFARTHING BELLS.

The Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Winfarthing, was the scene on Thursday afternoon last week of a service of thanksgiving. The chief architectural feature of the church is its tower, and this has during the last few months been undergoing reparation, and in addition the peal of bells has been improved and re-hung. The service at which the bells were dedicated was attended by a large congregation. The work of restoration and the re-hanging of the bells has cost £450, of which there remains only £20 to pay off. The tower has been thoroughly overhauled, strengthened, and repaired. In addition minor repairs have been carried out in other

parts of the church. The peal of bells previously consisted of five, now there are six in the tower. The old tenor, weighing 11 cwt., was re-cast and made into two trebles. The old 2nd and 3rd were also re-cast. The peal has been re-hung on modern principles, and the church may now be proud of its bells. The bells bear the following inscriptions:—

- 1.—"The old tenor bell, 1773, gave substance and weight to 2nd and me."
- 2.—"John Warner and Sons, founders, London, 1912."
- 3.—"John Brend made me in 1640."
- 4.—"When Shakespeare died I first was seen, in year of grace 1616."
- 5.—"Re-cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1912. 18th century bell re-cast. A. E. Church, Rector, J. H. Brewster and R. M. Phipson, churchwardens."
- 6.—"Thomas Newman, of Norwich, cast me new in 1732."

The work of restoration was carried out under the direction of Mr. Lacey, of Messrs. Lacey and Upcher, architects, Norwich, by Messrs. Neal Bros., of North Lopham, Messrs. J. T. Gibson, of Norwich, being sub-contractors. The bells were re-cast by Messrs. Warner, of London, and re-hung by Messrs. G. Day and Sons, of Eye, under the superintendence of Mr. H. Day. The sermon was preached and the bells dedicated by the Rev. F. J. Meyrick, Rector of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. The service was conducted by the Rector, and there were also present: the Revs. C. W. Peck (Diss), W. R. Harrison (Shelfanger), H. C. Frere (Roydon), R. Jones (Banham), M. Johnson (Thelveton), W. A. Duval (Horne), E. T. Eland (Burston), and T. A. Nock (Bressingham). After the lesson the Rev. F. J. Meyrick, accompanied by the Rector, went to the tower, preceded by the churchwardens, and the special prayers having been said, a touch was rung on the bells by the following: J. Souter (Diss), C. More (Palgrave), J. Smith (Diss), G. Murton (Eye), F. Poppy (Eye), and F. Day (Eye).

The Rector, in a statement, said the south aisle was restored six years ago at a cost of £420. There remained work to do that would cost about £100. Beside the restoration of the tower they had strengthened the chancel arch.

The singing was led by the choir, who rendered an anthem, and Mrs. Church was at the organ, while Mr. Briggs accompanied the hymns on a cornet.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS. ASSOCIATION.

GUISBOROUGH.—On Sunday, October 6th for evening service at the Parish Church, 480 Victoria and 120 Kent. On Sunday, October 13th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. H. W. Hodgson, W. Mitchell, J. Cottrell, R. F. Smith, R. Haswell (conductor), J. A. Metcalfe. R. F. Smith's first 720.

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As announced in our issue of last week, a concert was held in the Parish Hall, Shoreditch, on Saturday last in aid of the fund for restoring the famous bells of the parish church. It was an unqualified success in every way. In point of attendance it was so much a success, that numbers had to be turned away, the accommodation of the Hall being taxed to its utmost.

The programme included a course of Bob Royal and Oxford Treble Bob Royal by members of the Royal Cumberland Youths. The latter was the method rung by members of the same Society on March 24th, 1784, when a record peal of 12,000 changes was rung. The efforts of the band on the present occasion were highly appreciated, and everyone agreed with the Vicar when he remarked that that "Bob" was worth a shilling. The Stoke Newington band of Handbell Ringers (Messrs. H. Blaber, T. Scarlett, and Stubbs), were accorded loud applause for their contributions, while the items supplied by "The Carltons," lacked nothing in the way of marks of appreciation. The humour of Mr. Turner brought peal on peal of laughter, and the talent displayed by Miss Maude Smythe secured much applause. Mr. Jack Furneaux, among other contributions, gave a fine rendering of "Reuben Ranger." Miss Maud Price (Mrs. Furneaux), was unable to sing, owing to a severe cold, a circumstance which called forth regret, but she did her part admirably as "Mollie" in "Dubbins' Hotel" performed by the company.

The concert closed with the National Anthem, and the audience went away thoroughly satisfied.

The work on the bells is to be put in hand at once, and for this purpose they will be taken down by Messrs. John Warner and Sons about the middle of November.

THE LANDLORD'S SLATE.

By G.F.M.

My thoughts recall the days of youth,
And what therein befel;
When first I joined a Ringers' "Screw"—
The story I will tell.
Each passing month brought some event
To earn an honest bob;
'Twas during Easter, not in Lent,
I captured my first job.

Vestry meetings were in full swing,
Churchwardens were elected;
'Twas standing orders then to ring,
To which no one objected.
From times remote, in Easter week,
Forthcoming was the money,
But at the time of which I speak
There happened something funny.

We rang then paused from morn till night
(Felt peckish, dry, of course),
Pricked changes on the landlord's slate,
Round at the old "Black Horse."
As day wore on our credit stood
A good deal 'bove the mark;
Our host might caution as he would,
We heeded no remark.

In dreams I see the landlord look
At us and then the slate,
And with each order that he took,
He seemed to hesitate.
When late he tallied up the slide,
His brow was sad and pale;
"Big mortgage this," he groaned aside,
"For 'bacca, food, and ale."

Some time elapsed, no payment came,
Whereby to clear the slate;
The wardens held we were to blame
For ringing on that date;
And so, instead of gaining cash,
We found ourselves in debt;
The "screw" dissolved and went to smash,
The landlord freely wept.

How long it took to clear the slate
Need not just now appear:
It taught us wisdom any rate.
For many a future year.
The old "Black Horse" is running yet,
And mocks at Time and Fate,
Like many a long-forgotten debt
Upon the landlord's slate.

Correspondence

To the Editor.

ST. PETER'S, COLCHESTER.—AN APPEAL.

SIR,—I shall esteem it a great favour if you can find room for the insertion of the following appeal in your next issue, and also results of same later.

ST. PETER'S, COLCHESTER.—An appeal is now being made to raise the sum of about £50 necessary to complete the fund for the recasting of the bells at the above Church. It is hoped to put the work in hand at once, as the bells have been silent for a long time, owing to extensive repairs to the clock and tower being carried out.

All donations from ringing friends, will be most thankfully received on behalf of the Vicar and Committee, and acknowledged in these columns by—Yours faithfully,
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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS.

For fuller particulars see page iii.

To-DAY (SATURDAY,) OCTOBER 26th.

Grand Bohemian Concert at the "Talbot" Restaurant, London Wall, E.C., 7.45 p.m., London County Association (late the St. James's Society).

Annual Festival of Durham and Newcastle Association at Newcastle, 1.0 p.m.

Quarterly Meeting of Warwickshire Guild at Rugby, 3.30 p.m.

Quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association at Church Lench, 4.30 p.m.

Annual meeting of Lewisham Branch, Kent County Association, at SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, 3.30 p.m.

Meeting of Canterbury District, Kent County Association, at St. Peter's, Tbanet, 3.0 p.m.

Meeting of Manchester Branch, Lancashire Association, at Birch-in-Rusholme, 5.0 p.m.

Meeting of Bedford District, Bedfordshire Association, at Turvey, 3 p.m.

Meeting of Eastern District, Hertfordshire Association, at Bennington.

Quarterly meeting of Winchester Diocesan Guild, Portsmouth District, at Bishops Waltham, 12, noon.

Annual meeting of South-Western Division, Essex Association, at All Saints, West Ham, 3.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

WALLASEY.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 20th, at St. Nicholas Church, in 27 minutes, 720 Plain Bob Minor, J. Webster, E. Webster, A. Sparks, J. Griffen (conductor), T. Rogers, J. Greasley. This is the first 720 on the bells by a local band.

ESHER (Surrey).—On Sunday, October 20th, for evening service at the Parish Church, ten 120s of Grandsire Doubles, in 41 mins. F. Brown, J. Howes (conductor), W. Halls, J. Trapmore, J. Baldwin, H. Waters.

ROXTON (Beds).—On Saturday, October 19th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. G. D. Coleman, H. Fields, S. Peck, E. C. Chasty. Tenor 9 cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD S.E.—On Friday, October 3rd, at St. John's Church, for Harvest Thanksgiving Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. R. Fosdike, F. S. Bacon, A. G. Bennington, W. Daynes, F. W. Richardson, J. Law, W. J. Jeffries (conductor), C. H. Macklin. On Sunday, October 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. A. G. Bennington, F. S. Bacon, T. G. Deal, F. W. Richardson, E. B. Crowder, J. Law, W. J. Jeffries (conductor), W. Oxley. On Sunday, October 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. R. Fosdike, F. S. Bacon, F. W. Richardson, J. Law, A. G. Bennington, J. W. Leonard (Malling), W. J. Jeffries (conductor), C. H. Macklin. On Sunday, October 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from the Original, in 43 mins. G. R. Simmonds, T. G. Deal, F. S. Bacon, W. Daynes, A. G. Bennington, J. Law, F. W. Richardson (conductor), C. H. Macklin.

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RINGERS' OUTING.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday last several members of the Beccles Company of Change-Ringers, with visitors from Gt. Yarmouth and Wrentham, all members of the Norwich Diocesan Association had a very enjoyable outing. Starting from Beccles they took a seven miles drive to Loddon. Here permission had been obtained beforehand for the use of the bells of Holy Trinity Church, thanks to the kindness of the Vicar (the Rev. G. M. Davis.) Under the leadership of Mr. H. Hopson, who, despite his advanced age assumed the captaincy for the day, a right down good time was spent. A successful attempt was made for a peal of Grand-sire Triples, under the conductorship of Mr. Denison Hayward. The bells of Holy Trinity constitute a nice handy ring of eight with a tenor of 11 cwt. After the peal, through the kindness of Mr. J. Nobbs (son of a Loddon ringer of many years ago) and Mr. R. Goate (Secretary of the Beccles District, Norwich Diocesan Association), who was fortunate enough to score his first peal, a substantial knife and fork tea was provided at the Cafe, under the genial chairmanship of Mr. Hopson. In his usual happy manner Mr. Hopson voiced the thanks of those present to the Vicar for the use of the bells, Messrs. Nobbs and Goate for their kind hospitality, and to all those who had assisted in making the outing so great a success. For himself he was very pleased that his health permitted him to take part in the afternoon's proceedings. An early start was made for the return journey, and Beccles was reached soon after eight o'clock.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very pleasant meeting of the Castle Cary Deanery Branch of the above Association, was held at Bruton on Saturday last. Towers were well represented by ringers from Batcombe, Ditcheat, Castle Cary, Queen Camel, Bruton, Taunton, and North Cheriton. A short service was held in the Church, the Vicar (the Rev. D. L. Hayward), giving a most eloquent address on ringers and bell-ringing, pointing out that bell-ringers ought not to meet simply to practice and see who could ring the best, but they should meet to ring to the glory of God, and also to remind their brothers and sisters of that place of worship. Some fine music was heard from the organ and choir at the service, under the conductorship of the choir-master (Mr. Hughes), this gentleman being most heartily thanked for his services at the business meeting. After service a substantial tea was served in the Church Room, when between thirty and forty sat down, after which a business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. The Vicar (before calling on the Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting), in a very amusing speech said he was pleased to welcome the ringers to Bruton that afternoon, remarking that the bells had only a few years ago been restored, and he hoped the ringers found them in a very satisfactory state. At the business meeting several new members were proposed, and one tower affiliated to this Association. Wincanton was chosen for the next place of meeting to be held in January. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the address at the service, also for the use of the bells; also to the choir and organist for their services. The Vicar briefly replied, congratulating the members of the Association on the excellent work they were doing. This concluded the business, and a move was made to the tower, where the fine peal of six bells was kept going until a late hour, various methods being rung.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL.

Ringers in general (and of the north especially) will welcome the news from the above Cathedral (which possesses a fine peal of ten with a tenor 37cwt. 3qrs. 16lbs.) that on Sept. 25th the old professional band of "Stoney" Ringers retired from active service, and an inaugural meeting was called by Mr. C. L. Routledge (President of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association) at the request of the Vicar and Churchwardens, of those likely to be interested in the formation of a voluntary guild of change ringers.

The meeting was held in the choir vestry of the Cathedral on Aug. 30th, 1912, the Vicar of Newcastle The Rev. Canon Gough, D.D., taking the chair; there being some twenty present. As a result of the meeting a voluntary guild was formed, with the Vicar as President, the three Resident Canons and four Churchwardens as Vice Presidents, Mr. C. L. Routledge Ringing Master, E. E. Perry Hon. Sec., Treasurer, and Assistant Ringing Master, and B. C. Dixon, Steeple Keeper. Suitable rules were framed.

On Sunday, Sept. 29th the Vicar held a Service of Induction in the belfry, when the members of the newly-formed guild were formally instituted. Immediately after a course of Stedman Caters was rung. Then came the signing of the rules, etc., followed by a touch of Stedman Caters for the morning Service. After the Service the verger was asked by several members of the congregation if the bells had been altered in any way for they sounded so much sweeter than they had done previously. This makes it evident that the ordinary man in the street does appreciate the difference between "Stoney" and Change Ringing.

The week previous to Sept. 29th the members of the new guild assembled in the tower each evening and put off their coats, collars, and ties "not to ring a peal" (nothing so uninteresting) but to clear out an accumulation of rubbish and filth which has been carefully nurtured for years amongst the bells. When they came down if they had worn black coats it would have been difficult to say where the coat left off and the face and hands began. A horse and cart had to be requisitioned to carry away the accumulation. The ringing chamber has had its floor, walls and ceiling thoroughly scrubbed, the former is now covered with linoleum, the latter varnished, and the walls coloured. A few layers of foul matter have been removed from the windows, and it is now possible to see to ring (even when the Sun is not shining) without the aid of gas.

On Sundays at 10 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. the bells speak out to the tune of Stedman Caters and are forgetting the rough "Stoney" path along which they have hobbled so painfully for years.

Any change-ringer visiting Newcastle will receive a welcome either at the practice on Thursdays, or on Sundays.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BLUNHAM (Beds).—On Saturday, October 19th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. G. D. Coleman, S. Peck, S. J. Coleman, H. Fields, E. C. Chasty. Another 720 was also rung. Tenor 25 cwt.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BURTON LATIMER (Northants).—On Tuesday, October 8th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. B. Saddington, *R. Black, C. Bird, P. Inskip, H. Meadows, G. Lines (conductor). *First 720 of Treble Bob with a bob bell. Arranged for Mr. C. Bird, of Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire, who was visiting the district.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By H. DAINS.

COMPOSITION NO. 3 ON PLAN.

6496.

	23456	M	W	H
	23456			
	45236	-	-	
	24536		-	
	52436		-	
	64235	-		-
A	26435		-	
	42635		-	
	56234	-		-
	23564		-	-
	52364		-	
	35264		-	
B	26354	-	-	
	32654		-	
	63254		-	
	25634	-	-	
	62534		-	
	43526	-	-	-
	65324	-	-	
	36524		-	
	45623	-		-
	64523		-	
	56423		-	
	46325	-	*	
	53624	-		-
	63425	-		-
	54326	-		-
	35426		-	
	42356	-	-	
	34256		-	
	23456		-	

In this composition it will be noticed, while the full groups of 2-3s is retained, reversed course-ends are not used, and so the extent in twenty-nine courses does not hold up. Yet, as the bob "before" is eliminated, we get an additional 96 changes, and the greatest number yet published in this method, "tenors together," without the 2nd in 6ths place at course-ends. By calling a "bob before" at a course-end, B will be produced, and by adding a "bob" H at * position, and omitting the two MS, bracketted changes are reduced to 5056 in number. The peal in full contains all the 4-6 combinations.

I have little doubt I shall be told these compositions are more or less variations of the second peal given on page 116 of the 1895 Central Council Appendix. If so, then my reply is that each of the three 6048s given upon that page may be treated in a similar manner and with similar results.

Concerning the other course-end upon this plan I hope it will soon be forthcoming, how soon it is not easy to say. But I have again started the ball rolling, and I hope it will roll on to that end.

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5024.

	23456	4	5
	23456		
	26435	-	-
	25463	-	-
	42356	-	-
	46325	-	-
	34562	-	-
	53246	-	-
	56234	-	-
	54263	-	-
	25346	-	-
	26354	-	-
	24365	-	-
	32546	-	-
	36524	-	-
	53462	-	-
	45236	-	-
	46253	-	-
	43265	-	-
	24536	-	-
	26543	-	-
	52364	-	-
	35426	-	-
	36452	-	-
	32465	-	-
	43526	-	-
	46532	-	-
	42563	-	-
	54326	-	-
	56342	-	-
	35264	-	-
	34256	-	-
	32456	S	6

Once repeated.

5088 BOB MAJOR.

By H. PRICE.

	23456	W	5th	4ths	B	H
	23456					
	52364	-			-	-
	43265	-	-	-	-	-
	35264	-	-	-	-	-
	23564				-	-
	45236	-			M	-
	24536				-	-
	52436				-	-
	34256	S			S	-

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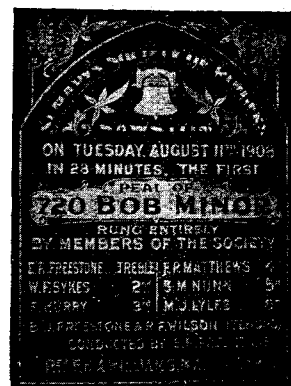
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1912.

THE inhabitants of Newcastle, and especially those who live within the radius of the sound of the Cathedral bells, will no doubt rejoice that at length the reign of "Stoney" has been broken, and the era of Change-Ringing has come in. "Stoney" may have its uses, and when folks have been accustomed to listen to it year in and year out, the monotony does not perhaps seem irksome, but even the "Man in the Street," appreciates the change, when he hears the bells brought round in regular cadence to the music of some Standard method. It may be that some unmusical people will raise objections to Change-Ringing if indulged in at too frequent intervals, or if peals of inordinate length are attempted. This is a feature which ringers, not only in Canny Newcastle, but everywhere, have to be on their guard against. A musical peal of bells, rung by experienced ringers, in a recognised method is something worth listening to, and we doubt if even the most irritable of the race would raise trouble by objecting to an occasional peal, unless it was because of illness or some other equally legitimate excuse.

The Newcastle Society of Change-Ringers starts under most favourable auspices, and we extend to them, in the name of our readers, a right-down hearty welcome, wishing them every success in their attempts to spread the Art of Change-Ringing in the district. The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association is to be congratulated, too, on this addition to its strength, as well as on the success which has attended the efforts of its members to bring about the change. We shall, doubtless, ere long, hear of a peal being attempted and brought off successfully by the new band. Their comrades throughout the land will be watching intently for the first venture of this, the latest addition to the ranks of the Exercise, and will rejoice with them when it is accomplished.

Some months ago we inserted an appeal on behalf of the fund being raised for the purpose of restoring and putting in good order the bells of Shoreditch Parish Church. From time to time attention has been directed to the fund, which has now reached such an amount as makes it possible to put the work in hand. This has become possible as the result of a concert given in the Parish Room on Saturday evening last, when a splendid programme, compiled with much care and forethought, was carried out by a clever company of artistes, to the delight of a large audience and the satisfaction of the organisers.

This week, our readers will find, in another column, an appeal on behalf of the bells of St. Peter's, Colchester, where some £50 is asked for to complete the fund for repairing the bells. The sum required is so small that in some cases a generous supporter, hearing that this was sufficient to close the account, would write a cheque and send it on to the officials. If there is one among our readers in a position to do this we commend it to his notice. Failing the one giver able and willing to do so, the alternative is for a number to subscribe their mites. In whichever way it is done, the result is the same, if only a sufficient number of contributors can be obtained. So

we commend the object to our readers, and ask those who can do so to lend their aid in a good cause. Not every peal of bells requires attention at the same time, and those who give assistance to those in need of it to-day may reap their reward in the future, when their turn comes.

The Provinces.

TAUNTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Bob-and-Single, Tenor 20 cwt.

J. MADDOCK Treble.	G. H. YENDALL 5.
F. DOBLE 2	H. BOSLEY 6.
T. MILLARD 3.	W. FARLEY 7.
E. E. BURGESS 4.	W. TAER Tenor.

Conducted by J. MADDOCK.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. Dr. Dixon, Vicar of St. James'. W. Farley hails from Wells.

TADCASTER, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

ERNEST H. LINDLEY Treble.	FRANK POOLE 5.
CHARLES WORTH W. HOGG 2.	HERBERT E. PICKERING 6.
JOHN W. GABBUTT 3.	JOHN BRADLEY 7.
HERBERT BLAKE 4.	HENRY CLAYTON Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by C. W. HOGG.

First peal on the bells.

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART, Tenor 20 cwt.

WALTER FARLEY Treble.	HERBERT KNIGHT 5.
J. B. HOLMYARD 2.	† THOMAS E. FRANCIS 6.
HENRY J. TRIM 3.	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN 7.
LEWIS MOORE 4.	† GEORGE FISHER Tenor.

Conducted by G. CHAMBERLAIN.

*First peal. †First peal of Triples. First peal in the method on the bells. It is ten years since the last peal was rung here. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. J. Trim, the band wishing him many happy returns. The ringers wish, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the Rev. — Lambick for the use of the bells; also the Rev. J. F. Turner for his kindly welcome to all.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch.)

On Sunday, October 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs.

WALTER J. BRETHERTON Treble	FRED BEACE 4.
CHARLES E. PERKINS 2.	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5.
JOHN BASS 3.	CHARLES F. WHITE Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob, and a 720 composed of Double and Single Oxford Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

ROBERT BLACK* Treble.	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN .. 4.
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2.	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT .. 5.
E. MAURICE ATKINS 3.	DAVID J. NICHOLS Tenor.

Conducted by D. J. NICHOLS.

*First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells. First eight method peal and first containing a Surprise method to be rung by the Association.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

EDWIN J. PANNETT Treble.	*RICHARD W. HOATHER .. 4.
FRANK S. STURT* 2.	ALBERT E. EDWARDS .. 5.
GEORGE H. STURT* 3.	ROBERT J. DAWE Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT J. DAWE.

*First peal of Minor. This peal was rung to celebrate the home-coming of the Rector, the Rev. Prebendary R. I. Salmon, on his return from abroad.

ILKESTON, DERYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 15, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

CRCIL J. BAKER* Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE 5.
CHARLES DRAPE 2.	ALBERT H. WARD 6.
ALBERT COPPOCK 3.	EDWARD C. GOREY 7.
J. CHARLES DICKEN 4.	EDWARD WHITEREAD .. Tenor.

Composed by E. C. GOREY, and Conducted by A. H. WARD.

*First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Silas Spencer, who had been one of the ringers at the above church for many years. First peal in the method on the bells, and first muffled peal in the town.

ST. LEONARDS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

FRANK BENNETT Treble.	FRANCIS A. KENNETT .. 5.
JAMES LIVERMORE, JUN. .. 2.	WALTER FRANKS 6.
WALTER ALCOCK 3.	GEORGE WATSON 7.
GEORGE PENFOLD 4.	HARRY DENMAN Tenor.

Conducted by F. BENNETT.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Kennett, hearty congratulations to whom were offered by the band.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

GEORGE HOWCHIN Treble.	GEORGE H. CROSS 5.
GEORGE S. SOAME 2.	WILLIAM STEELE 6.
GEORGE MOY 3.	ALBERT G. WAINES 7.
WILLIAM A. HEMPEL .. 4.	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTESLEY, and Conducted by WM. STEELE. First peal in the method on the bells.

BARSHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of The Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty-four 120s of Grandsire, and eighteen 120s of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

CHARLES SAUNDERS Treble.	GEORGE BAXTER 3.
GEORGE NAUNTON 2.	THOMAS BECKETT 4.
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON Tenor.	

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

This is the first peal on the bells, the first peal as conductor; also the first peal by the ringers of the treble and 4th, and the first peal of Doubles by all the band. Rung on the eve of St. Luke's Day.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The Halesworth Society.)

On Thursday, October 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Being seven 720s. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM PIERCE Treble.	JOHN LARTER 4.
FREDK. C. LAMBERT .. 2.	*HERBERT PRATT 5.
ARTHUR H. TOOK 3.	CHARLES MOSS Tenor.

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung on the eve of St. Luke's Day; also as a birthday compliment to the Rev. A. R. Upcher, M.A., Rural Dean, the esteemed President of the Halesworth and Chediston Societies. *First peal of Treble Bob Minor. Mr. and Mrs. T. Crane kindly provided refreshments for the band at the conclusion of the peal.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; Hollis' Five-Part Irregular No. 1. Tenor 22 cwt.

HENRY NORMAN Treble.	WILLIAM CHAPMAN 5.
ALFRED WYATT† 2.	ARCHIBALD J. ANDREWE .. 6.
ROBERT SCOTT 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY 7.
FREDK. NORMAN 4.	*THOMAS J. SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

†First peal of Grandsire Triples. *First peal on eight bells. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 belong to Milverton; 2 to Wilton; 8 to Bishop Hull; 7 to Taunton. The band wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank Mr. J. Coram for having the bells ready.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.

WILLIAM ROSE Treble.	FREDERICK DAY 5.
HUBERT DAY* 2.	GEORGE ARCHER 6.
ERNEST LINCOLN* .. 3.	ERNEST POPPY 7.
WILLIAM CLOVER 4.	DAVID WHITING Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by ERNEST POPPY.

*First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the unveiling of a stained glass window to the memory of the late Mr. Charles Tacon, for many years churchwarden and Mayor of Eye.

WANTED a second-hand peal of eight handbells, size 13 or thereabouts.—J. E. Burton, 11, Bank Plain, Norwich

ERITH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE L. JOYCE† Treble.	BRUNEN SANDERS 5.
WILLIAM PYE 2.	ALFRED W. GRIMES 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal of Major.

WOMBOURNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves's Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 20 cwt. in G.

GEORGE SMITH Treble.	WILLIAM ROGERS 5.
JOSEPH CORNS 2.	ROLAND CARTWRIGHT 6.
HERBERT KNIGHT 3.	ALBERT LITTLE 7.
HARRY G. SADLER 4.	EDWARD MITCHELL Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Miss Chrissie Fletcher and Mr. Horace Sadler, a prominent member of St. Benedict's Society. Also as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Mitchell, it being his first peal.

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

RUPERT GOATE Treble.	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON 5.
CLAYTON PARNELL 2.	DENISON HAYWARD 6.
THOMAS BRETHER 3.	HARRY LING 7.
GEORGE BAXTER 4.	EDMUND ETTERIDG Tenor.

Conducted by DENISON HAYWARD.

First peal by the ringers of the treble. First peal on eight bells by the ringers of the 3rd, and tenor, and first peal in the method by the ringers of the 4th and 5th.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

WILLIAM GOODMAN* Treble.	JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. 6.
THOMAS HUGHES* 2.	ALFRED DAVIES 7.
CHRISTOPHER WALLACE 3.	*BENJAMIN GODGE 8.
HERBERT SHEPPARD† 4.	*HARRY GOODMAN 9.
ALFRED ROWLEY 5.	†JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, SEN.

*First peal of Bob Royal. †First peal of Royal with a bob bell. †First peal of Royal as conductor. This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Sheppard and Mr. Alfred Davies, the band wishing them the usual birthday wishes at the close of the peal. It is also the quarterly peal, and the first peal of Bob Royal for the above Guild.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

FINCHLEY.—On Sunday, October 13th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob. G. Webb, W. H. Tubb, F. Tubb, W. Webb, B. Tubb, F. Barker (conductor).

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

ERNEST NIDD Treble.	ALBERT C. DARNELL 6.
REV. C. J. STUNTON* 2.	DAVID B. OVERTON 7.
WILLIAM G. THORPE 3.	FRED TURNER 8.
J. FRANK PROCTOR* 4.	SIDNEY PROCTOR 9.
HARRY THORPE 5.	THOMAS H. HALL Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by SYDNEY PROCTOR.

*First peal of Caters. †First peal of Caters with a bob bell. Rung to celebrate the Patronal Festival of St Wulfram. This composition, now rung for the first time, contains 5 and 6 the extent behind the 9th.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM TAYLOR Treble.	JOSEPH A. FENTON 5.
HARRY O. WHITE 2.	JOHN W. CHANDLER 6.
WALTER MALINE 3.	JOSEPH B. FENTON 7.
ALFRED J. HESSIAN 4.	JAMES GEORGE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOEF, and Conducted by JOSEPH B. FENTON.

This was Mr. James George's 500th peal, and he was congratulated by all the band and by Mr. C. H. Fowler, who had come over from Leicester to hear the peal.

ORLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 6-2cores, each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

J. EDWARD CHAPMAN .. Treble.	MATTHIAS HOBBS 3.
SAMUEL BUTLER* 2.	THOMAS BUTLER 4.

*FRANK FOX Tenor.

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

First peal.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.)

On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 52 cwt. in C sharp.

Harry Butler Treble.	John Gransbury 5.
Benjamin Page 2.	Ralph Coles 6.
William Phipps 3.	James W. Wilkins 7.
George F. Williams 4.	Frank W. Boxall Tenor

Conducted by George F. Williams.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Olive Sheldon to J. Clement Parker, Esq., (Vicar's warden at the above church), which was solemnised in London on the above date. First peal of Triples on the present back eight, and rung by a local company.

BRIDGEWATER, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

In the Oxford Variation. Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

Tom W. Creed Treble.	Albert E. Coles 5.
Henry J. Creed 2.	*William Hoyle 6.
Isaac Creed 3.	Gabriel Chamberlain ... 7.
John W. Jones* 4.	Charles R. Lilley ... Tenor.

Composed by Arthur Craven, and
Conducted by Charles R. Lilley.

*First peal of Oxford. First peal of Oxford on the bells. Lilley and the brothers Creed are from Taunton; Jones from Newport. Mon.; Chamberlain from Burnham; Hoyle from Minehead; Coles belongs to the local band. Opportunity is now taken of according the Bridgewater ringers the very best thanks for providing such an excellent repast at the end of the peal, and for arranging the social and smoker. Thanks are also given to the Vicar, the Rev. J. J. Langham, for the use of the bells, and for his presence with the band during the evening.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 21, 1912, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

William C. Hart Treble.	Edward C. Merritt ... 5.
John T. Rickman 2.	Oliver Sippetts 6.
Arthur W. Gravett 3.	Albert D. Stone 7.
John Capp 4.	Keith Hart Tenor.

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow, and
Conducted by Keith Hart.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 11½ cwt.

Alfred Tarbun, sen. ... Treble.	Harry Moore 5.
Arthur Edwards 2.	*Fred Chalk 6.
Walter Sadler 3.	William Lincoln 7.
Horace J. Mansfield* ... 4.	Arthur Head Tenor.

Composed by John Carter, and Conducted by Wm. Lincoln.

*First peal of Double Norwich. This peal was arranged for Messrs. H. J. Mansfield and F. Chalk, of Maldon, and W. Sadler, of Braintree. It was also a farewell peal to H. Moore, who is leaving the neighbourhood.

STAUNTON-ON-ARROW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 20, 1912, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

John Powell Treble.	Jabez Preece 4.
William Short 2.	Walter S. Evans 5.
John Hammond 3.	Arthur Hamshire ... Tenor.

Conducted by William Short.

This is the 100th tower the conductor has conducted peals in, from Doubles to Maximus.

A DIAGRAM OF UNION TRIPLES (1893), may be had gratis, on application by letter to W. H. THOMPSON, 5, Sillwood Street, Brighton, to whom the unsold remainder has been returned by the publishers.

Handbell Peal.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The St. James's Society, Bury St. Edmunds.)

On Wednesday, October 9, 1912, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

In the Belfry of the Norman Tower,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Frederick G. Dewell ... 1-2.	Frank J. Levitt 5-6.
John Sparrow 3-4.	†Charles Woodcock ... 7-8.

Composed by Henry J. Tucker, and
Conducted by Frank J. Levitt.

Umpire—Harry A. Turner. †First peal of Major double-handed.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The St. James's Society, Bury St. Edmunds)

On Thursday, October 10, 1912, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. John Sparrow, Northgate Street,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

In the Kent Variation.

John Sparrow† 1-2.	Fredk. G. Dewell ... 5-6.
Harry A. Turner 3-4.	Arthur E. Moore ... 7-8.
Frank J. Levitt 9-10.	

Composed by N. J. Pitstow, and
Conducted by Arthur E. Moore.

Umpire—W. W. Kemp. †First peal of Royal.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, October 11, 1912, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. H. Langdon Salterford Road, Tooting,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Challis F. Winney ... 1-2.	Harry R. Pasmore ... 5-6.
Herbert Langdon ... 3-4.	James George 7-8.

Conducted by Challis F. Winney.

Umpires—Fredk. J. Hardy, William H. Pasmore, and Walter S. Wise.

HAGGERSTON, LONDON, N.E.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 15, 1912, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At the George IV., Brunswick Street, N.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part.

Bertram Prewett ... 1-2.	William Shepherd ... 5-6.
Ernest Pye 3-4.	Alfred W. Grimes ... 7-8.

Conducted by Bertram Prewett.

Umpire—Thomas King.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON.—On Sunday, October 6th, for early service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Maddock (conductor), T. Doble, G. H. Yendall, F. Millard, W. Evans, W. Farley, E. E. Burgess, W. Tarr. On Sunday, October 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. J. Maddock (conductor), T. Doble, J. Matthews, W. Bennett, G. H. Yendall, W. Evans, E. E. Burgess, W. Tarr. After evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. S. Wyatt, J. Maddock, J. Matthews, F. Millard, W. Evans, H. Bosley, E. E. Burgess (conductor), E. Priddle.

RINGING TOUR.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The following ten peals were rung by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild during a ringing week in the neighbourhood of Witney, Oxon., October 12th to 19th, 1912.

DRAYTON, BERKS.

On Sunday, October 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

JOSEPH D. HARRIS Treble,	JOHN EVANS 5.
GEORGE PRESTON 2.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 6.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 3.	RICHARD BUCKLAND.. .. 7.
ERNEST BISHOP 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

APPLETON, BERKS.

On Monday, October 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST BISHOP.. .. Treble,	GEORGE PRESTON 6.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 2.	RICHARD BUCKLAND.. .. 7.
EDGAR HUMFREY 3.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN.. 8.
JOSEPH D. HARRIS* .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 9.
ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 5.	†PERCY DYKE Tenor.

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

*First peal of Stedman Caters. †First peal and first attempt.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.

On Monday, October 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5003 CHANGES. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. Treble,	GEORGE PRESTON 5.
JOSEPH D. HARRIS* 2.	ERNEST BISHOP 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 7.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 4.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells. *First peal in the method on an inside bell.

BURFORD, OXON.

On Tuesday, October 15, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble,	GEORGE PRESTON 5.
JOSEPH D. HARRIS 2.	REV. C. C. COX 6.
REV. E. V. COX 3.	RICHARD BUCKLAND.. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 4.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

On Wednesday, October 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE PRESTON† Treble	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 5
REV. E. V. COX 2.	REV. C. C. COX 6.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 3.	*ERNEST BISHOP 7.
RICHARD BUCKLAND .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

First Surprise peal on the bells. †First peal in the method *First peal in the method on an inside bell

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

On Thursday, October 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 23½ cwt.

JOSEPH D. HARRIS Treble,	GEORGE PRESTON 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2.	JOHN EVANS 6.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 3.	JOHN C. TRUSS.. .. 7.
RICHARD BUCKLAND .. 4.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.

On Thursday, October 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble,	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 5.
JOSEPH D. HARRIS 2.	REV. C. C. COX 6.
REV. E. V. COX 3.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 7.
ERNEST BISHOP 4.	RICHARD BUCKLAND.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. C. W. O. JENKYN.

CLANFIELD, OXON.

On Friday, October 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

JOSEPH D. HARRIS Treble,	RICHARD BUCKLAND.. .. 5.
GEORGE PRESTON 2.	JOHN EVANS 6.
ERNEST BISHOP 3.	JOHN C. TRUSS.. .. 7.
W. H. FUSSELL.. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of Major on the bells

BLEWBURY, BERKS.

On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble,	JOHN EVANS 5.
JOSEPH D. HARRIS 2.	JOHN C. TRUSS 6.
GEORGE PRESTON 3.	ERNEST BISHOP 7.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 4.	THOMAS ALDWORTH Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. Treble,	JOSEPH D. HARRIS 5.
THOMAS EAST 2.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 7.
JOHN EVANS.. .. 4.	RICHARD BUCKLAND Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD T. HIBBERT.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, October 13th, at the Church of St. Giles, 252 Stedman Triples. L. Osborne, Miss E. Goodship, N. Cox, C. Higgs, G. Goodship, Rev. G. F. Coleridge (Crowthorne), A. W. Osborne (conductor). A. Durman. Also 168 in the same method, A. H. Burgess taking the place of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge. Conducted by G. Goodship. On Monday, October 14th, for practice 504 Stedman Triples H. Osborne, Miss E. Goodship (first 500 conducted), G. Goodship, N. Cox, W. P. Routh, Esq., H. Tucker, A. W. Osborne, L. Smith. Also one course of Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Tucker, Miss E. Goodship, H. Osborne, N. Cox, W. P. Routh, Esq. G. Goodship, W. Dörner, A. W. Osborne.

SCIENCE AND ART SCHOOL, BOURNEMOUTH.

The New Science and Art School, Bournemouth, is to have an hour bell, weighing $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons, and also Westminster Chimes. The work is being carried out by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd., Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London. The same firm has just cast a set of bells, consisting of an hour bell weighing 16 cwt., and Westminster Chimes for King Edward's College, Trinidad. These bells are to serve as a memorial to his late Most Gracious Majesty King Edward VII, and the bells, besides having the Royal Coat of Arms inscribed on them, bear the following inscription: "John Warner and Sons, Bell Founders to His late Majesty King Edward VII."

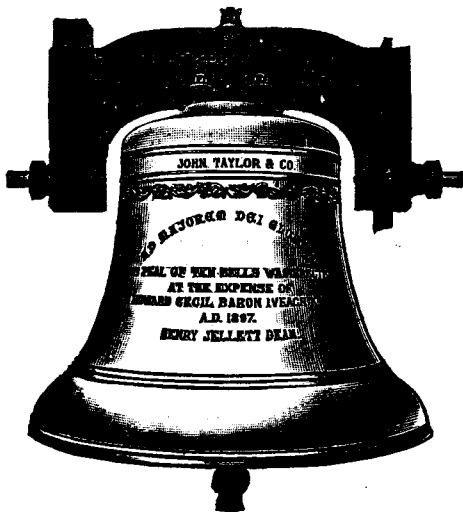
TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Sunday evening last, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. W. Latter, W. Smith, G. Thompson, A. Barden, A. Jarvis, S. Perkins, S. J. Perkins (first quarter-peal as conductor), A. H. Reader.

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THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On Tuesday, October 8th, 720 Oxford Bob. A. Young, W. H. Lawrence, A. Carter, B. Patmore, A. Phillips, A. Woolston (conductor). On Sunday, October 13th, for morning service, 360 New London Pleasure. H. Carter, F. Williams, A. Carter, A. Phillips, A. Woolston, W. H. Lawrence (conductor). For evening service 720 Oxford Bob. W. H. Lawrence conductor, 1-2; S. Game, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Carter, 5; F. Williams, 6. On Tuesday, October 15th, 720 Violet Treble Bob A. Carter, B. Patmore, A. Talbot, A. Phillips, A. Woolston, W. H. Lawrence (conductor).

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**LIVERPOOL BRANCH.**

A meeting in connection with this Association was held at Tuebrook on Saturday last, and was attended by members from Liverpool, Bootle, Garston, Grassendale, Walton, Woolton, and the local company. Ringing was the order from 4.30 till 7.30, when tea (kindly provided by the Vicar), was partaken of in the Mission Hall. After tea the business meeting was held, Mr. Woolhall presiding. Woolton was selected as the place at which to hold the next meeting, on Saturday, November 9th.

A discussion ensued on the position of change-ringing in Liverpool, and it was resolved that an effort should be made to advance the Art in the district.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for providing the tea, and for granting permission to ring; also to Mrs. Brockman for her assistance at the tea table were passed.

The methods rung during the afternoon included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, and Kent Treble Bob Major.

THAMES DITTON. On Sunday, August 25th, for evening service at St. Nicholas Church, ten 120s Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 40 mins. F. Brown, W. J. Hallt, W. Halls; J. Trapmore, J. Howes (conductor), H. Waters.

A number of peals, touches, etc., have been unavoidably held over till next week,

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on October 29th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 24th; and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 29th; all at 8 p.m.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—The annual dinner will be held at The London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs J. Akehurst, J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, W. T. Cockerill, E. A. Davies, T. Faulkner, G. R. Fardon, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney. Towers open for ringing will be Southwark Cathedral, 4 to 5 p.m.; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 4 to 6 p.m.

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The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—The tenth annual grand Bohemian Concert will be held on Saturday, October 26th, at The Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, E.C. Doors open at 7.15 p.m. Commence at 7.45 p.m. Admission by programme, price 6s., reserved seats 1s., which may be obtained from all officers of the Association. Ladies specially invited.

F. J. HAEDEV, Hon. Sec.

34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints' Edmonton, by kind permission of the Rector, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at The Rose and Crown at 5.30, at the small charge of 6d. each. Members and friends cordially invited. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid as early as possible.

C. T. COLES, Hon. Sec.

Norfolk House, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—The annual festival will be held at Newcastle on Saturday, October 26th. Six peals available for ringing. Committee meeting in Cathedral vestry at 12 noon. Service in Cathedral at 1 p.m. Dinner at The County hotel at 2 p.m.

26, Greenbank Crescent, Darlington. CHAS. TODD, Hon. Sec.

The Warwickshire Guild.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rugby on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea (at usual charge). Committee meeting after tea.

Shottery. REV. C. C. COX, Hon. Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Church Lench on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Service with an address at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting after the service. Bells (6) at 3 p.m.

JAMES HEMMING, Hon. Br. Sec.

10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

The Kent County Association—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bromley (SS. Peter and Paul), on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service with address by the Rev. Donald Tait (Vicar) at 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow in the Parish Room. Will those who have not paid their subscriptions please do so at this meeting.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Thanet, on Saturday, October 26th. The bells will be available from 3 till 9 p.m. The usual travelling allowances will be made at this meeting.

Boughton, Faversham. E. TERRELL, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available from 5. Meeting at 7.

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Branch Sec.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Turvey on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m.

John W. Barker, Dis. Sec.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Bennington on Saturday, October 26th, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. A free tea will be kindly provided by the Rector, the Rev. W. Mills.

W. H. LAWRENCE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bishops Waltham on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available from noon. Short service at 4.15. Tea by the kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. E. H. Rycroft), at the Parish Hall at 5 o'clock. Meeting after. J. WHITING, Dist. Sec.

Fareham

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting of the South-Western division will be held at All Saints, West Ham, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Service in the Church at 5.15 p.m., followed by tea in the Church Hall in Meeson Road at 6.0 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea.

H. RUMENS, District Secretary.

32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

The Kent County Association.—Boxley Church bells will be reopened on Friday, November 1st. Service at 7.30. Ringers welcome. The tower will also be open for ringing on Saturday, November 2nd, at 3 o'clock.

G. MOORE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Maidstone.

The Surrey Association.—Quarterly meeting at Benhilton, Sutton, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells open at 3. Short service with address by the Vicar at 5. Tea at Shaftesbury Hall at 5.45. Business meeting after.

CYRIL F. JOHNSTON, Hon. Sec.

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The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at Romsey on Saturday, November 2nd. The Abbey bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. Service in the Abbey at 5.30. Tea at 6 o'clock at the Temperance Hall, and business meeting immediately after.

JAS. W. ELKINS, Hon. Sec.

20, Culver Villas, Winchester.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Burnley, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

26, London Road, Blackburn. J. WATSON, Branch Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Penshurst on Saturday, November 2nd. Tower open at 3. Service in Church at 5. Arrangements have been made to provide tea for members at the Institute, after the service, at 6d. per head. All members who wish for tea must notify the District Secretary not later than Tuesday, October 29th. Business meeting after tea.

W. LATTEY, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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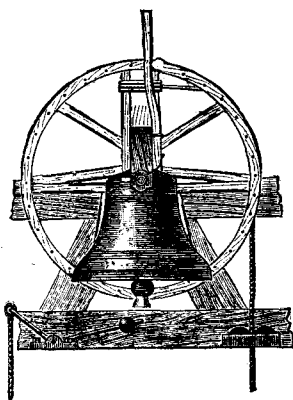
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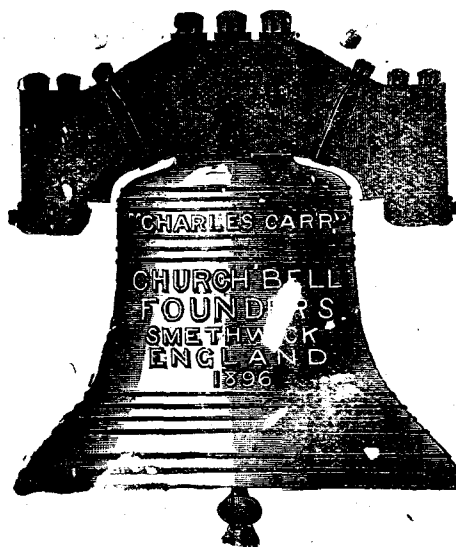
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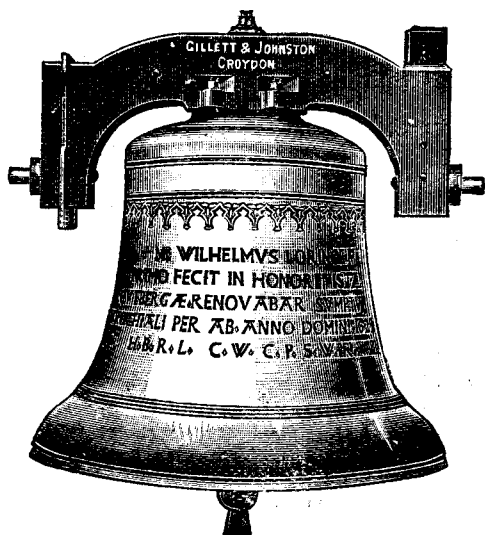
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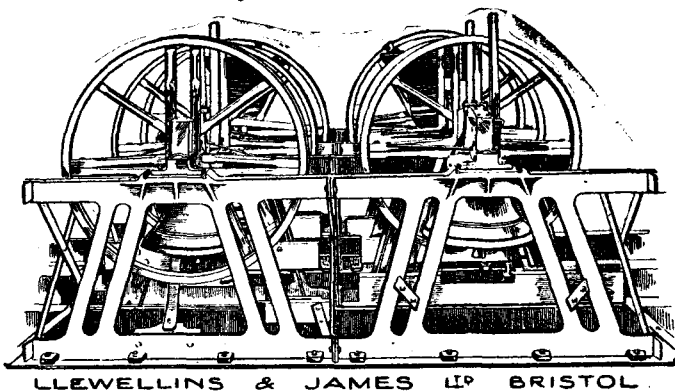
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BELLRINGERS' FESTIVAL IN NEWCASTLE.

WORK OF THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual festival and meeting of the above Association was held in Newcastle on Saturday, October 26th, and at different times in the day members of the Association occupied the belfries of the Cathedral, All Saints' Church, St. John's Church, St. Stephen's Church, All Saints' Church, Gosforth; St. James' Church, Benwell; and St. George's Church, Jesmond; and at each of these places of worship full peals were rung. The committee of the Association met in private in the Cathedral Vestry at noon, and at 1 o'clock a service was held in the Cathedral, at which the Rev. J. Hudson Barker, of Consett, delivered an address.

The annual dinner and meeting were subsequently held at the County Hotel. The president, Mr. Charles L. Routledge, of Newcastle, presided.

The toast of "The Bishops and Clergy of the Dioceses of Durham and Newcastle," proposed by the chairman, was responded to by the Rev. J. Hudson Barker (Consett), and the Rev. R. E. Shewell (Benwell). The former remarked that the work of the Change-Ringers' Association was highly appreciated in the two counties, and he would like to see the clergy and churchwardens generally showing greater interest in the belfries. The Vicar of Benwell, endorsing these remarks, said they who had belfries were deeply conscious of the debt of gratitude they owed to the bellringers.

Mr. Charles Todd (Darlington), the Hon. Secretary, presented the 35th annual report of the Association. In some ways, he stated, they had progressed during the last twelve months, but from a ringing standard he was afraid there had been a falling off. However, the work of an Association such as theirs should not be measured alone by the number of peals rung, and although a high place in the Central Council list would be very acceptable to most of them, when they remembered that several of their noted peal-ringers had been doing what should be considered better work in the coaching of other bands, this was not the time to foreshadow the doom of the Durham and Newcastle Change-Ringers' Association, either as peal-ringers or church-workers. The number of towers in the union was now 39, the four additional towers being West Hartlepool, St. Aidan's, Hexham, Jarrow St. Peter's, and the Cathedral, Newcastle. There was also an entirely new band at Wylam. Sixty-three new members had been elected during the year, but from the belfry returns they appeared to have lost about 36, and 4 honorary members had resigned. Financially they were much better off than twelve months ago, due chiefly to the endeavours of the treasurer, Mr. R. Stephenson. They started the year with a balance in hand of 11s. 8d., and this had increased to £4 11s. 6d. The income had been £44 16s., as against £39 1s., and the expenditure £40 16s. 2d. as against £40 4s. 7d. last year.

As to Sunday service ringing, 19 belfries had made returns, against 21 last year, Winlaton, Stranton, Shildon, and Benwell having dropped out, and Cramlington

having come in for the first time, and West Hartlepool (St. Oswald's), after an absence of two years. The average number of points per belfry showed a slight increase, being 492 against 473.

The first three places were taken by Sunderland (St. Ignatius), 2,192 points; North Shields, 1,765 points; Darlington (St. John's), 923 points. St. Ignatius had beaten last year's score by over 200 points; they had rung 79,000 changes in 19 methods, 17 being Surprise.

The number of peals rung was the lowest recorded since 1899-1900, being 19, or two below last year's total. They had been rung in six methods, and the average points per peal was 18.21. They had been rung in 14 towers, 79 members taking part. A. F. Hillier and J. E. A. Keen tied for top place with eight points each; B. C. Dixon had seven; T. T. Gofton and W. Story had six each; W. H. Barber, five; J. Baxter and J. W. Parker, four each. Conducting honours had fallen to W. H. Barber, with four peals; T. T. Gofton had conducted three; W. H. Porter, G. W. Peverill, J. W. Parker, and G. Siddle, two each; and J. Baxter, J. G. Hall, J. E. R. Keen, and A. Simpson, one each.

"As most of you are already aware," proceeded the report, "a Cathedral Guild has now been formed at St. Nicholas, but it may be interesting to give you particulars. The Cathedral funds not allowing of further payment of ringers, the Vicar and wardens asked your President to form a band of change-ringers to ring this fine peal of ten for services, etc. The first meeting of the Guild was held in the vestry on August 30th, when a code of rules was passed and officers elected, the Rev. Canon Gough, D.D., being the first President; the canons residentiary and wardens, vice-presidents; Mr. Routledge, ringing master; and Mr. Ernest Ferry the secretary and deputy ringing master. The old salaried ringers finished their work on September 22nd, and during the following week the belfry and bell chamber were thoroughly cleansed and re-decorated. On Michaelmas Day (September 29th), the Vicar attended in the belfry at 10 a.m., and read the office of admission to the Guild, seventeen new members being enrolled. The new Guild then rang the bells for service, touches of Stedman Caters being brought round both morning and evening. The Cathedral authorities seem well pleased with the change, and we can congratulate ourselves on now having the premier peal of ten bells in union with the Association."

The report and balance sheet were adopted. Mr. Routledge was re-elected President; Mr. R. C. Hudson (Bishop Wearmouth), and Mr. J. B. Dobson (Winlaton), were appointed vice-presidents; Messrs. Charles Todd (Darlington), and R. Stephenson (Hartlepool), joint secretaries; and Mr. Robson (West Hartlepool), hon. auditor.

The places of meeting for the next year were arranged as follows: February 1, Tanfield; Whit Monday, North Shields; and the summer meeting (July 26), Staindrop. On Whit Tuesday, it was announced, the Central Council would meet in Newcastle.

The certificates won by the St. Ignatius (Sunderland),

North Shields, and St. John's (Darlington), were presented, on behalf of the Association, by Mr. R. Plumptre, Newcastle.

Regret was expressed at the loss the Association had sustained in the death of Dean Kitchin, of Durham, who had been a patron for many years.

To encourage the outer districts district secretaries were appointed to arrange practices, etc., and encourage Sunday and peal ringing.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-ON-TRENT DISTRICT.

A very successful meeting of the above district was held at Etwell on Saturday, October 19th, when nearly thirty members and friends attended. Amongst those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Taylor, of Loughborough, and Mr. W. W. Worthington, of Netherseale. Other ringers were present from Derby, Etwell, Rolleston, Uttoxeter, Wolverhampton, Horninglow, St. Modwen's (Burton), and St. Paul's (Burton). Touches in various Double and Minor methods were rung on the six bells in the tower. By the kindness of the Vicar (Rev. Dr. Harris), tea was provided in the Parish Room for all attending. The Vicar, who presided at the business meeting subsequently held, gave a hearty welcome to the ringers present, and said he was pleased to allow his bells to be rung by visitors who understood change-ringing. The minutes having been passed, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Repton on Saturday, November 23rd. Mr. W. W. Worthington proposed that the best thanks of the meeting be given to the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells, for so kindly providing such an excellent tea, and for presiding at the meeting. This was seconded by Mr. W. C. Wakley, and carried unanimously. A vote of thanks to Mr. J. C. Hunt for making the necessary arrangements, brought the meeting to a close.

GOOD WORK COMPLETED,

APPROVAL EXPRESSED.

The bells of St. Hilary Church, Wallasey, Cheshire, have just been rehung by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, who have received a letter, which speaks for itself:—

36, Leasowe Road,
Wallasey,
16/10/12.

"Being responsible for the restoration of St. Hilary's Church bells, I would like to acknowledge your splendid and effectual work. On Sunday, October 6th, for Harvest Festival, I conducted four different 720s, so I think I have given them a fair test. And in writing this letter I wish to convey the opinion of all concerned to the fact that in the way the work has been carried out, both by you at the works, and Mr. Frost in fixing them up, nothing further could be desired. Enclosed please find cheque.

Yours faithfully.

GEO. R. ROGERS."

LEVERINGTON.—On Thursday, October 17th, 720 Bob Minor. T. Haines, J. Albins, T. Blunt, A. Sergeant, R. Narborough, J. W. Storey (conductor).

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES AT WANGANUI.

FIRST QUARTER-PEAL IN AUCKLAND.

To celebrate the accomplishment of the first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in Auckland, New Zealand, the ringers of St. Matthew's Church arranged a social gathering on September 19th. Invitations were accepted by about 150 guests, and these spent a thoroughly enjoyable time. A varied and interesting programme was arranged for the occasion. This included songs, handbell ringing, instrumental solos, humorous recitations, etc. One of the most noteworthy items was the ringing of Mr. W. Gordon's arrangement of the Spanish Chant with variations for the handbells, by the members of the St. Matthew's Guild. Another very pleasing item was a flute solo by Mr. C. Throssell, who hails from Northleach, Gloucestershire. The brothers E. J. and S. C. Hamblin of Hersham, Surrey, were to the fore, as usual, and assisted very materially in securing the success of the evening. The party broke up at 10.30 p.m., after a hearty vote of thanks had been proposed by the Vicar, the Rev. W. E. Gilliam, and suitably responded to by the Secretary, in the absence of the Master Ringer. This was without doubt the most successful social gathering ever held in connection with St. Matthew's Guild, and every one expressed delight with the evening's entertainment.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING OF SOUTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting was held at West Ham on Saturday, October 26th, when about fifty members from the various towers attended. The bells were raised about 4 o'clock, and were kept going to various methods during the afternoon and evening. A break was made at 5.15 for a short service, at which the Vicar (Rev. Canon Pelly), addressed the ringers. Tea, at which 44 members sat down, was held in the Institute. The business side of the meeting was conducted immediately after tea, and as is usual at the annual meeting, the officers for the ensuing year re-elected. Mr. G. A. Black accepted the office of Master, and Mr. H. Rumens was re-elected Secretary. Several new members were elected, among them Messrs. G. H. Perfect (Canning Town), Alfred Prior (Leytonstone), and Thomas Joyce (West Ham).

Mr. Black, in a short speech, was pleased to say that the ringing in the division was advancing, pointing out that Sunday singing was not neglected, and he mentioned several towers where the bells were rung for morning and evening services, and had been rung for many years without missing a service.

Votes of thanks, which closed the meeting, were extended to the Vicar and the authorities for the use of the bells and the Institute; the Vicar also for his address; to the Master and Secretary for their services during the past year; and to Mr. Doran for making all the arrangements for the meeting, and having the bells in readiness.

A social hour was spent after the meeting, at which the handbells were rung in touches of Grandsire Caters and Triples, and the brothers Cooper, of Walthamstow, delighted the company with some excellent tune-playing. Songs were contributed by several ringers, and finally the meeting broke up, everybody being well satisfied that a successful meeting had been held.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS.

For Fuller Particulars see page iii.

To-Day (SATURDAY, NOV. 2ND).

Meeting of North and West District, Middlesex County Association, at Edmonton, 3.30.

Boxley (Kent) Church bells open for visitors, 3.0.

Quarterly Meeting of Surrey Association, at Benhilton, Sutton, 3 o'clock.

Annual Meeting of Winchester District, Winchester Diocesan Guild, at Romsey, 2.30.

Meeting of Blackburn Branch, Lancashire Association at Burnley, 3 o'clock.

Meeting of Tonbridge District, Kent County Association, at Penshurst, 3 o'clock.

SATURDAY, NOV. 9TH.

Annual Dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths, at the "London Tavern," Fenchurch Street, E.C., 6.30.

Meeting of Rochdale Branch, Lancashire Association, at St. Mary's, Balderstone, 3.30.

Meeting of Liverpool Branch, Lancashire Association at Woolton. 4 o'clock.

SATURDAY, NOV. 16TH.

Meeting of the Southern District, London County Association, for united practice and social intercourse, at St. Luke's, Chelsea, 4 o'clock.

Meeting of Northern District, Hertfordshire Association. at Hitchin.

Annual meeting of North-Western district, Essex Association, at Bishops Stortford, 3 o'clock.

NOTES.

Mr. J. Armiger Trollope writes claiming the 5088 Bob Major by Mr. H. Price, published last week, as his composition.

Mr. Trollope has also sent some compositions, which will appear next week.

Mr. James E. Davis asks us to say that he has removed to 167 Liverpool Street, Walworth, S.E.

Another ringer, Mr. G. Cleal, announces a change of address to Castle Mills House, Carlow, Ireland.

Newcastle people, especially the Cathedral authorities are highly pleased with the change effected in the ringing at the Cathedral by the recently-inducted Guild.

The Diocesan Association, too, is well pleased with its share in the transaction, and very rightly congratulates itself on having affiliated with it the premier ten-bell peal.

This is a good example of how what might have proved to be a misfortune, turning out to be a blessing.

The Cathedral authorities had no funds from which to continue paying the old band, and in the dilemma appealed to the Diocesan Association.

The Association rose to the occasion, a Cathedral Guild was formed, and everybody is pleased, with the exception perhaps of the discharged ringers,

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

QUARTERLY MEETING AT BISHOPS WALTHAM.

Notwithstanding the very wet day on Saturday, a good number of ringers attended the quarterly meeting at Bishops Waltham. The bells were raised soon after noon, and were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor. At 4 o'clock a short service was held in the Church, the Rev. E. H. Rycroft (Rector of Bishops Waltham), officiating. The Guild's own service was used, and the Rector took for his address "The Diocesan Guild," and very clearly showed the connection between the Church and ringers. The various Guilds, he said, were formed to protect their different interests, and in cases of adversity and difficulty to appeal to the head of the Church for advice, in order that the great work of God might be brought to a successful issue by the various bands of workers. The work of the Guilds was interwoven one with the other, and by working together they make the work of the Church proof against any attack that was made against it. At the close of his address the Rector paid a very high tribute to his own ringers. Not only did they ring for service, but attended it, which was a very different usage to what was common when he was a boy. He also tendered to the Winchester Guild a very hearty welcome, and hoped that they would make Bishops Waltham their place of meeting again. The party then adjourned for tea, kindly provided by the Rector, upwards of forty sitting down. The following towers were represented: Fareham, Titchfield, Swanmore, Curdrige, Portsea, Wickham, North Stoneham, etc. The meeting was held in the adjoining room, presided over by the Rev. C. E. Matthews (Master), J. Whiting (District Secretary), E. J. Harding (Representative), Mr. Geo. Williams (Hon. Secretary). Mr. A. T. King (Sonthsea), was also present. Two probationers were elected, and other business of a routine character transacted. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, taking the service, for kindly lending the Church Hall for the meeting, and providing the tea. Further touches of Bob Minor and Oxford Treble Bob brought a successful meeting to a close.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

The autumn meeting was held at St. Peter's, Thanet, on Saturday, October 26th, when in spite of a very wet afternoon, 26 members attended. Ringing commenced about 3.30 p.m., and amongst touches in the usual methods, it is pleasurable to record a well-struck touch of Stedman. Tea was taken in the old schoolroom at 5.30, when Mr. A. H. Saxby presided, and also acted as chairman for the business meeting which followed.

Upon information supplied by Mr. Hiscock, it was decided to affiliate St. Peter's with the Association, and upon the proposition of Mr. E. G. Buesden to include also St. Dunstan's, Canterbury. Mr. Trinder reported upon the condition of Northbourne. After much discussion it was decided *nem. con.* to arrange for Divine Service at all meetings held by the District.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the schoolroom, and to the Chairman for the able manner in which he conducted the meeting, concluded the business.

A return to the tower was then made, and the bells kept going till 9 p.m.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD

MEETS AT RUGBY.

The quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at Rugby on Saturday last. The weather was most unpropitious, and the attendance of members naturally suffered in consequence. However, some twenty or so braved the elements, and the parish church bells were set going about four o'clock. Tea was partaken of at the Campbell Coffee Taven, and those sitting down represented Rugby, Allesley, Coventry, Berkswell, Nuneaton, Lutterworth and Stratford-on-Avon. Among the visitors were Mr. F. Wilford, of Northampton, and one of the "old hands" from Monks Kirby.

The business meeting was held after tea, the Rev. Claude M. Blagden, the new Rector of Rugby, presiding, supported by Messrs. G. E. Over and W. Brooke, churchwardens of St. Andrew's, the Ringing Master, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary. Bishop Ryder's church, Birmingham, was chosen as the place for the January meeting, and, providing no obstacles are in the way, this will be the first visit of the Guild to Birmingham City for a meeting. The Ringing Master had the congratulations of the meeting on reaching his 500th peal. The Rector of Rugby was welcomed by Mr. W. G. Dickins on behalf of the Guild, and was elected a hon. life member and a vice-president of the Guild. Mr. W. Brooke also became a hon. life member, and three other ringing members were elected. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector and churchwardens for permission to use the bells and for their presence at tea, and the Rector, in reply, said that it had been an unmixed pleasure to be present on that occasion. He had enjoyed being in such company, and although he was only an amateur in ringing matters he was willing to be instructed as far as possible by his local ringers, and would do all he could to further their interests and those of the Guild.

After the meeting the tower was again visited, and various methods from Triples to Surprise kept the bells in action for the remainder of the evening.

WEDDING CELEBRATION.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.

A short time ago Mr. George Wilkins, one of the Brading ringers was married, and to celebrate the happy event he invited Canon Blenken, his brother ringers, and one or two friends to a capital spread. Needless to say this was thoroughly enjoyed. The Canon, in a characteristic speech, wished Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins good health and a long life. After the cloth was removed songs were sung by Mr. G. Wilkins, Mr. C. Price and Mr. E. Simmonds, and the intervals were filled with handbell ringing by H. Jennings, H. Kilby, M. Pink, J. W. Pain, and selections on the gramophone. A very happy time was spent. All too soon the time came for parting, and with thanks to the host and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," they started for home in the still small, hours of the morning.

WISBECH.—On Sunday evening, October 23rd, 720 Bob Minor on handbells, in honour of the Church School again obtaining "Excellent" for their Scripture Report. S. Andrew, 1; H. Banham, 2; T. Haines, 3-4; A. W. Wenlock, 5; R. Narborough (conductor), 6. T. Haines is the first to ring a pair to a 720, and it is believed to be the first 720 rung at Wisbech with two bells rung by one person.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By ERNEST MORRIS, Leicester.

5376 (No. 1).

23456 I 4 6

35624 S - -

45326 - -

54623 - -

34526 - -

24635 - - -

54236 - -

45632 - -

25436 - -

52634 - -

42536 - -

32645 - - -

52346 - -

25643 - -

35246 - -

53642 - -

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5025.

123456789 I 4 5 6 7

362154978 - - -

246351 - - -

614253 - - -

231564 - - -

543621 - - -

314526 - - -

Repeat seven times (omitting bob at 1) calling S for bob at 5 in first course of fifth part.

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123456879 I, 4, 6, 7, 9, 15, 17.

Repeat first thirty-nine courses (omitting bob at 1.)

635214 4 5 6 7

251364 - - -

145263 - - -

254163 - - -

134265 - - -

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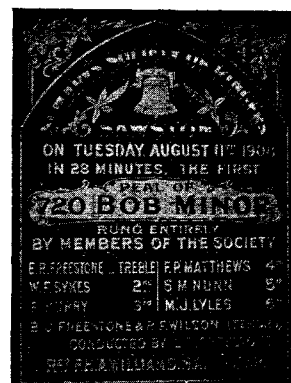
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1912.

NOTWITHSTANDING the somewhat minor note struck at the beginning of the report presented at the Annual Festival of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Change-Ringers last Saturday, there seems to be no ground for alarm as to its future. The very fact that some of the most active of the peal-ringing members of the Association have been busily engaged in tutoring some of the weaker bands is proof that there is no lack of interest in the work; while this will reap its harvest later on in an increased number of peals and more points gained. Thus the higher position in the Central Council Analysis will be reached, as a result of the spade work put in now. Reference to the last analysis shows the Association to have passed out of the lower half. The ambition to gain a higher place than twenty-first is, of course, commendable, but even reaching the top of the list is not the be-all and end-all of Church Bell Ringers. As has been often emphasised in annual reports, in speeches, and in addresses in church, ringers are, first and foremost, Church Workers, and the noblest ambition of each should be to reach the very highest pitch of efficiency it is possible to attain. Neither should this be with the object of placing his Association in the premier place so far as peals rung are concerned. This is but a secondary, though truly laudable, consideration. The first consideration is to make the call to worship so attractive and so emphatic that even those on other matters bent shall abandon them and obey the call. That first impressions are the most likely to last is well known to be true; so if the summons be given in a way that shall compel attendance at the services, there is a standard set for others who take up the service—clergy, choir, etc.—to work up to.

In other ways the Durham and Newcastle Association has made progress. Four new towers have been added during the year, one new band has been formed, and 63 members enrolled. Against the latter item there is, it is true, a loss of 36 ringing and 4 hon. members. No reasons are given for this, but it is quite likely that many of them have removed to other localities, and have strengthened bands in their new places of abode. But numbers are not a true test of efficiency; quality is of much greater importance. Financially the Association is on a sound footing. With an increased expenditure has come an augmented income, so that the treasurer was able to show a balance in hand of upwards of £4, as against the 11s. 8d. with which he started the year.

But, perhaps, the most notable event dealt with in the report is the formation of a new Guild at Newcastle Cathedral to take the place of the old band of paid ringers. This is surely a step in the right direction. Since we have already dealt with it, we refer our readers to the report in another column for full particulars, contenting ourselves with saying that voluntary service is, after all, the highest service.

A DIAGRAM OF UNION TRIPLES (1893), may be had gratis, on application by letter to W. H. THOMPSON, 5, Sillwood Street, Brighton, to whom the unsold remainder has been returned by the publishers.

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION,

On Wednesday, October 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF WATERLOO REVERSE BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES, Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 2.	FRANK I. HAIRS 6.
WILLIAM HEWETT 3.	ALFRED W. GRIMES .. 7.
HAROLD BURTON 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung to replace the false peal rung at Erith on Easter Monday, and is the first true peal in the method.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES.
Tenor 36½ cwt.

BRETRAM PREWETT .. Treble.	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	† BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON .. 8.
CHARLES T. COLES 3.	REUBEN SANDERS 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	JOHN H. B. HESSE 10.
JOHN HOWES† 5.	ALFRED W. GRIMES 11.
ALAN R. MACDONALD† .. 6.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

† First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung on the 23rd anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

The Provinces.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES, Tenor 24 cwt.

J. EDWARD CHAPMAN .. Treble.	ROBERT F. TURNER 5.
ARTHUR E. PAYNE 2.	FREDK. W. SAWFOOT .. 6.
GEORGE N. PRICE 3.	DAVID J. NICHOLS 7.
CHARLES W. BIRD 4.	EDWARD WHITBREAD .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Arranged and rung to oblige Messrs. Price and Whitbread, who hail from Watford, Herts.

EASTWOOD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES, Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDERICK S. PRICE .. Treble.	J. CHARLES DICKEN 5.
ALBERT COPPOCK 2.	W. CLIFFORD, JUN. .. 6.
WM. OLIFFORD, SEN. .. 3.	EDWARD WHITBREAD .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE 4.	PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Arranged for Messrs. G. N. Price and E. Whitbread, who are holidaying in the district; the rest of the band are from Beeston, Notts. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. P. Pollard for having everything in readiness at very short notice.

ST. ALBANS.—On Sunday, October 20th, for service at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Jeffs, E. E. Randall, G. H. Howse, C. Jeffs, E. Gower, H. Goodenough, L. Goodenough, E. Whitbread (conductor).

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's. Tenor 10 cwt.

RICHARD KEEN Treble.	TOM BULL 5.
JOHN MONK 2.	NOBLE SPINDLOW 6.
HERBERT HOLLIS 3.	JESSE BROOKS 7.
ALBERT BROOKS 4.	GEORGE BROOKS Tenor.

Conducted by NOBLE SPINDLOW.

CURDRIDGE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK J. NEWLAND .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5.
GILBERT BULL 2.	ALFRED MEARS 6.
WILLIAM J. RYVES 3.	ANDREW MEARS 7.
LIONEL H. PAGE 4.	CALDER JOHNSON Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th, and tenor belong to the local band.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 37½ cwt.

ERNEST E. FERRY Treble.	BENJAMIN C. DIXON 6.
EDWARD A. HERN 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER 7.
GEORGE T. POTTER 3.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 8.
JOSEPH ROWELL 4.	WILLIAM H. BARBER 9.
CECIL O. FAYEE* 5.	ROBERT RICHARDS Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WM. H. BARBER.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Dean Kitchin, of Durham Cathedral, who was a patron of the above Association. It was also the twentieth anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

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

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

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Rung for the festival of St. Luke the Evangelist. The Rev. R. P. Farrow was elected a member of the above Guild in the tower.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Furness and Lake District Branch).

On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KERT VARIATION.

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

ERIC L. BENNETT Treble	THOMAS F. HEWERTSON .. 4.
WOODBURN NEVINSON .. 2.	CHARLES WEBB 5.
GORDON WHITAM* 3.	WILLIAM ROBINSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERIC L. BENNETT.

First peal as conductor. *First peal.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 22, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM C. PILCHER* .. Treble.	JOHN FLOWER 5.
FRED W. HILL 2.	HENRY LETTS 6.
JAMES L. WRIGHT* 3.	ALEX. HUTCHISON 7.
ALFRED C. WRIGHT* .. 4.	HENRY GEORGE Tenor.

Composed by J. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by F. W. HILL.

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

READING.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Reading Branch).

On Wednesday, October 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 27½ cwt.

CHARLES GILES Treble.	FRANK HOPGOOD 5.
HUBERT HATTO 2.	AMBROSE OSBORNE 6.
WALTER WEBB 3.	REV. CYRIL JENEYN 7.
GEORGE ESSEX 4.	ALFRED WATMORE Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. CYRIL JENEYN.

Rung to welcome the Rev. R. Wickham Legg, who has succeeded the Rev. W. Neville as Vicar of St. Mary's.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

G. H. HOWSE Treble.	*R. E. HAMMOND 5.
J. CHATLEY 2.	*B. JARMAN 6.
E. GOWER 3.	E. WHITEHEAD 7.
E. E. RANDALL 4.	C. DELLAR Tenor.

Conducted by E. WHITEHEAD.

*First peal in the method.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, October 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves's Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY FARLOW Treble.	ALBERT LITTLE 5.
DANIEL JONES 2.	BENJAMIN CLARK 6.
HERBERT JONES 3.	ALFRED FALLON 7.
GEORGE CLAYBROOK .. 4.	WILLIAM LAWLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. FALLON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect and sympathy to Mrs. G. Darby, the mother of one of the local band.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

G. H. HOWSE Treble.	W. S. INWOOD 5.
J. CHATLEY* 2.	F. A. SMITH 6.
E. E. RANDALL* 3.	E. GOWER 7.
T. L. SIMMONS 4.	E. WHITEHEAD Tenor.

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM, and

Conducted by E. WHITEHEAD.

*First peal in the method.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, October 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

WILLIAM FLOXY Treble.	HOBART E. SMITH 5.
ROBERT H. HAYWARD .. 2.	FREDERICK C. LAMBERT .. 6.
GEORGE BERRY 3.	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 7.
JOHN O'NEIL 4.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD Tenor.

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

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

WILLIAM STEELE Treble.	FREDK. J. WHITHAM 5.
REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. 2.	FRANK COPEMAN 6.
JOHN F. WILSON 3.	JOHN ALDIS, JUN. 7.
ALFRED FENNELL 4.	GEORGE POYNTZ Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WM. STEELE.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(Southern Branch).

On Thursday, October 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

FREDERICK BASHFORD* .. Treble.	*OSCAR GILBRY 5.
WILLIAM BASHFORD* .. 2.	*WILLIAM CHEESMAN .. 6.
ARTHUR HOLMAN 3.	OLIVER SIPPETS 7.
GEORGE F. HOAD 4.	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by A. HARMAN.

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

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WALTER MARSHALL Treble.	HARRY PRICE 4.
GEORGE FULLER 2.	EDWIN LAMBERT 4.
ANDREW MARSHALL 3.	ALBERT RELFE Tenor.

Conducted by A. RELFE.

First peal as conductor.

CROSS STONES, NEAR TODMORDEN, YORKS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt.

TOM REDMAN Treble.	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 5.
LUEE SUTHERS 2.	WILLIAM CRAETEE 6.
J. P. FOULDS 3.	WILLIAM MALLINSON .. 7.
ALFRED BROOK 4.	JOHN WATSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WM. MALLINSON.

THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. NICHOLAS' GUILD, BRISTOL.

On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 22 cwt.

CHARLES PERRY* Treble.	*FREDK. OAKHILL 5.
FRED G. MAY 2.	*GILBERT WILTSHIRE .. 6.
ALFRED E. REEVES 3.	*ISAAC LONG 7.
FREDK. W. WADE 4.	HENRY HOWELL Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

*First peal of Treble Bob Major. The above peal was rung after repairs to the bell frame by Mr. H. T. Howell, of St. George's, Bristol, and the work gives entire satisfaction.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, viz: i, Court and Double Court; ii, St. Clements; iii, Double Oxford and Oxford; iv, Woodbine Treble Bob; v, Oxford Treble Bob; vi, Kent Treble Bob; vii, Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALBERT E. FOURT Treble.	WALTER T. WILSON .. 4.
WILLIAM C. LEWIS 2.	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY .. 5.
FRANK H. TALBUTT 3.	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

All the above belong to the local company, and this is the first peal in more than seven methods by a local band in the county. It is also the first in nine by the Association and by all the band.

BAKEWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALFRED WALLACE* Treble.	ALFRED C. WRIGHT .. 5.
THOMAS WHITE* 2.	JAMES L. WRIGHT .. 6.
ERNEST H. CLARKE 3.	JOHN FLOWER 7.
CHARLES DRAPE 4.	BART MITCHELL Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by BART MITCHELL.

*First peal in the method and first in the method as conductor. First in the method on the bells, and was rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Townsend, who was buried on that day.

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Western Branch).

On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES .. Treble.	GORDON CHECKERTS .. 4.
WILLIAM RANFORD 2.	ERNEST GIBBS 5.
GEORGE HINTON, JUN.* .. 3.	WILLIAM PAGE Tenor.

Conducted by W. PAGE.

*First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells. It is also the consummation of W. Page's long cherished wish to ring a peal on his native bells. These bells are a very musical ring, but sadly in need of a strong dose of bellhanger tonic.

HOUNSLOW (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, October 20th, for Harvest Thanksgiving Service at St. Paul's, Bath Road, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. G. A. Ransom (conductor), G. Chave, D. Archer, J. Hanks, J. Chave, J. Brooks, W. Watson, W. Carter. 4-6-8 covers.

SKETTY, SWANSEA.

THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HOWELL GWYN Treble.	FRANK MORGAN 5.
CHARLES HOARE 2.	CHARLES MORSE 6.
PHILIP KNEATH 3.	JOHN DAVIES 7.
WILLIAM RICE 4.	HARRY WILLIAMS Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES MORSE.

First peal in the method as conductor.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

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

Conducted by SAMUEL EVANS.

This composition was taken from the Clavis. First peal in the method by the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, and 7th, and the first in the method by a local company.

WINFARTHING, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 4 lb.

REGINALD J. LAST Treble.	BERTIE TURNER 4.
JAMES F. DUFFIELD 2.	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD .. 5.
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 3.	LEONARD E. LAST Tenor.

Conducted by L. E. LAST.

The ages of the band are respectively 17, 12, 13, 17, 16, 13, which averages 15 years. The ringers of the treble and tenor belong to Wickham Skeith; the 4th to Tibenham; and the 2nd, 3rd and 5th to Tasburgh.

WORTH, SUSSBX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, October 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FREDERICK W. RICE Treble.	ALBERT HARMAN 4.
JOHN AKEHURST 2.	OLIVER SIPPETTS 5.
PERCY F. WELLER 3.	ALBERT ELLIS Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT ELLIS.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN POTTER Treble.	GEORGE PINGOTT 5.
JOSEPH RIDYARD 2.	WILLIAM PENNINGTON .. 6.
TITUS BARLOW 3.	P.C. RICHARD NEWTON .. 7.
P.C. FREDK. PAGE 4.	P.C. PETER CROOK Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung to commemorate the completion of twenty-seven years service in the Police Force by P.C. Richard Newton.

Handbell Peal.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At 75, Calais Road,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

JOSEPH T. DYKE 1-2.	WILLIAM SHERCLIFF 5-6
ALBERT P. WAKLEY 3-4.	MISS WINIFRED SANDRES .. 7-8

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

Umpire—W. C. Wakley.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

At George the Fourth, Brunswick Street, Haggerston,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES.

BERTRAM PREWETT 1-2.	GEORGE R. PYE 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE 3-4.	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON .. 7-8.
ALFRED W. GRIMES .. .. ..	.. .. 9-10.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire—C. T. Coles.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

At The "White Horse,"

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

ALBERT G. WARNES 1-2.	GEORGE H. CROSS 5-6.
WILLIAM A. HEMPEL 3-4.	DENISON HAYWARD 7-8.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Umpire—Ben. S. Thompson. This peal was arranged for Mr. Denison Hayward, and is his first peal on handbells. Supposed to be the first handbell peal rung in Yarmouth.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At 7, The Broadway,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

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

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

First peal in the method by the Association and by all except the conductor.

PEAL CARDS.

You want to keep a record of the peals in which you ring. You can get them nicely printed on tinted bordered cards from this Office at 1s. 6d. per doz., post free, if the order is sent accompanied by Postal Order when the peal is sent for insertion; otherwise the price is 1s. 6d. Send for specimens of new selection, which surpasses any others yet sent out. A Ringer writes:—"I and the rest of the band are very pleased with such nice cards as you supply."

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Miscellaneous.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On Sunday evening, October 27th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. J. Fenwick, G. Jones, G. Ambrose, J. Burles, F. Hayes, F. Mitchell (conductor). Also touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire Minor, Oxford Bob and Double Oxford. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Jack Fenwick, who is leaving Milton to take up an appointment as schoolmaster near Skegness, Lincolnshire, the band wishing him every success in his new situation, and further progress in the ringing world. Also rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to another member of the band, Mr. George Jones, the ringers offering their hearty congratulations.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Mon).—At the Church of All Saints, on Tuesday, October 15th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. T. Max, S. Jones, V. Morgan, J. W. Jones, W. Large, J. Pippin, A. E. Morgan (conductor), J. Goddard. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

GUILD OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE, KENNINGTON.

KENNINGTON.—On Sunday, October 20th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 48 mins. F. J. Jerome, A. Walton, H. J. Walton, S. W. Wyatt, Alec Miller, Arch. Miller, G. W. Wild (conductor), S. W. Welbourne.

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

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, October 27th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. F. Goddard, Miss Alice White, C. Hughes, G. R. Fardon (conductor), T. Beadle, C. F. Winney, F. Hardy, E. Cassell. Miss White belongs to Basingstoke, and this was her first visit to Isleworth. She was the first lady ringer to ring a quarter-peal on the bells.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL.—On Thursday, October 24th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. J. Hedges, H. Jenkins, C. Jackson (conductor), F. Moulson, D. Meadley, A. B. Cook, T. Whitfield, J. B. Whitfield.

SUTTON-ON-HULL.—On Friday, October 25th, at St. James's Church, a quarter-peal of Minor, in 42 mins., being 720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Bob Minor. L. Rodmell, H. Rodmell, J. S. Calvert, C. J. Johnston (Croydon), C. Jackson (conductor), A. E. West.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

FOWEY (Cornwall).—On Friday, October 11th, at the Parish Church, 1106 Grandsire Triples, in 39 mins. F. Cawse, F. C. Mitchell, H. M. Smeath, B. Knight, A. W. Brighton (conductor), W. Trestain, W. Sleeman, J. Gulley. All the above hail from Kenwyn, Truro, except A. W. Brighton, of London.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GEDDINGTON.—On Monday, October 28th, 720 Doubles, being 6-score each of St. Simons, Old Doubles, Plain Bob, Canterbury, Chase and Grandsire. G. Black, C. Swan, C. Cooper, E. Reid, R. Black (conductor). Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Black. First 720 in six methods by the local band.

CUBITT TOWN (Middlesex).—On Sunday, October 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. W. Pye (conductor), G. L. Joyce, F. C. Newman, E. T. Wigg, T. Cranfield, H. W. Clark, R. Sanders, D. Hodgson.

APPLETON (Berks).—On Sunday, October 6th, for Harvest Festival, before evening service, 1036 Grandsire Triples, in 35 mins. F. Webb, G. Holfield, sen., A. Woodward, A. H. White, F. S. White, G. Holfield, jun. (conductor), R. White, R. Bennett.

DAGENHAM (Essex).—On Sunday evening, October 20th, 720

Plain Bob. Miss C. Playle, G. Playle, G. Chaplin, E. Butler, F. M. Mitchell (conductor), E. Hawkins. Also 240 Cambridge Surprise. G. Gbaplin, E. Hawkins, E. Butler, F. M. Mitchell, G. Playle (conductor), F. Freestone. F. Mitchell was on a visit from Milton-next-Gravesend, and wishes to thank Mr. G. Playle for his kind hospitality.

KIBWORTH (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, October 20th, for evening service, 360 Bob Minor. J. Buckley, J. Waterfield, J. Bolton, F. Staniforth, W. N. Adkinson, E. Morris (Leicester, conductor).

METHERINGHAM (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, October 8th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. G. H. Cooke, W. Green, H. Green, F. W. Stokes (conductor), J. Dawson, J. Foster. This is the first 720 by all except the conductor, and the first ever rung by a local band. On Wednesday, October 9th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, another 720 of Grandsire Doubles was rung after evening service, the band standing as before.

SILVER WEDDING CELEBRATION..**PRESENTATION TO AN OLD RINGER.**

On Tuesday evening, October 29th, a meeting was held in the belfry at Boxley, Kent, in celebration of the silver wedding of one of the local company—Mr. W. R. Hope. The Rev. J. R. Hale (Vicar), presided, the Rev. C. J. Hilton (curate), being also present. The chief item of interest was the presentation to Mr. Hope of a silver-plated teapot to mark the event. In making the presentation, the Vicar said he was very pleased to be with the ringers that evening, and especially on an occasion like the present one. He had been invited by the Secretary to come and offer a small present to one of their brother-ringers. He was one whom he and they respected very much in every way, and he was sure that the music of the bells sounded sweeter to no one than they did to Mr. Hope, he having spent nearly forty years among the bells. It was his pleasure to ask Mr. Hope to accept a silver-plated tea-pot from the clergy and his brother-ringers, as a memento of the happy occasion, a token of respect for himself and his wife, and a mark of appreciation for his work among the bells.

Mr. Hope, replying, thanked all those who had taken a hand in the presentation, very much. He had been taken quite by surprise.

Unfortunately no ringing could be done, but the bells were to be re-opened on November 1st, having been in the hands of Mr. Bowell, of Ipswich, and the first opportunity will be taken of celebrating the event in orthodox ringers' fashion.

NOTE TO PEAL.

The peal of Treble Bob Major rung at Burford, Oxon, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, on Oct. 15th, conducted by Mr. George Williams was rung on the anniversary of the conductor's wedding day—Oct. 15th, 1881.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Some three or four weeks since, we published a note referring to Mr. Harry Henden, who some thirty years ago left Hull to go to Australia. Since then, Mr. W. H. Turner, of 124, Jerningham Road, New Cross, has written to say that if the Mr. Harry Henden referred to was apprenticed to Mr. F. Burton, at Lewisham, and was afterwards in business at Lowfield Street, Dartford, he would like to hear from him, and would be pleased to meet him at the above address if he will call there during his expected visit to England.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.

The Brading ringers recently visited Newchurch, and rang several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. P. Pain, F. Chaffey, E. Squibb, H. Jennings, H. Kilby, A. Pain.

On another occasion they visited Godshell, and rang a number of 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, for evening service. M. Pink, E. Squibb, F. Chaffey, H. Kilby, H. Jennings, A. Pain.

At Brading, to welcome home a member of the band, Mr. George Wilkins, from his wedding trip, a 1008 Grandsire Triples. M. Pink, F. Chaffey, E. Squibb, H. Kilby, J. W. Pain, C. Price, H. Jennings (conductor), A. Pain. And on October 5th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. E. Squibb, H. Jennings, G. Wilkins, J. W. Pain, M. Pink, H. Kilby (conductor), A. Pain. Rung after meeting short for Triples. On Tuesday, September 17th, 608 Bob Major. M. Pink, H. Kilby, E. Squibb, G. Wilkins, J. W. Pain, C. Price, F. Chaffey, H. Jennings (conductor). On Sunday evening, October 20th, for Divine Service, 448 Bob Major. M. Pink, E. Squibb, G. Wilkins, J. W. Pain, C. Price, F.

Chaffey, H. Jennings (conductor). On Tuesday, October 22nd, for practice, 360 Bob Minor (tenor covering). E. Squibb, F. Chaffey, G. Wilkins, J. W. Pain, C. Price, H. Jennings (conductor), A. Pain.

SOUTHWARK.—On Thursday, October 17th, at the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, a half-muffled peal (whole pull and stand) was rung on the occasion of the funeral of the wife of the senior churchwarden. T. H. Taffender, C. H. Hughes, H. T. Gowlatt, T. Walker, F. J. Harding, G. Woodgate, sen., W. Davies, F. J. Harding. Afterwards touches of Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, etc., were rung, in which Messrs. Bennington, F. Edwards, and F. J. Rusham took part; also W. Davies from St. Nicholas, Liverpool. On Sunday, October 20th, for evening service, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. T. Walker (first quarter-peal with a bob bell), T. H. Taffender (conductor), C. H. Hughes, F. J. Harding, R. W. Green, C. Grimwood, A. D. Barker, F. Martin (first quarter-peal).

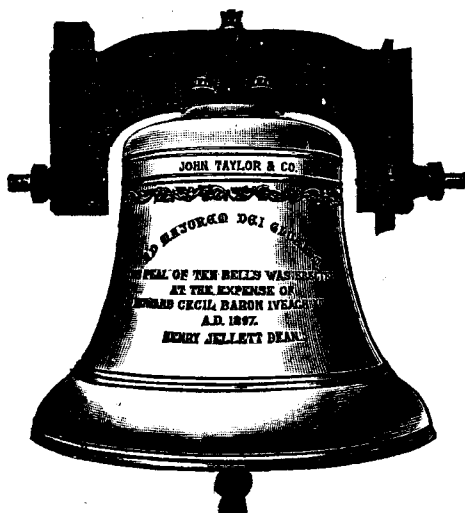
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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on November 5th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 7th and 21st; St. John's, Hackney, on the 12th and 26th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 12th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th; also at St. Mary's Walthamstow, on Saturdays; all at 8 p.m.

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The London County Association.—late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Southern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, November 16th, at St. Luke's, Chelsea. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All members and friends invited.

86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill. F. A. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Edmonton, by kind permission of the Rector, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at The Rose and Crown at 5.30, at the small charge of 6d. each. Members and friends cordially invited. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid as early as possible.

C. T. COLES, Hon. Sec.

Norfolk House, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

The Kent County Association.—Boxley Church bells will be reopened on Friday, November 1st. Service at 7.30. Ringers welcome. The tower will also be open for ringing on Saturday, November 2nd, at 3 o'clock.

G. MOORE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Maidstone.

The Surrey Association.—Quarterly meeting at Benilton, Sutton, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells open at 3. Short service with address by the Vicar at 5. Tea at Shaftesbury Hall at 5.45. Business meeting after.

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The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at Romsey on Saturday, November 2nd. The Abbey bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. Service in the Abbey at 5.30. Tea at 6 o'clock at the Temperance Hall, and business meeting immediately after.

JAS. W. ECKINS, Hon. Sec.

20, Culver Villas, Winchester.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Burnley, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

26, London Road, Blackburn. J. WATSON, Branch Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Penshurst on Saturday, November 2nd. Tower open at 3. Service in Church at 5. Arrangements have been made to provide tea for members at the Institute, after the service, at 6d. per head. Business meeting after tea.

W. LATTER, Hon. Dis. Sec.

26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, on Saturday, November 9th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Election of branch president. All ringers welcome.

J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 9th. Bells ready at 4. A good meeting is requested. Members intending being present please send word to

WALTER HUGHES, Sec.

3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, November 16th. The Vicar and churchwardens kindly provide tea. B. H. T. DRAKE, District Sec.

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting of the North-Western division will be held at Bishops Stortford on Saturday November 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Chequers Hotel at 5.30 p.m. Members intending to be present at the tea will kindly oblige by notifying me not later than Wednesday, November 13th.

W. WATTS, Dis. Sec.

Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the above Association was held at St. Mary's Church, Swansea, on October 19th, when members attended representing Swansea, Sketty, Aberavon, and Raglan. Among those representing the latter tower were several lady ringers, who, before the proceedings closed, were heartily congratulated on their performances in the touches of Grandsire Triples in which they took strings. Ringing commenced at 4.30, and continued until tea-time. Tea having been disposed of the general meeting was held, when the usual routine business was transacted, officers elected and balance sheet adopted. The latter showed a substantial balance on the right side. It was decided to hold the next quarterly ringing meeting at Aberavon in December. After tea ringing was again indulged in until late in the evening. Altogether a most successful meeting was held.

STURRY (Kent).—On Sunday, October 6th, for evening service, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Bob Minor. W. Goldfinch, W. Sorrell, F. Jones, S. R. Jezard, E. Hartop, E. Slingsby (conductor). After the service 350 and 300 Bob Minor. T. Stone, F. Jones (conductor), S. R. Jezard, G. Simpson, E. Hartop, E. Slingsby.

SADDINGTON (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, October 20th, for Harvest Festival, 480 Grandsire Doubles. A. Martin, E. Leech, F. Staniforth, E. Morris (Leicester, conductor), A. Bryan.

THETFORD (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, October 15th, 672 Bob Major. A. Macro, F. Salter, F. A. Poulson, L. Dickerson, T. Fitzjohn (conductor), G. Flatt, W. Everett. 518 Grandsire Triples. F. Salter, A. Macro, F. A. Poulson, H. Hawes, T. Fitzjohn (conductor), G. Flatt, W. Everett, C. Carter. The above touches were rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. John Deeks, who had been a member of the above company for twelve years, and was very much respected by all. He was 49 years of age, and died suddenly from pneumonia.

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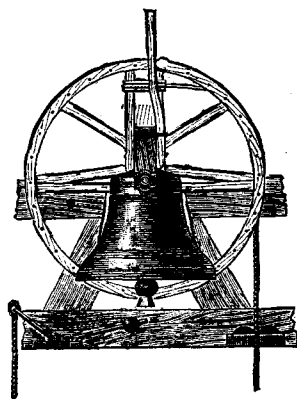
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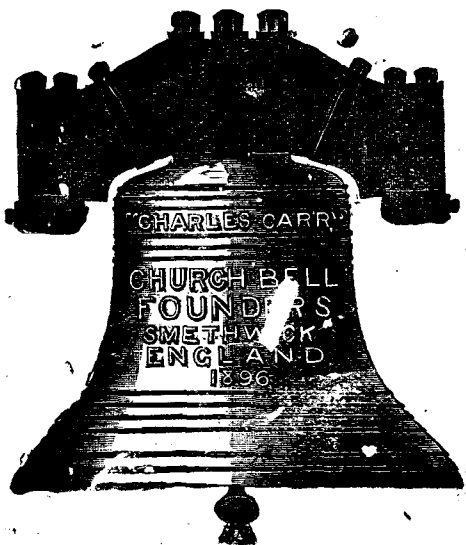
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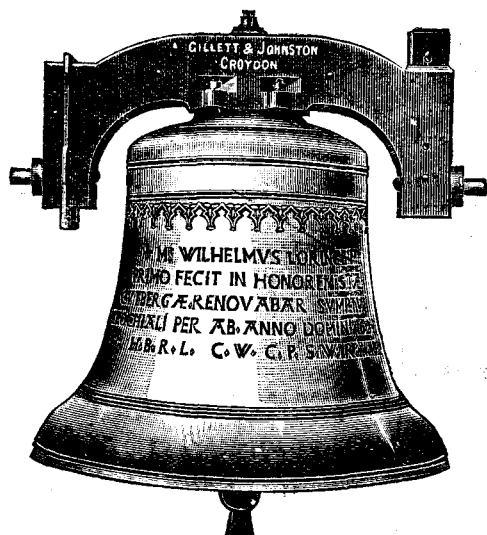
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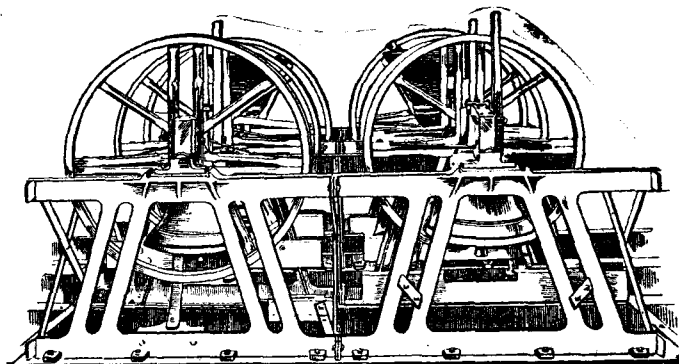
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ANNUAL MEETING OF WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Winchester District was held at Romsey on Saturday last. The Abbey tower was open to members from 2.30 p.m. At 5.30 there was Evensong in the Abbey. Tea was served in the Temperance Hall at six o'clock, the Master of the Guild (Rev. C. E. Matthews) presiding. There were also present the Vicar of Romsey (Rev. H. M. Tapper), Rev. W. E. Colchester (Winchester), Rev. E. W. Suart (Hursley), Messrs. A. T. King (Southsea), J. S. Rumming (Salisbury), Wilfred Andrews (Captain of the Cathedral Band), G. Williams (General Secretary of the Guild), and members from Winchester, Twyford, Southampton, North Stoneham, Portsea, Upham, Bishopstoke, Hursley, Bishop Sutton and Romsey.

At the business meeting, which followed, the District Secretary apologised for the absence of Canon Braithwaite, and read a communication from the Rev. C. W. Scott, a former General Secretary of the Guild, now a missionary at Peking. He also read a letter from the Rev. E. K. Browne, expressing regret at being unable to entertain the members during the past year (as he had intended to do) owing to severe illness, and the Master undertook to convey to him the sincere sympathy and regret of the members present.

After the reading of the minutes the balance sheet was presented and passed. This showed receipts for the year amounting to £19 14s. 7d.: expenditure of £18 18s. 11d. The latter included £6 paid to the General Secretary and £3 10s. for instructing bands, and left a balance in hand of 15s. 8d.

The elections of the officers for the year resulted in the Rev. Canon Braithwaite being reelected Chairman; Messrs. Wilfred Andrews and G. Tucker to represent the District on the General Committee; Mr. J. W. Elkins as District Secretary; and, on the proposition of Mr. W. Andrews, seconded by Mr. Williams, Mr. C. Russell, jun., was appointed Assistant Secretary. Mr. G. Smith (Twyford) was re-appointed Auditor. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Winchester on the second Saturday in November, 1913. On the proposition of the Master the thanks of the meeting were accorded to the Vicar of Romsey for the use of the bells, &c., which was suitably acknowledged.

The District Secretary announced that the Bishop of Southampton had expressed a wish that the members would pay him another visit in the course of the coming year, and the Secretary was asked to make the necessary arrangements for the visit.

The Abbey tower was visited during the evening, and touches in various standard methods rung.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held, at which it was decided that quarterly meetings should be arranged for at Alresford and Bishop Sutton in February, at Lockerly and Tytherly in May, and at Eling and Dibden in September, on the first Saturday in the month in each case.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.—ANNUAL MEETING.

The Autumn meeting of the above district was held at the pretty village of Penshurst, on Saturday last. The meeting was well attended, though it is to be regretted that so few of the local ringers put in an appearance. Some thirty members were present from Chiddingstone, Cowden, Edenbridge, Hever, Speldhurst, Staplehurst, Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells. Ringing commenced about three o'clock, and at five o'clock a special service was held in Church. The Rector read the prayers, and an excellent address was given by the curate, the Rev. R. E. E. Frampton. Tea was partaken of at the Institute, followed by the business meeting, the Rector presiding. At the conclusion of this, Mr. H. G. Pope (Staplehurst), proposed that votes of thanks be accorded to the Rector, curate, and organist for kindly arranging and assisting at the service, and for the use of the bells, etc. This was seconded and carried. The Rector in replying expressed his pleasure at meeting them. He regretted that his band had left the Association, but hoped they would rejoin before long. The Rev. R. E. Frampton also briefly replied. The members then returned to the tower, and touches in various methods were rung until 9 o'clock.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of this district was held at Bromley (S.S. Peter and Paul), on Saturday, October 26th. The bells were raised at 3.30 p.m., and kept going in various methods till 5.30, when all assembled in the Church for shortened evensong, and a splendid address delivered by the Rev. Donald Tait (Vicar), from 1 Cor. ix. 16: "Woe is unto me, if I preach not the Gospel," this being the inscription on Great Paul. After the service the members adjourned to the Parish Room, where a splendid meat tea was awaiting them, but owing to the wet day, only fifty was there to partake of it, whereas seventy had signified their intention of being present.

The business meeting followed, the Rev. A. H. Stevenson (curate), presiding, who apologised for the Vicar's absence, he having to attend another important function in the town that evening. The minutes of the last annual district meeting were read and signed. Four new members were elected, and three elections in towers ratified. Greenwich was selected for the next quarterly meeting the last Saturday in January, 1913. The District Secretary then read his annual report, which was adopted. T. Groombridge, sen., was re-elected District Secretary, and W. J. Jeffries was re-elected District Representative.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for the excellent spread they had prepared; to the Vicar for arranging the service and his splendid address: and to the Rev. A. H. Stevenson for presiding.

A vote of thanks was also passed to the Vicar of St. Luke's, who had opened his tower to the members, but owing to the wet, no one cared to go over. This concluded the business, the members returning to the tower,

MARSTON MAGNA'S NEW BELLS.

GENEROUS GIFT.

Thursday, October 31st, was a red-letter day for Marston Magna, Somerset. The extension of the churchyard of the ancient Parish Church of St. Mary has been rendered absolutely necessary owing to the fact that all the available burying space has been exhausted. This difficulty was met by a generous gift of the necessary land by the Governors of Winchester College, who are extensive landowners in the village, and own that adjoining the churchyard on its eastern side. The new portion is hoped to provide sufficient ground for the burials in the parish for many years to come.

The ring of four old bells have been silent for some time, having been condemned as unsafe about three years ago, owing to the decay of the ancient bell cage. However, Mr. E. D. Marden, the peoples' warden, and Mr. E. Chatterton, of Marston Court, the Vicar's warden, took the matter up very keenly, and at last found themselves in a position to order the rehangings of the four bells. But when the bells came to be taken down, the third bell was found to be badly cracked, and on the advice of Mr. Sully, of Stogumber, who had the work in hand, it was decided to have them recast. Of the two new bells which bring the peal up to six, the treble is the gift of Mr. E. D. Marden and family, in memory of the late Mr. Montagu Marden, who died in Australia about two years ago when reading for Holy Orders under the guidance of the Bishop of Goulborne. The second bell is provided out of the funds raised by subscriptions. Of the original bells, inscriptions on the third and tenor, which have been faithfully reproduced in the recasting, tell that they were given by Nathaniel Barnard in 1707, and the original treble by Edward Payne in 1729. The second bell had no inscription or any indication as to its date. The cage was in an advanced stage of decay, and the work was taken in hand none too soon. The new cage is an up-to-date structure of oak and steel. The whole of the new work has cost over £300.

For the dedication a large congregation gathered. Amongst the clergy present were Revs. Prebendary J. W. Firth (Henstridge), W. T. Poe (Sandford Orcas), L. C. Price (Ausford), Trevor-Griffiths (Sparkford), G. W. Meggy (Yeovil), G. D'Augibau (Queen Camel), M. C. Goodford (Chilton Cantel), G. E. K. French (West Camel), H. L. Taylor (Kimpton), L. K. Cotter (West Coker), A. B. Portman (Corton Denham), and F. C. Carr (Lunnington). The clergy and churchwardens (Messrs. Marden and Chatterton, the latter bearing their wands of office) met the Bishop, who was accompanied by his Chaplain (Archdeacon Brymer), Rev. J. Alcock, Rector of Godney (who carried the pastoral staff), and the Vicar of the parish, at the west door of the church, where Mr. Chatterton presented and read the petition for consecration. To this the Bishop signified his assent with the words "I am ready to proceed with the consecration." The Bishop, choir, and clergy then proceeded to the chancel, where the service followed, the Vicar conducting. Archdeacon Brymer read the lesson, and this part of the service was closed by the singing of the hymn "O Heavenly Jerusalem." Mrs. Pippin presided at the organ. Next the Bishop, churchwardens, and choir left the Church, and proceeded to the ground about to be consecrated singing Psalms xvi. & xxiii. His Lordship having read the collect, took the pastoral staff in his hand and pronounced the consecration sentences.

The Bishop having said the Blessing, the procession returned to the church for the

DEDICATION OF THE BELLS.

The choir, preceded by Mr. Graham Marden carrying the cross, leading the way. The hymn "Who are these like stars appearing" was sung as a processional. After the prayers the Bishop said they were met to dedicate the bells to the glory of God and the use of the Church, and then proceeded to the tower, together with his chaplain, the Rev. J. H. Alcock, Preb. Firth, the Vicar and the churchwardens. Mr. Marsden, taking the ropes in his hands, handed them to the Bishop with a request that he would dedicate the bells, and his Lordship receiving the ropes read the dedication sentences. Then delivering the ropes to the Vicar, the Bishop asked him to receive them as a sacred trust committed unto him as the appointed minister of Christ in that church and parish.

The bells were then chimed, and during the singing of Psalm cl., the Bishop, clergy, and wardens returned to their places. Suitable prayers were then said, and after the singing of the hymn "Now thank we all our God," his Lordship delivered an appropriate address. At the conclusion of the service, the bells were rung in peal by a band of ringers, picked from the Castle Cary and Ditchat towers, the same who were invited by the Vicar (the Rev. — Peppin), to open, and also to test Mr. Sully's work on that day. The bells being raised, a quarter-peal of Doubles was rung in 38 mins. The ringers with the Marston ringets were then entertained to an excellent tea, provided in the schoolroom, the Vicar presiding. Tea being over, the Vicar in a very pleasant speech, said he wished to thank those ringers who had opened their bells, for their kindness in coming to do so; they had already given them some fine ringing, and no doubt would give them a little more before their departure.

Mr. Vincent, of Ditchat, replied, thanking the Vicar for his remarks as to the ringing, and also for the excellent tea. He further congratulated the Vicar and his parishioners on the fine peal of bells which had been placed in their tower. The Marston ringers then joined the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. They are all young men of a sporting character, and with their Captain (Mr. Douglas Marden), it is felt sure they will soon become efficient. A move was then made to the tower where various methods were rung. During the evening the parish churchwarden (Mr. Marden), with other friends paid a visit to the tower, and congratulated the ringers on their truiness of striking the bells, and also for the fine music which had been brought from the bells that afternoon. All the ringers present were unanimous in their praise of the peal, and the excellent "go" and tone, and the perfect way in which Mr. Sully had carried the work out. Mr. Sully was also congratulated by the Vicar and churchwardens.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHBOROUGH (Leicestershire).—On Sunday evening, Nov. 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1242 changes), in 50 mins. W. Smith, R. Lane (conductor), J. Hardy, C. Harri-man, H. W. Abbott, F. Freebrey, J. Oldham, J. W. Taylor, E. Reader, J. Powell.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Ryder's Church on Sunday evening, November 3rd, for Divine Service, H. G. Howe's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by J. T. Perry. S. Coley, A. T. Scrivens, J. Porter, J. T. Perry, G. A. Taylor, E. Mullins, J. B. Collett, T. Peace.

NEW BELLS AND CLOCK AT WEDNESBURY PARISH CHURCH.

DEDICATION BY THE BISHOP OF LICHFIELD.

A beautifully impressive service was held at the Parish Church on Wednesday, October 30th, when the peal of bells (recast and rehung as a memorial to the late Mr. Thomas Pritchard and the late Mrs. Jane McDougall by their children), and also the new clock, were dedicated by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Lichfield.

The Church, with its magnificent and inspiring interior was the source of much admiration. The congregation was exceptionally large, a number of persons having to stand. The office for the dedication was full of interest. The wardens (Dr. Crew and Mr. Turner) accepted the charge of the bells and the clock, and declared that it should be their endeavour to see that they were preserved for the purposes for which they had been given. The Vicar (Rev. L. A. Pritchard), then requested the Bishop to perform

THE DEDICATION CEREMONY.

The faculty was exhibited, and then the Bishop, accompanied by the Vicar, the wardens, the representatives of the donors, the Mayor of Wednesbury, and Mr. J. McDougall, proceeded to the west end of the Church. There, with hand raised, and looking in the direction of the belfry, the Bishop delivered the Benediction, after which the bells were rung for a few minutes. The Bishop then delivered a short sermon from the pulpit, his message being well-chosen and well in keeping with the general tone of the service.

After the service was over the ringers assembled in the Ringing Room, and some capital touches were brought round, including Grandsire Caters and Triples, Stedman Caters and Triples, Treble Bob Royal and Triples, Double Norwich, Oxford Bob Triples, Bob Major and Forward Major, Erin Caters, &c. The first 500 Grandsire Caters was rung by the local band, viz., T. Burket, T. Hughes, W. E. Brittan, M. Smith, H. Jones, A. Blundell, J. Bates, G. Hughes (conductor), H. Belcher and T. Myatt. The following towers were represented during the day:—West Bromwich, Wolverhampton, Walsall, Darlaston, Bilston, Wombourne, Willenhall, Sedgley, Blakenhall, Wood Green, Wednesbury, Smethwick and Croydon (Surrey).

The general opinion expressed was that Wednesbury is to be congratulated on the fine musical peal it now possesses. The whole peal has been recast, and tuned on the Simpson principle.

In addition to the work on the bells the old clock and apparatus has been taken out and a new one, with all modern fittings, fixed, so that Wednesbury folk will not only hear the sound of their bells, but will be able once more to know the correct time of day from the clock in their old Church tower.

The whole of the work has been carried out, in accordance with a scheme laid out by the tower-keeper and Secretary, Walser E. Brittan, under the supervision of the Diocesan Surveyor, Mr. Beck, of Wolverhampton, by Messrs. Gillett, and Johnston, of Croydon, whose work has received general commendation.

The old bells were paid for by public subscription, and were placed in the tower on March 3rd, 1855.

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Correspondence

To the Editor.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR AND NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.

SIR,—On page 116 of the 1895 Appendix issued by the Central Council, there are three peals given of Superlative Surprise Major, each containing 6048 changes in 27 courses, with the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent home without the 2nd or 3rd being there. The first is by Nathan J. Pitstow, and was published in "THE BELL NEWS" 21st April 1888. The second is by James W. Washbrook, and was published in "THE BELL NEWS" 10th September, 1887. The third is by Henry Dains, and was published in "THE BELL NEWS" 21st July, 1888, and in "THE BELL NEWS," 31st July, 1909, a similar peal containing this quality is given as the composition of Charles Henry Hattersley, and for our purpose we will call this No. 4. All these peals can be shortened to 14 courses by interpolating the bob at the Wrong in the course-ends marked X, which eliminates thirteen courses from each of the 6048 peals, and still retain the 6th its extent home, and in this form each will give a true peal of New Cambridge Surprise Royal containing 5040 changes.

Needless to state this operation of shortening such peals requires little (if any) skill on the part of the operator, and when performed, the extract still belongs to the original author, as the body does from which the limb was taken. Below we give four peals, all being extracts from 6048s above-mentioned.

No. 1.				No. 2.			
23456	M	W	H	23456	M	W	H
42356			-	42356			-
35426		-	-	34256			-
43526			-	25346		-	-
				32546			-
62534	-	-	-	53246			-
				24536		-	-
45236	-		-	52436			-
24536			-			x	
52436			-	63425	-	-	-
	x						
63425	-	-	-	54326	-		-
				35426			-
54326	-		-	43526			-
32546		-	-				
53246			-	62534	-	-	-
25346			-				
34256		-	-	45236	-		-
23456			-	23456		-	-

N. J. PITSTOW.

Bob x added by G. Lindoff.

J. W. WASHBROOK.

Bob x added by H. Dains.

No. 3.				No. 4.			
23456	M	W	H	23456	M	W	H
45236		-	-	42356			-
24536			-	34256			-
52436			-	25346		-	-
		x		32546			-
63425	-	-	-	54326		-	-
				35426			-
43526	-			43526			-
62534	-	-	-	62534	-	-	-
35426	-	-		52436	-		
42356		-	-			x	
54326			-	63425	-	-	-
32546			-				
53246			-	24536	-	-	
25346			-	53246		-	-
34256		-	-	45236			-
23456			-	23456		-	-

H. DAINS.

Bob x added by G. Lindoff.

C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Bob x added by C. H. Hattersley himself.

No. 1 is the first composition adapted as a 5040 of New Cambridge Surprise Royal, and was rung by members of the Middlesex County Association on February 9th, 1903. No. 3 has been rung as a 5040 of New Cambridge Surprise Royal on March 4th, 1903, by the same Association, and these performances are both reported as composed by Mr. Lindoff.

No. 1, we may also state, has been rung as the so-called peal of London Surprise by the members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and again Mr. Lindoff is given as the author of the composition. See "BELL NEWS," November 16th and 23rd, 1907.

As we, the undersigned are indisputably the Authors of No. 1, 3, and 4, and consider that undoubtedly Mr. Lindoff by an oversight has allowed his name to appear as the Author of the above "extracts," in fairness to ourselves we hereby ask and invite him to withdraw his name as the Author of such compositions, adapted by him to New Cambridge Surprise Royal, and also to the so-called London Surprise Royal, and hope the Societies concerned will correct their records.

HENRY DAINS.

N. J. PITSTOW.

C. H. HATTERSLEY.

HILLINGDON.—For morning service, at St. John's Church, on October 27th, 504 Stedman Triples. J. J. Pratt, G. Guttridge, T. Crocker (first 500 of Stedman), W. Henley, A. Harding, W. Lawrence, E. Hancox (conductor), W. Honor.

TIBENHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday afternoon, October 6th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. B. Turner (conductor), E. Youngs (Thornham), G. Bailey (Rickingham), L. Last (Wickham), F. Manser, F. Seager.

WEST EALING.—At St. Stephen's Church, for evening service, on October 27th, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Beckensale, T. Crocker, G. Harbour, J. P. Kent, W. Lawrence, G. Spencer (conductor), A. Harding, C. Edwards.

DISS (Norfolk).—On Sunday morning, October 6th, touches of Oxford and Kent Major were rung with the Diss company, E. Youngs (Thornham), and G. Bailey (Rickingham), taking part.

A NEW METHOD.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

WATERLOO REVERSE BOB MAJOR.

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21436587
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 34568271
 43658721

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 64835172
 46381527
 64318257
 46132875
 41623857
 14268375
 12463857

BOB.

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WATERLOO SINGLE BOB MAJOR.

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21354768
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 35472618
 53746281
 35476821

53748612
 35478162
 53741826
 35714286
 53172468
 51327486
 15234768
 12537486

BOB.

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BEDFORD.—On Sunday, October 27th, for evening service at St. Paul's Church, 672 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. L. Harlow J. Church, H. J. Sharpe (conductor), W. T. Lightfoot, C. Chasty F. Smith, H. Tysoe, F. Webb. On Tuesday, October 29th, 251 Grandsire Triples. Miss D. Steele, J. Church, Miss E. Steele, H. L. Harlow, H. J. Sharpe, C. Chasty, C. W. Clarke (conductor), E. Tingey. Also 168 in the same method. Miss D. Steele, J. Church, E. Tingey, Miss E. Steele, H. L. Harlow, C. Chasty (conductor), C. W. Clarke. On Sunday, November 3rd, for evening service, 540 Plain Bob Royal. D. Thompson, H. J. Sharpe (conductor), E. Tingey, J. Church, F. Webb, S. Smith, C. Chasty, H. L. Harlow, F. Smith, H. Tysoe.

WATERLOO REVERSE BOB MAJOR.

By J. A. TROLLOPE.

5088.

23456 M W R

46532 - - -
 65432 - - -
 36452 - - -
 34562 - - -
 45362 - - -
 64352 - - -
 63542 - - -
 35642 - - -
 56342 - - -
 53462 - - -
 54632 - - -

Four times repeated. In the first part the bracketted bobs are omitted.

Rung at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on Wednesday, October 23rd, conducted by Frank Bennett.

5280 BOB MAJOR.

By BENJAMIN FRANCIS, *Clare*.

23456 W 5th 4ths B M H

52364 - - - -
 43265 - - - -
 35264 - - - -
 23564 - - - -
 45236 - - - -
 24536 - - - -
 52436 - - - -
 34256 S - - - S

Five times repeated. Bob instead of single third and sixth part-ends.

This peal was published in "Church Bells" of August 23rd, 1884. It can be reduced, as shewn by Mr. Price, to 588 changes.

A QUARTER-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By C. JACKSON, *Hull*.

1260.

234567

532746 5
 245367 3
 452367 4
 674235 2
 526374 1

Five times repeated, with singles at third and sixth part-ends.

TAUNTON.—On Thursday, October 24th, at St. James's Church, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Maddock (conductor), T. Doble, J. Matthews, W. Doble, G. H. Yendall, W. Evans, E. Priddle, W. Tarr. First quarter-peal by E. Priddle.

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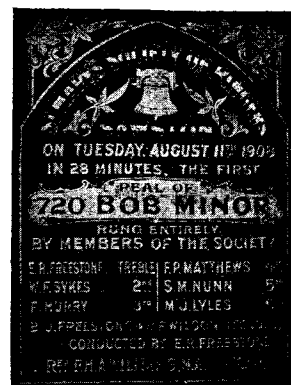
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1912.

AN announcement on another page gives cause for regret. The band of Handbell Ringers at St. Saviour's, Birstall, are advertising their 230 bells, together with the tables and other paraphernalia for sale. After an existence of upwards of thirty years, the band has been disbanded. During that time they have performed with success in different parts of the country, and their achievements have been very highly spoken of in the Press. It is no mean accomplishment to have kept a band together for so long, and it is highly creditable to those responsible to have been able to do so. All the same when such an organisation ceases to exist, a blank is created, and even those who during its existence were not altogether sympathetic, it may be will feel a pang of regret that it has closed down, and is no longer available to supply items in programmes at various functions where in days gone by it was wont to be found. Handbell music, like many another form of entertainment, has had its ups and downs, and just at present, perhaps, is not so popular as it was some 30 years ago, but we believe there are signs that the wave of popularity will return, and that this most pleasing form of music will have yet another life. While some bands are advertising bells for sale, others are wanting sets, so that, like the ocean tides, while there is an ebb in one direction, there is a flow in another. We do not know the circumstances which have led to the disbandment of the band, but there must be many who have listened with delight to the strains of the St. Saviour's band, and it is to be hoped that even at this, the eleventh hour, as it were, there will be some ready to step into the breach and prevent the loss of so valuable a property as the handbells of Birstall.

THE Autumn meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association, at Penshurst, disclosed the fact that at this old-time village the local ringers are most apathetic so far as Change-ringing is concerned. Some years ago the local band joined the county organisation and received instruction from its members. Mr. W. Spice resided there, and endeavoured to arouse enthusiasm for the Art, but all to no purpose. It was thought by the District officials that a meeting held in the village might wake things up, and a cordial invitation was sent to the local men to attend Saturday's meeting. Only one or two accepted the invitation, and so far no advantage has accrued. It is hoped, however, that the members who did attend have been so enthused that they will give their comrades no rest till they have taken up Change-ringing in downright earnest.

THERE appears to be quite a plethora of restorations and dedication services just now: in fact has been for some time past. This week we are pleased to chronicle services which mark the completion of work successfully carried in different parts of the country. Messrs Gillet & Johnston, of Croydon, have re-cast and re-hung the bells at the Parish Church of Wednesbury, and erected a new clock. Mr. John Sully, of Stogumber, has carried out similar work at Marston Magna, in Somerset. It is gratifying to know that in each case the work has given entire satisfaction to all concerned.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

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ALFRED W. GRIMES Treble.	BERTRAM FREWETT 5.
ARTHUR HART 2.	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON .. 6.
JOHN H. B. HESSE 3.	ALBERT TURNER 7.
JOHN W. CORNFORD* 4.	*WALTER W. PATEMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM FREWETT.

*First peal in the method.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLEKENWELL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble.	REUBEN SANDERS 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	WILLIAM THEOBALD 6.
ARTHUR J. NEALE 3.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
HARRY FOWLER* 4.	BERTRAM FREWETT Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal on eight bells.

The Provinces.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch.)

On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

*First peal in the method. Rang on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Thomas G. Morris, of the Old Mill Farm, Clent, to Miss Eleanor Shilcock, of Holy Cross, Clent. The band desire to thank Mrs. and Mr. W. Shilcock for their splendid hospitality after the peal.

TAUNTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

H. J. POOLE Treble.	G. H. YENDALL 5.
T. DORLE 2.	E. E. BURGESS 6.
J. MATTHEWS* 3.	J. MADDOCK 7.
F. MILLARD 4.	H. BOSLEY Tenor.

Conducted by J. MADDOCK.

*First peal of Stedman.

LEICESTER.—On Monday, November 4th, at the Church of St. John the Divine, 350 Grandsire Triples, as a birthday tribute to S. T. Bunning, Esq., donor of the bells. S. Shelton, Miss H. Willson, Miss L. Willson (conductress), E. Vallance, J. Tomlinson, J. Smith, W. Willson, R. Hubbard.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 28, 1912, in Four Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 7200 CHANGES;

In ten Surprise Minor methods, being 720 each of Beverley, Hull, Bourne, York, Durham, London, Wells, Norwich, Cambridge and Netherseale. Tenor 21 cwt.

CLARENCE GOOCH Treble.	FREDK. MANSER 4.
GEORGE SNELLING 2.	JOHN SMELLING 5.
BERTIE TURNER 3.	FREDK. SEAGER Tenor.

Conducted by P. MANSER.

First peal of 7200 by all the band. First peal of 7200 changes in ten Surprise methods by the Association.

DOVER, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(The St. Mary's Society).

On Wednesday, October 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

RICHARD H. STEVENS* .. Treble.	HERBERT C. SAYWELL .. 5.
CHARLES R. MILLWAY .. 2.	*GEORGE SAUNDERS .. 6.
ARTHUR H. ROBERTS* .. 3.	CHARLES TURNER .. 7.
HERBERT J. SAUNDERS .. 4.	*WALTER CORTEEN .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

*First peal. This is the first peal in the method ever rung by an entirely Dover band. R. Stevens was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

ALBERT LONGLEY Treble.	FREDERICK WHIRLEY .. 5.
HARRY HARRINGTON† .. 2.	GEORGE EDWARDS .. 6.
ARTHUR WILES 3.	ERNEST EVEREST .. 7.
ARTHUR MAYNARD 4.	*HARRY COOMBER .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE EDWARDS.

*First peal, and hails from Penshurst. †First peal on eight, and first attempt, and hails from Hever, Mr. Maynard hails from Speldhurst. Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. Whibley, who to the regret of all the band, is leaving the neighbourhood, having been a member of the present band almost since its formation.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Carter's No. 10. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

JOHN POTTER Treble.	*WILLIAM GRUNWELL .. 5.
JAMES H. RIDYARD 2.	PERCY DERBYSHIRE .. 6.
GEORGE PINCOTT 3.	JOSEPH RIDYARD 7.
JOHN WELSBY 4.	†JOSEPH HY. RIDYARD, JUN. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

*First peal of Stedman. †First peal in any method, aged 16 years. First peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. The company think it reflects great credit on the way the bellhangers have done their work when a youth of 16 can ring a tenor of this weight through a peal without feeling unduly exhausted.

FOR SALE.—230 Handbells, Tables, etc. Made by Mears and Stainbank. For particulars apply—KAYE COOKE, 6, Upper Batley Lane, Batley, Yorks.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 1, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by GEORGE JORDAN
*First peal in the method.

ROSS-ON-WYE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE EVER BLESSED VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

REV. E. V. COX Treble.	JOHN CLARK 5.
JOHN AUSTIN 2.	J. H. SHEPHERD 6.
R. W. HYNER 3.	JAMES E. GROVES 7.
C. J. GARDINER 4.	CHARLES L. SADLER .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

This, the first peal of Treble Eight on the bells, was rung as a compliment to the Rector of Ross, the Rev. T. R. Money-Kyrle, being the first 5000 on the bells during his Incumbency. Messrs. Austin and Gardiner were elected members of the Guild previous to starting.

TICKENHALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FRANK SHEPHERD Treble.	HERBERT HURDMAN .. 4.
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON 2.	JOHN HOUGH 5.
WILLIAM J. SMITH 3.	DAVID COTTON Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HOUGH.

This is the first peal on the bells.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 3056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICE W. RICE .. Treble.	OLIVER SIPPETTS 5.
JOHN CAPP 2.	ALBERT HARMAN 6.
EDWARD C. MERRETT .. 3.	ALBERT D. STONE 7.
RICHARD STREDWICE .. 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE PINCOTT Treble.	HARRY ALLRED 5.
BENJAMIN ALLRED* 2.	JOHN T. ALLRED 6.
ROBERT ALLRED 3.	HERBERT ALLRED 7.
JOSEPH RIDYARD 4.	WILLIAM PENNINGTON .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by HERBERT ALLRED;

This peal was arranged as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th and the conductor. First peal as conductor. *First peal in any method.

**BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM PRYCE* Treble.	WILLIAM T. COX 5.
OSWALD J. HUNT† 2.	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE 6.
WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON .. 3.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 7.
JOSEPH H. WHITE 4.	FRANK E. PERVIN Tenor.

Composed by A. T. KING, and Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the Dedication of the church. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells and also Mr. Randle for having everything in readiness.

**STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB AND SURPRISE MINOR,
5040 CHANGES;**

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

ERNEST STONE.. .. Treble.	WALTER J. HORTON.. .. 4.
E. HARRY STONELEY .. 2.	GEOFFREY J. STONELEY .. 5.
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 3.	THOMAS H. VALLANCE .. Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Rung to honour the festival of All Saints.

**GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch).**

On Sunday, November 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and one of Grandsire. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRANK MOSS* Treble.	HERBERT JORDAN 4.
RAYMOND YOUNG 2.	JAMES HEMMING 5.
THOMAS EDWIN 3.	FREDK. JORDAN Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

*First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Jordan, his brother-stringer wishing him the usual compliments.

**SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.**

JOHN RAY Treble.	HARRY JEAVONS 5.
WILLIAM MILLS, JUN. .. 2.	HERBERT SHEPPARD 6.
FRED EVANS 3.	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. .. 7.
THOMAS GRIFFITHS 4.	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

Rung on the festival of All Saints and All Souls.

A DIAGRAM OF UNION TRIPLES (1893), may be had gratis, on application by letter to W. H. THOMPSON, 5, Sillwood Street, Brighton, to whom the unsold remainder has been returned by the publishers.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
(THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY GUILD.)**

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

ALBERT BOXALL.. .. Treble.	RICHARD N. RUNHAM .. 5.
THOMAS KING 2.	FREDERICK A. NUNN .. 6.
ALFRED BOWELL 3.	JAMES W. TRAPPITT .. 7.
WILLIAM T. POWELL .. 4.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by W. J. NODDS.

First peal in the method by the ringers of the treble, 4th and 5th, and first peal in the method away from the treble by the ringer of the 7th. A. Boxall was elected a member of the Royal Cumberland Society before starting.

SUNDERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.**

MICHAEL F. HARRISON .. Treble.	THOS. METCALFE 5.
ROBT. W. LOVIE 2.	CECIL O. SAYER 6.
ROBT. STEPHENSON 3.	WM. T. ROBSON 7.
JOS. W. PARKER 4.	S. T. WRIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by WM. T. ROBSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Robt. Stephenson, the band wishing him many happy returns. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for kindly allowing the use of the bells.

**ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

THOMAS J. BRATTON .. Treble.	JOHN CORRIGAN 6.
ALFRED T. HYLAND 2.	*WILLIAM SAUNDERS .. 7.
JAMES JONES 3.	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 8.
JOHN JENNINGS 4.	JOHN CARTER 9.
PERCY O. LAFLIN 5.	WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal has the 6th behind the 8th or 9th throughout, and is the 500th circuit of the Broadsheet. †First peal in the method. *First peal of Caters.

KEIGHLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.**

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

Composed by W. ESTCOURT, and Conducted by THOMAS BANCROFT.

Messrs. Edmondson, E. Green, Bancroft, Jennison, Hall, and Murgatroyd hail from Keighley; Thorpe from Grantham. The peal was arranged for Mr. H. Thorpe, who was spending the week-end there, and who was made a member of the above Association before starting in the peal.

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WRINGTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 37 cwt.

WILLIAM G. NIPPER Treble	WILLIAM J. PERRY 5.
FRANCIS W. NIPPER 2.	EDWARD I. ANDOW 6.
FRED G. MAY 3.	GEORGE H. COLLINS 7.
DURVIC WOOD* 4.	ANTHONY LANE Tenor.

Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

*First peal. First peal of Triples and of Grandsire on the bells.

RANGEMORE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being five 6-scores each of Stedman, New, St. Simon's. St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, Old, and Plain Bob, and seven 6-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

HARRY WAKLEY Treble.	WILLIAM SHERCLIFF 3.
CHARLES SANDERS 2.	ALBERT P. WAKLEY 4.
JOSEPH T. DYER Tenor.	

Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

This is the first peal on the bells.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

REGINALD J. LAST Treble.	GEORGE CATTERMOLE 4.
E. YOUNGS 2.	WILLIAM ROSE 5.
WILLIAM CLOVER 3.	LEONARD E. LAST Tenor.

Conducted by W. ROSE.

Messrs. R. and L. Last hail from Wickham Skeith; the rest belong to the local company.

EASTWELL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES W. BRETT† .. Treble.	FREDERICK G. BRETT 4.
CHARLES TRIBE 2.	†EDWIN G. BURSDEEN 5.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE† .. 3.	CHARLES W. PLAYER .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. PLAYER.

First peal on the bells. †First peal on six bells.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(MALDON AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 6½ cwt.

HARRY LEWIS* Treble	ALFRED SODTH 4.
CHARLES J. MANN* 2.	*GEORGE H. NEVILLE 5.
HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. 3.	JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. D. BUCKINGHAM.

*First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

PENDLETON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES, Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

FRANK SMITH Treble.	HARRY SHUKER 5.
GEORGE E. TURNER 2.	JOHN T. BOTTRILL 6.
JOSEPH LOWE 3.	SAMUEL GREENHALGH 7.
ARTHUR PETTITT 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by N. J. FITSTOW, and Conducted by H. CHAPMAN.

Arranged for A. Pettitt, of Leicester, and is his first peal of Superlative.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ARTHUR EDWARDS Treble.	ALFRED TARBUN, SEN. 5.
FREDERICK W. EDWARDS .. 2.	HENRY HEAD 6.
THOMAS LINCOLN 3.	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7.
FREDERICK G. RADLEY .. 4.	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor.

Composed by J. B. FENTON, and Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

Rung for the Dedication Festival of All Saints.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 29, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

FOSTER DRAGON* Treble.	ALFRED TAILEY 4.
FREDERICK KILBORN† .. 2.	*BERT KILBORN 5.
SAMUEL BURDITT 3.	E. MAURICE ATKINS Tenor.

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor by the local band.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure and three 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 20 cwt.

FRANK TUCK* Treble.	FREDERICK BUTCHERS 4.
JIM BEACH 2.	RICHARD HOPK 5.
EDWIN LAMBERT 3.	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

*First peal.

Handbell Peal.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. Ralph Narborough York Villa, Wisbech,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

THOMAS BANHAM* Treble.	THOMAS HAINES 4.
HORACE BANHAM 2.	*ARTHUR W. WENLOCK 5.
STANLEY ANDREWS 3.	RALPH NARBOROUGH Tenor.

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

Witness—H. R. Stimpson. *First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. S. Andrews and S. Cellison, a late member of the above band, the ringers wishing them many happy returns.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

SIR,—In your issue of October 12th Mr. Dains gave an interesting explanation of the mode in which course-ends with the bells in 5-6 reversed could be utilised in the above method, but it is not complete.

In April 1886 you published a table of these reversed course-ends submitted by me, and I venture again to offer them to further elucidate the problem dealt with by Mr. Dains.

"The usual manner of detecting false changes within the leads is to compare the bells in 5-6 at the course-ends; if there is no course end which has the bells in 5-6 reversed, as compared to any other course-end, that is, as 6-5 is to 5-6, the composition cannot be false without shewing it at the bob lead ends. But although the absence of reversals in 5-6 at the course-ends is evidence of truth, their presence does not always imply the contrary. It is well-known that if a course-end—as 23456—comes at a plain lead, 24365 coming also at a plain lead will not be false with it, because the false course-ends that act against 23456 are 32465 and 43265. Mr. Pitstow was, I believe, the first to make use of such pairs of reversed course-ends, but Mr. Dains has gone further, and by this means hit off the first two-part peal ever composed in the method. Here, apparently, the use of what I shall call reversed course-ends had stopped, one 5-6 and one 6-5, both plain lead course-ends, being seemingly deemed the extent to be had out of a pair of bells in these positions. Now there are four places in a course where false internal changes may occur, viz.: rows with the treble in 7-8 up and down in the second lead may repeat with one another, the same may occur in the sixth lead; also rows with the treble in 1-2 down and up between the second and third leads may repeat with one another, and the same may occur between the fifth and sixth leads. But in any course in which a bob B is called there can be no false changes with the treble in 1-2, because the leads that would contain them are cut out, so that by a judicious use of bobs B it will be found possible to bring these reversed course-ends not only each at a plain lead, but also at a bob lead, or one at a plain lead and the other at a bob lead, and further, in this latter case, to use a third 5-6 or 6-5, as the case may be. In order to show how much may be done on these lines, I append a table giving the various reversals that may be had, taking the course-end 23456 to work from. The marks to the left and right of the course-ends shew where it is necessary that they shall be preceded or followed by bobs before, and the course-ends marked B must come with a bob, those not so marked being plain leads. The first column shows the possible arrangements where 23456 is a plain lead, the second where it is a bob lead. The horizontal lines divide the various sets.

Preceded by bob B.	Course ends.	Followed by bob B.	Preceded by bob B.	Course ends.	Followed by bob B.
	2 3 4 5 6		-	2 3 4 5 6 B	-
	2 4 3 6 5		-	3 2 4 6 5 B	-
-	2 3 4 5 6		-	2 3 4 5 6 B	
-	2 4 3 6 5 B		-	2 4 3 6 5	
	2 3 4 5 6	-		2 3 4 5 6 B	-
	3 2 4 6 5 B	-		3 2 4 6 5	-
-	2 3 4 5 6	-	-	2 3 4 5 6 B	
-	2 4 3 6 5 B	-	-	4 2 3 5 6 B	-
	3 2 4 6 5 B	-	-	2 4 3 6 5	-
				2 3 4 5 6 B	-
				3 4 2 5 6 B	-
				3 2 4 6 5	-

On examination it will be found that several of the above arrangements are only the converse of others, but I have thought it simpler to present them thus to avoid confusion. To use the table it is only necessary to take any course-end which it is required to reverse, and transpose it as the course-ends above are transposed from 23456, taking care that the bobs at B and at H are brought in exactly as in the tabular arrangement selected. Reversed course-ends of a peal already composed may be proved by transposing any one of them to 23436, the remaining course-

ends with the same bells in 5-6 being transposed by the scale obtained in transposing the first; thus if 43652 be the course-end selected, the scale for its transposition to 23456 will be 63254, and by this scale the remaining courses with 5-2 or 2-5 in 5-6 must be transposed. If the resulting course-ends can be found together in the table under one arrangement, with the bobs B and H the same, such course-ends will be true: if they are not so found they are false."

The following touch gives an example of all the arrangements of reversals in 5-6 at the course-ends. These reversals are severally denoted by letters at the side.

3072 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

	2	3	4	5	6	B	M	W	H
	4	2	3	5	6				-
a	5	4	3	2	6			-	-
b	5	4	2	6	3	x			-
c	4	6	5	3	2	x			-
	4	6	3	2	5	x			-
	3	4	6	2	5				-
d	6	3	4	2	5				-
	3	2	6	5	4	x			-
e	3	2	5	4	6	x			-
f	4	5	6	2	3		-	-	
g	4	5	2	3	6	x			-
a	5	3	4	6	2	x			-
	5	3	6	2	4	x			-
	6	5	3	2	4				-
d	3	6	5	2	4				-
d	3	6	2	4	5	x			-
d	2	3	6	4	5				-
	2	3	4	5	6	x			-

Mr. Dains writes that, with reversed course-ends, one course is entirely lost. That this need not be so is shown above, where it will be observed that in the case of the d course-ends all three of the 4-5 terminations are brought in, two as 4-5 and the others as 5-4. This touch cannot be made to run to a peal, and was only composed to illustrate the above table.

Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR HEYWOOD.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CREWE BRANCH.)

LAWTON.—On Sunday morning, November 3rd, the local ringers were successful in ringing a silent 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Birch, E. Harper, J. Booth, D. Booth, J. Massey, J. Wildblood, W. Rigby, T. Rigby. It is believed to be the first non-conducted touch in the Crewe Branch, and was rung at the first attempt.

CORRECTED PEAL RECORD.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.

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

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GEORGE N. PRICE .. 3-4.	FRANK F. MARTIN .. 7-8.
CHARLES N. LEWAN 9-10.	

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire—Thomas L. Simmons. *First peal of Stedman Caters on handbells.

Mr. H. Price writes withdrawing his claim to the authorship of the peal of 5088 Bob Major published on Oct. 26th and claimed last week by Mr. Trollope.

A GENEROUS GIFT.

HISTORIC BELLS IN PETERSTONE CHURCH, MON.

In the tower of the now beautifully restored Church at Peterstone, is a peal of bells, which owing to the formerly ruined state of the tower, have not been rung openly for over a hundred years. One is cracked, and all want rehanging. Local tradition says that these bells, situated as they are close to the Bristol Channel, were in old days a source of great pleasure to mariners going in and out of Bristol Channel ports. The Vicar of Marshfield (the Rev. H. G. Stanley), who is also incumbent of Peterstone, announced at the Harvest Festival, that a gentleman whose name must be a secret for a time, had very kindly intimated that he would defray the cost of putting these bells in perfect order. The announcement of this generous gift was received with great gratification. It is a ring of six bells, and the rehanging is to be done by John Warner and Sons, London.

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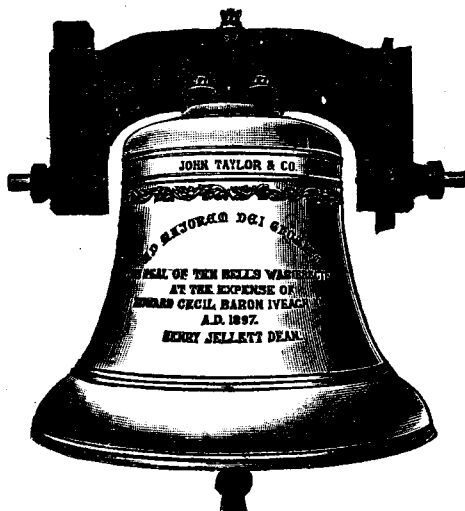
ROYSTON (Herts).—On September 20th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. E. Bonnett, W. Darlow, P.C. A. Lawrence (first in the method), R. Wilkerson, S. Roberts, R. King (conductor). On September 22nd, 240 London Surprise and a course of Cambridge. W. Darlow, W. Watts (Stansted, Essex), E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, S. Roberts, R. King. In an attempt for a peal on September 28th 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise and Duke of York. P. Webb (Ickleton, Cambs.), E. Bonnett (conductor), W. L. Darlow, A. Wilkerson, S. E. Roberts, R. G. King. On September 29th, 720 Violet. H. Wilkerson, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert, R. King (conductor). On October 1st, 720 York Surprise. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, S. Roberts, R. King (conductor). On October 11th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Bonnett (first 720 Treble Bob), S. Roberts, A. Gilbert, R. Wilkerson, E. Bonnett (conductor), R. King. On October 27th, 720 Violet. H. Bonnett, E. Bonnett, A. Gilbert, R. Wilkerson, S. Roberts, R. King (conductor). On October 29th, 720 London Surprise. H. Wilkerson, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, R. G. King (conductor), S. Roberts.

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BIRMINGHAM RINGERS
VISIT EVESHAM.

On Saturday, October 13th, a few Birmingham ringers visited Evesham at the invitation of Mr. H. Middleton. Leaving Birmingham by the 7 a.m. train, the thirty-two miles that divide the Toyshop of the world from the Strawberry Gardens was soon accomplished. Morton's hostelry was the first place of call. Here the party were met by Mr. Middleton, who conducted them to the Campanile tower, and soon a touch of Stedman Caters was brought round, followed by a touch of Bob Royal before lowering the bells. After a stroll around the beautiful gardens by the river side the party once more adjourned to Host Morton's. "Go" was once more called, but this time it was a knife and fork method, which was very soon brought round; and punctually at two o'clock a powerful motor car, under the able guidance of Mr. Tim Robbins, started a run along the leafy lanes to Bidford-on-Avon. Permission was at once obtained from the Parish Church authorities to ring the bells, and the first peal of Minor, 720 Plain Bob, was scored by the following: Frank Moss, Frank Cooks (conductor), Thomas Miller, Henry Middleton, Joseph Porter, Edward Mullins. The visitors wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the church authorities for the use of the bells, also their Evesham friends for their hospitality.

Several peals are unavoidably held over till next week.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of Notices under this heading is Sixpence for 36 words, for the first insertion; repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 21st; St. John's, Hackney, on the 12th and 26th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 12th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th; also at St. Mary's Walthamstow, on Saturdays; all at 8 p.m.
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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—The annual dinner will be held at The London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 4s. each. may be obtained of Messrs J. Akehurst, J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, W. T. Cockerill, E. A. Davies, T. Faulkner, G. R. Fardon, E. G. Penn, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney. Towers open for ringing will be Southwark Cathedral, 4 to 5 p.m.; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 4 to 6 p.m.

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The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Southern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, November 16th, at St. Luke's, Chelsea. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All members and friends invited.
85, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill. F. A. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, on Saturday, November 9th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Election of branch president. All ringers welcome.
J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 9th. Bells ready at 4. A good meeting is requested.
WALTER HUGHES, Sec.
3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, November 16th. The Vicar and churchwardens kindly provide tea. B. H. T. DRAKE, District Sec.

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting of the North-Western division will be held at Bishops Stortford on Saturday, November 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Chequers Hotel at 5.30 p.m. Members intending to be present at the tra will kindly oblige by notifying me not later than Wednesday, November 13th. W. WATTS, Dis. Sec.
Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—The annual festival will be held at Guildford on Wednesday, November 20th. 4 o.—St. Nicolas bells (available). 5.30.—Service at St. Mary's Church. Address by the Master (Rev. C. E. Matthews, Vicar of Titchfield). 6.15.—Tea at The Star Hotel. Business meeting and Social to follow. The Diocesan Secretary (Mr. George Williams, Southampton), will give a short account of "Some early Peals by the Guild." Tea tickets: Visitors 1s.; Members free.
North Street, Guildford. JOHN J. JONES, Hon. Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Basingstoke Branch.—Annual meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells (8) from 4 o'clock. Service in the Parish Church at 5.30. Tea and business meeting at the Church Cottage at 6. FRANCIS G. HUME, Dis. Sec.
Oakley, Basingstoke.

OBITUARY.

CHARLES EATON HAMMOND.

By the death of Mr. Charles Eaton Hammond, which sad event occurred on the 16th ult., the parish of St. Mary, Newmarket, has suffered a great loss. The deceased gentleman was in his 93rd year, and had been Parish

Warden for the last sixty-one consecutive years, which might well be called a record. A banker by profession, he was head of the late firm of Hammond and Co., the old-established Newmarket Bank, until its amalgamation with Barclay and Co., Limited, in 1905, and from that time he was a local director of the latter concern. The town of Newmarket, and St. Mary's parish in particular, will miss his familiar figure, which was well known and respected by everyone. In the Church the deceased took a great interest, and many are the improvements that have been made in the fabric, both inside and out, during his tenure of office, and for which he was largely responsible.

The funeral took place on the 23rd ult. at the Newmarket Cemetery, at which a very large concourse of the principal inhabitants of the town and surrounding villages assembled to pay a last token of respect. In the evening, at St. Mary's Church, several six-scores of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Canterbury Doubles were rung half-muffled on the five bells, the following members of the St. Mary's Society taking part: J. Count, S. Forwood, A. W. Granger, R. Lathbury (conductor), W. J. Moore, O. A. Moody, R. Sharp, F. C. Turner, T. Taylor, G. Orbell.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MARSTON MAGNA (Somerset).—On Thursday, October 31st, on the occasion of the opening of the bells at St. Mary's Church, 1260 Grandsire Doubles, in 38 mins. G. Creed, H. Milbourne, T. F. Vincent, jun., T. Merryfield, E. F. Creed (conductor), B. Look.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

LEAMINGTON.—At All Saints' Church, on Thursday, October 31st, for the Eve of All Saints' Day and the Dedication Festival a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original), in 47 mins. Miss Marjorie A. Williams, Miss Joyce J. Williams, F. Brassington, E. H. Adams, J. Standby, Rev. C. Carew Cox (conductor), T. Male, W. Male. First quarter-peal by the ringer of the treble, and first quarter-peal with a bob bell by the ringer of the 2nd.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE.—For Evensong on Sunday, within the octave of All Saints' Day, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich, 1280 changes. H. Coote, C. H. Howard (conductor), H. E. Hammond, G. Melbourne, W. Dyson, F. Eley, W. H. Hammond, E. Newman.

WICKHAM SKEITH (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, October 27th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. A. Cattermole, E. Youngs, W. Clover, G. Kemp, W. Rose, L. Last (conductor).

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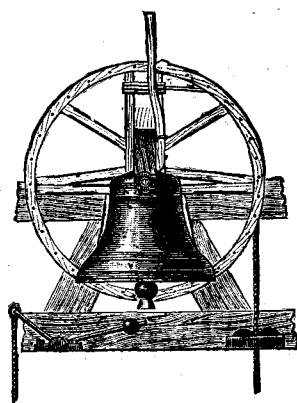
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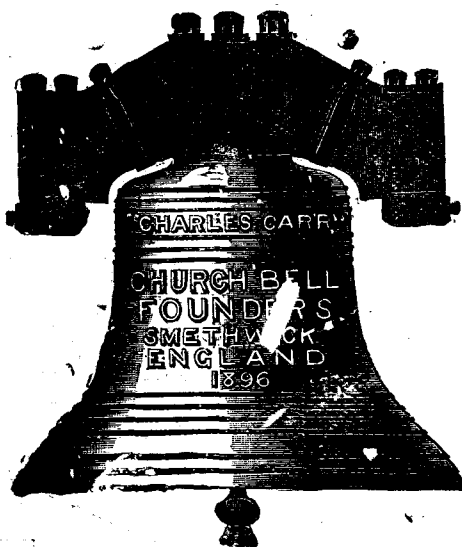
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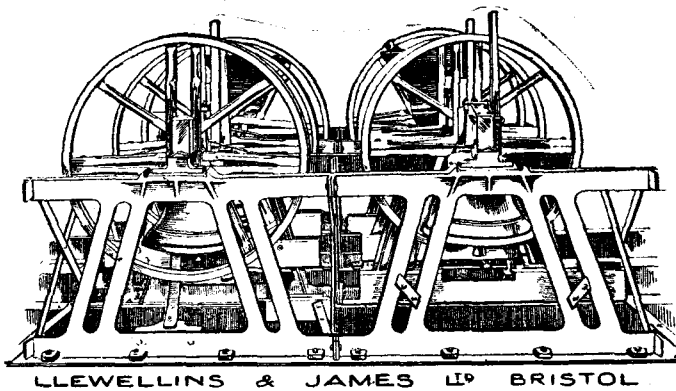
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GREAT AND ENTHUSIASTIC GATHERING.

The 275th anniversary festival of the Ancient Society of College Youths was held on Saturday last. During the afternoon the bells of Southwark Cathedral and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, pealed out merrily, the ropes being handled by some of the most skilful ringers in the country.

In the evening the annual dinner was held at the "London Tavern," Fenchurch Street, E.C. Mr. Thomas Taffender, Master of the Society, presided over a company of some 200 ringing enthusiasts. Mr. Arthur Hughes was in the vice-chair, and among the large company present were the Venerable W. W. Sinclair, D.D., late Archdeacon of London, Miss MacAlpine Leny (Speldhurst), Rev. G. F. Coleridge (Crowthorne), Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn (Caversham), Rev. J. W. Eisdell and Rev. Donald Mackinnon; Mr. A. Hughes (Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel Foundry), Mr. J. W. Taylor (Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough), Mr. R. Warner (Messrs. Warner and Sons, Spitalfields Foundry), Mr. C. Johnston (Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon); Messrs. W. Pole Routh and A. E. Reeves (Reading), James George (Rugby), W. H. Fussell (Slough), J. Bowen (Ilfracombe), C. S. Potter (Barnsley, Yorks.), T. H. Beams (Bridport), F. C. Nevitt (Bentley), Sam Thomas, W. Burger and J. Ireson (Sheffield), G. N. Price (Watford), John Wyatt (Ashted), J. E. Groves (Birmingham), J. H. Shepherd (Wolverhampton), J. H. B. Hesse, A. H. Pullin (Guildford), E. W. Mendy (Caversham), T. Hibbert (Reading), F. E. Dawe (Woking), R. A. Daniell, Burton, J. W. Kelly, Sidney Godfrey (Chiswick), the Caversham ringers, the Barking ringers, and the Sheffield ringers; also those well-known ringers Challis Winney, Will Garrard, Ted Horrex, Bob Newton, George Price, Bert Langdon, Walter Prime, Golding, Peck, Oxenham and Stebbings, and, of course, Mr. William T. Cockerill, the kind-hearted, energetic and genial honorary secretary.

An excellent spread was placed on the tables.

The Chairman, in proposing "The King," said that His Majesty was a man every inch of him, and this was known throughout the whole Empire, in every part of which he was honoured and loved.

The toast was received with musical honours.

Mr. T. Taffender (Master), in proposing the toast of "The Church," said that they could not do without the Church. The Church was the foundation of practically all things. Without the Church they would not be there that evening. Because the Church came into existence and it had installed peals of bells, they, the ringers, came into existence. They were in troublous times at the present day. The Government had a Bill before them to disestablish the Church in Wales, and not only to disestablish it but to disendow it. He saw no reason why they should disendow the Church (applause); the money had been left for the purpose and benefit of the Church, and why it should be taken away he did not know; nor could he see any reason why it should be given to Councils

or local bodies; there seemed no legitimate reason for any action of that sort. He, however, thought they need not worry just yet. The Bill was before Parliament, but when it came to the House of Lords it might be deferred a little (hear, hear). It might be deferred for at least a couple of years, and what would happen during those years it was difficult to predict, but many thought that those people who were endeavouring to rob the Church would not be in office long enough to carry out their wish. Why should they take away that which belonged to the Church? It was robbery and nothing else—quite as bad as highway robbery. A suggestion had been made as to the best way of meeting the position by opposition, but he had not a scheme to put before them that evening. If they waited a little they might not have much trouble, for he did not think Disestablishment would become law. (Hear, hear).

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

The Venerable W. W. Sinclair, late Archdeacon of London, who was accorded a hearty welcome, in response to the toast said: I have first of all to thank the Master for the very kind and sympathetic way in which he has proposed the toast of The Church this evening, and for touching in no faltering terms on the great wrongs that are being proposed in Parliament at this moment. It is a very great pleasure to me to be with you once more on this very happy annual occasion. I always look forward to it, and though now it is a little difficult for me to be with you, still it is just possible, and although I have a long day's work before me to-morrow, and shall not get home until very late to-night, I am rejoiced to be here and to see such a goodly company gathered round this board. I regret to say that I have no longer so much direct concern with bells as when I had the joint charge of the great peal at St. Paul's, and was responsible also for over 300 belfries besides, as many of you know, with bells of very various number and very various merits. My little church in Sussex is very small and it is surmounted by a little wooden box at one end which contains two very minute and ancient bells; a little dingle up and down on a sharp note (laughter). The whole neighbourhood is really dominated by the solid Monastery bell at Cowfold, which peals solemnly every four hours of the day and night calling the worthy Monks from their beds in the night and from their Bibles in the day to their prayers in the Church. We have a good peal at Henfield, and a good peal again at Cowfold, which are on two sides of me. Moving from London to a very rural part of the country, I could not but be struck very forcibly by the great hold which the Church seems to have over the people, even in a small and scattered parish. My predecessor had been in the parish for 39 years, and he and his daughters had evidently done their duties in a most admirable manner. There were so many excellent and good mothers in the cottages, brought up within the parish themselves, and in their turn educating their children carefully and well, and ready to respond to everything that is done for them by the clergymen of the parish. It is very different from the uphill work that he has very often in the

over-crowded parishes of London. Now I think, from my own experience, it is quite easy for the Parish Church to be a unifying and conciliating influence. As long as the clergy try to do their duty conscientiously, to stand firm to their colours and make friends of their parishioners, and make it their object to lead and not to drive, so long will they have friendly and kind parishioners, even if some of them be Nonconformists (hear, hear). It is difficult to reply to this toast at the moment, without at any rate alluding, as the Master has alluded, to the cruel Bill in Parliament for plundering the Church in Wales of all its income except 1s. 6d. in the £. Chapel has unfortunately allowed politics to over-ride its Christianity, and is eager to spoil and humiliate the Church. The Welsh Church is already very poor, but is ministering humbly and conscientiously to more than a quarter of the Welsh people, and that is the largest Christian body that exists in Wales at the present moment. In order to have a convenient excuse for people who are bent on doing a wrong, in order to salve their consciences, they pronounce the tithe to be a tax imposed at some time or another by Parliament, whereas it was really, as all historians know, a voluntary gift by individual landowners in the days of the first preaching of Christianity, centuries before Parliament was ever heard of. The modest property of the Welsh Church is being used as it was intended to be used, for the benefit of the people, and it is one of the saddest sights in the practice of modern politics to see it attacked and threatened with confiscation out of what is after all nothing but sheer jealousy, spite, and dislike. There are, of course, special circumstances in the Welsh Church, and these might have needed special measures. The tithe might have been redeemed—it would only take thirty years of careful management to achieve that, and what is thirty years in the life of a Church which is measured by centuries? Nonconformist Ministers who complain of social disabilities might have been granted a distinctive social position; no one would have been any the worse. Any of the remaining social prerogatives and privileges which the clergy possess might have been entirely removed, and nobody would have been a bit the poorer, but the present policy of vindictive spoliation is a return to nothing but methods of barbarism. I trust that the painful example of Wales will be a lesson not thrown away upon any of us in this our day, of the duty of cultivating concord and goodwill with all our fellow Christians, and following out as far as we can, the Apostolic precept: "My brethren, if it be possible, live peaceably with all men."

(To be continued.)

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

At a meeting held on Wednesday evening the officers for the ensuing year were elected as follow:—Master, Mr. T. Faulkner; Treasurer, Mr. A. Hughes; Senior Steward, Mr. E. G. Penn; Junior Steward, Mr. A. A. Hughes; Trustees, Messrs. C. F. Winney and W. Prime; Secretary, Mr. W. T. Cockerill.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Mr. Geo. L. Joyce, late of 19, Blanche St. Canning Town, asks us to announce that he has removed to 99, Upperton Road, New City Road, Plaistow, E.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION FYLDE BRANCH.

The members of the Fylde Branch held their monthly meeting at South Shore, but the attendance was very much interfered with by bad weather. Members were present from Blackpool Parish Church, South Shore Parish Church, Church of the Sacred Heart (Blackpool), Poulton (St. Chads), Lytham (St. John's and St. Peter's) and Penworthan. The bells of South Shore Parish Church were at the service of the visitors, and touches of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Canterbury were rung. At the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. R. Rawcliffe, of the South Shore Parish Church, the ringers adjourned to the Parish Institute, where an excellent tea was enjoyed. A short business meeting was subsequently held, at which several items of local interest were discussed. The usual votes of thanks were passed, and the meeting terminated. The arrangements were well made by the secretaries, Mr. G. Maries (Lytham) and Mr. R. Rawcliffe (South Shore).

A DISPUTED FIRST PEAL.

To the Editor.

SIR,—In the footnote to the peal rung at Ross-on-Wye, which appears in your issue of November 9th, it states that it is the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells. This I think is incorrect, for I believe the late Mr. Henry Bastable, of Birmingham, called a peal of Treble Bob on these bells in the year 1883 or 1884. Several Gloucester ringers took part in it, amongst whom were Mr. Musty and Mr. Humphris, who rang the tenor. Mr. Austin can no doubt easily ascertain and correct me if I am wrong.

Crayford.

E. BARNETT.

E. MORRIS' 50 PEALS.

	Rung	Conducted
Doubles in 2 methods ...	1	1
Bob Minor... ..	7	6
Kent Treble Bob Minor ...	1	1
Minor in 2 methods ...	1	1
" " 3 methods ...	3	3
" " 4 methods*... ..	1	1
" " 7 methods ...	1	1
Grandsire Triples ...	13	5
Grandsire Caters ...	1	
Bob Major ...	5	2
Kent Treble Bob Major ...	3	
Double Norwich Major† ...	9	
Stedman Triples ...	1	
Stedman Caters ...	3	
Total	50	21

Rung in 23 towers, in 4 counties.

* 10,080. † includes a 6240.

CORRECTION.

In the peal of Double Norwich Major rung at Clent, and published in last week's issue, the number of changes should be 5088, not 5008 as printed.

NOTES.

Bell Founders are still busy, and this week we are enabled to chronicle work successfully carried out by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, who has quarter turned and rehung the bells at Boxley, Kent, in a manner which has earned him the thanks of all concerned

The bells at Lytham, Lancs., have also been rehung. In this case Messrs. J. F. Mallaby and Co., of Barnby Don, Doncaster, have carried out the work most satisfactorily.

Mr. H. Lewis asks us to point out to Mr. B. Francis that the 4210 Bob Major published in our last issue is false in each part. By calling 5 consecutive bobs in the 2nd and 3rd courses, he brings up the first course-end again. He also says that the 5088 variation by Mr. Price was rung years ago by the Yorkshire Association, conducted by Mr. D. Brearley, composed by Mr. J. S. Wilde, of Hyde.

Congratulations to Mr. Frank I. Hairs on completing his first 100 peals, and to Mr. E. Morris, whose total has reached 50.

Congratulations are also due to Mr. T. Faulkner who was on Wednesday elected to the honourable position of Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Mr. Joseph Bates, who is 84 years of age, is still a ringer at Wednesbury Parish Church. He was a ringer there in 1855, when the new peal of ten bells was rung for the first time.

Others of the old school who remain are Messrs. W. R. Small (who is still an ardent ringer at St. Martin's, Tip-ton), J. Lawton and W. Best.

Some interesting records are to be found in the belfry of Wednesbury Parish Church. One board records a peal of 10,061 changes, rung in 1861, the longest length ever rung in the country up to that time. It was rung in five hours and fifty-five minutes, was composed by Henry Johnson, of Birmingham, and conducted by William Micklewright.

It has been pointed out that the quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples published in our issue of Nov. 2nd is false.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOXLEY.—On Wednesday, November 6th, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 12 mins. A. Pantony, W. Gosling, (conductor), L. Bowley, A. Baker, W. Hope, W. Kilpartrick. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hope, which took place on the 29th October, but the bells were not available on that date. Also as a birthday compliment to the Captain, Mr. W. Kilpartrick, this event taking place on the day previous. First date touch by 1, and first with a bob bell by 3.

BY ROYAL WARRANT

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Addressed to the Editor.

While gladly throwing our columns open for the discussion of subjects of interest, the Editor does not hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed by correspondents.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR AND NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.

SIR,—In answer to Messrs. Dains and Co., I first of all most emphatically deny that they have the slightest claim to any of my peals of Cambridge or London Royal. They were composed, not from the valuable product of their ingenious brains, but from material that is common property to all. That they may have used the same material does not give them exclusive right to it. Such material was in use before they were born, and will be used—and rightly so—in the far distant future. What they would really like is to claim all that their hide might cover. Well, if they did, who would Rounds belong to? That two portions of their up to the present useless peals can be spliced together by the addition of a bob makes not the slightest difference to me. It is nothing fresh for one bob to dominate a peal. And I could easily demonstrate that their most marvellous productions are only a few bobs removed from some old peal of Bob Major, or how Mr. Dains obtained a twenty-nine course peal of Cambridge from the 14,000 London. But I can employ my time better. Remember now Messrs. Dains and Co., I have some half dozen of those peals, and it is a case of "hands off."

G. LINDOFF.

10, Everton Avenue, N. C. R., Dublin,
12th November, 1912.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

SIR,—When writing my letter of the 12th ult. mentioned by Sir Arthur Heywood in your last issue, the thought came to cover my remarks with a reference to his reverse course-end system, but it fled quickly and did not return, hence the omission,; and as no explanation of these course-ends is complete without such a reference I wish here to tender my apologies. But this has perhaps helped to bring forward that excellent touch which Sir Arthur has kindly composed and published which, I believe, contains most, if not all, the different ways and means of using these reversed course-ends, and it is an excellent example. In reference to the truth of the 24365 course-end this has been known for many years—quite sixty or more—and therefore long before any living composer became interested in course-ends, reverse or otherwise, and for further explanation of this the following particulars are extracted from page 171 of H. Hubbard's 1864 edition of his "Campanologie."

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

*5600 M W H

65432 - - -

36452 - - -

53462 - - -

46532 - - -

54632 - - -

Four times repeated.

*Rung by the St. James's Society in 1852, at St.

Matthew's, Bethnal Green, composed and conducted by Mr. H. Haley.

The composer who first used 24365 as a course-end in composition is therefore, I think, the late Henry W. Haley, as the above composition contains five course ends with bells so reversed in 5-6, and thus it is the extent of the method upon this plan. The last time I had the pleasure to meet the late Mr. Matthew A. Wood he told me he had recently put up a small tablet in the belfry of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, which records the above-mentioned performance.

H. DAINS.

MR. F. I. HAIRS' 100 PEALS.

	Tower bells.	Handbells.
Grandsire Triples	4	1
Grandsire Caters	-	3*
Stedman Triples	11	-
Stedman Caters	6	1
Stedman Cinques	1	-
Bob Major	-	6
Bob Royal	-	7
Bob Maximus	-	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	22	-
Forward Major	1	-
Waterloo Reverse Major	1	-
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	-
Kent Treble Bob Major	2	-
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1	-
Superlative Surprise	7	-
Bristol Surprise Major	5	-
Norfolk Surprise Major	4	-
New Cambridge Surprise Major ...	2	-
Cambridge Surprise Major	12	-
Cambridge Surprise Royal	1	-
Total	81	19

*Including a 8099. This list does not include a peal of Waterloo Reverse Bob Major, the composition of which was afterwards found to be false.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.

Some thirty members of this branch assembled at St. Mary's, Balderston, Rochdale, on Saturday, for the monthly meeting. They represented the following towers:—Balderston, Rochdale Parish, Milnrow, Newhey, Glodwick, Oldham Parish, Middleton, Heywood, Todmorden Parish, Todmorden Unitarians and Ashton. Ringing started at four o'clock, and was kept going until half-past six, when "Stand" was called for the business meeting, over which Mr. S. Stott presided. The election of a Branch President to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. S. Brierly, resulted in Mr. William Crabtree being chosen. St. Mark's Glodwick, was selected as the place for the next meeting, and after the usual thanks had been accorded the Vicar and churchwardens the bells were again kept going till half-past nine, in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major.

WEST EALING.—At St. Stephen's Church, for evening service, on November 10th, 504 Stedman Triples. J. J. Pratt (conductor) Hillingdon), *J. A. Trollope, *G. Harbour, F. G. Goddard (Isleworth), *A. Harding, H. H. Chandler (Hillingdon), *W. Lawrence, *E. Brown. And another touch with *T. Crocker, 5. *Belong to the recently formed local band.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

5376 (No. 4.) BY ERNEST MORRIS, *Leicester.*

23456	I	4	6
53624	-	-	-
45326	-	-	S
25643	-	-	-
35246	-	-	-
45632	-	-	-

54236	-	-	-
34652	-	-	-
24356	-	-	-
54623	-	-	-
34526	-	-	-
24635	-	-	-

42536	-	-	-
32645	-	-	-
52346	-	-	-
42653	-	-	-
32456	-	-	-
52634	-	-	-

25436	-	-	-
35624	-	-	-

53426	-	-	-
23654	-	-	-
43256	-	-	-
53642	-	-	-
23546	-	-	-

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34652	-	-	-
24356	-	-	-
54623	-	-	-

34526	-	-	-
24635	-	-	-

42536	-	-	-
32645	-	-	-
23546	-	-	-

Each repeated; 6th its full extent in 4ths and 6ths at alternate course-ends.

NORFOLK COURT BOB ROYAL.

By G. H. Cross, *Norwich.*

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2143658709
2413567890
4231658709
2436157890
4263518709
2436581079
4263850197
4628305917
6482039571
6840293751
8604927315
6840297135
8604921753
6840912735
8604197253
8061492735
0816947253
0189674523
1098765432
1907856342

BOB.

1098765432
1907856423

SINGLE.

1098765432
1907856432

COURSE ENDS.

23456 I 3 8

34256	-
63254	-
35426	-

5040.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR.

23456 I 3 8

45326	S	-
52346	-	-
24356	-	-
43256	-	-
25436	-	-
53426	-	-
42365	-	-

Repeat three times.

Bob for single in second and fourth parts.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SOCIETY, LEYTONSTONE.

LEYTONSTONE.—On Monday, November 4th, for practice at the church of St. John the Baptist, 720 Cambridge Surprise. F. Doran, A. Fiddis, S. Sharpe, G. Dawson, W. Miller (conductor), H. Torble. Also 720 Chichester Surprise. H. Saffell, G. Dawson, W. Doran, G. A. Black, W. Miller (conductor), W. Theobald. First 720 of Surprise by A. Fiddis. On Thursday, November 7th, 720 York Surprise. W. Doran, S. Sharpe, W. Theobald, G. Dawson, W. Miller (conductor), H. Torble. Rung with the bells half muffled, after the usual whole pull and stand, to the memory of the late Mr. Bayford, an old and respected Leytonstone resident, who was interred on this date.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, November 10th, for Evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 39 mins. H. Cotoe, H. E. Hammond, H. J. Collins, G. Melbourne, W. H. Dyson, J. Eley, C. H. Howard (conductor), W. H. Hammond.

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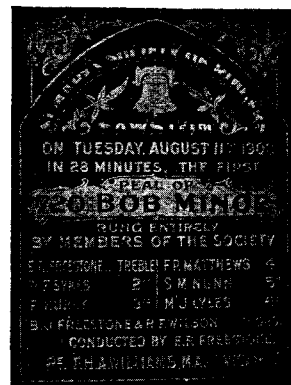
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1912.

WE have, for many years past, given a full report of the Annual Festival of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and, following precedent, we this week give the first instalment of the report of this year's function. The annual dinner of the Society is the greatest of the ringing festivals, just as the Society is the largest and most ancient body of ringers. On Saturday last, in celebration of the 275th anniversary, bands of members met and rang at churches in the City and suburbs, afterwards gathering in a huge assembly at the "London Tavern," in Fenchurch Street. The gathering, as is usual, brought together all the ringing enthusiasts who could possibly attend, and the speeches were of a very high order. In its ringers, though the great majority are working men, the Church of England has a tremendous asset, one that might be used much more effectively than is done at present. There can be no scrap of doubt about the assertion that in these troublous times, when the air is full of rumours of Disestablishment and other ills affecting the Church, the Ancient Society of College Youths (embracing as it does members in all parts of the kingdom) is a power to be reckoned with. There is a strong bond of friendship and camaraderie among ringers, though individuals may be widely separated in other walks of life. This was fully exemplified at Saturday's gathering, and it would be nothing short of disaster were anything to interfere with this happy state of things and mar the peace of this annual gathering. The Rev. W. Sinclair, late Archdeacon of London, knows of what value ringers are to the Church, and his presence at the dinner on Saturday may be taken as an indication that their rights and privileges will be upheld. The Ancient Society of College Youths has the maintenance of these rights and privileges as one of its objects, and long may it flourish.

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

WILLIAM BERRY Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
HAROLD BURTON 2.	FRANK HAIRS 6.
EDWIN F. PIKE 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
ISAAC EMERY 4.	ALFRED GRIMES Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUMITT TOWN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FODR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble.	HARRY FOWLER 5.
FRANK C. NEWMAN 2.	REUBEN SANDERS 6.
HAROLD W. CLARK 3.	ARTHUR J. NEALE 7.
WILLIAM PYE 4.	DALBY HODGSON Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

H. Fowler hails from Castle Ashby, Northants.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, FINCHLEY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Oxford Bob, two 720s of College Single, and three 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

G. WEBB* Treble.	W. WEBB 4.
W. H. TUBB 2.	*B. TUBB 5.
F. TUBB* 3.	F. BARKER Tenor.

Conducted by F. BARKER.

*First peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. Treble.	ARMIGER J. TROLLOPE .. 5.
HAROLD BURTON* 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT 6.
ALFRED GRIMES 3.	FRANK HAIRS 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

*First peal in the method away from the treble.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT 5.
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON .. 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	REUBEN SANDERS 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

W. W. Worthington hails from Netherseale.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

G. WATKIN* Treble.	*ERNEST A. REEVE 5.
GEORGE SPENCE 2.	*ALFRED G. H. NEWMAN .. 6.
LOUIS ATTWATER 3.	*SEDLAY COLLINS 7.
HAROLD BURTON 4.	HARRY MANCE Tenor.

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

*First peal of Major in the method.

The Provinces.

ROCKLAND ALL SAINTS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty-six 6-scores of Grandsire and sixteen 6-scores of Plain Bob; the Grandsire rung with ten different callings and Plain Bob with four. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ERNEST FISHER Treble.	JOHN MURRELL 3.
EDGAR HUNT 2.	WILLIAM ADCOCK 4.
HERBERT MASON Tenor.	

Conducted by H. MASON.

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**NEW MILLS, STOCKPORT.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(Stockport and Bowden Branch.)

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.**

THOMAS JACKSON Treble.	GEORGE D. WARBURTON .. 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 2.	ALLEN S. GORDON 6.
WILLIAM JACKSON 3.	HAROLD JACKSON 7.
HIRAM MEAKIN 4.	GEORGE MARSHALL Tenor.

Conducted by HAROLD JACKSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. George D. Warburton.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

(Halesworth Society)

On Monday, November 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM PIERCE Treble.	JOHN O'NEILL 5.
JAMES SPALDING* 2.	JAMES HOWARD 6.
FREDR. C. LAMBERT 3.	ARTHUR H. TOOK 7.
HARRY BARTON 4.	JOHN LARTER Tenor.

Composed by B. ANHALE, and Conducted by H. BARTON.

*First peal of Bob Major. The ringers desire to thank the Vicar, the Rev. G. F. Packer, for the use of the bells, and for his kindness in providing tea previous to the ringing. Also the courteous tower keeper, Mr. J. Adams, for having everything in readiness.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The Newcastle Cathedral Guild).

On Monday, November 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5008 CHANGES.**

WILLIAM W. SINCLAIR* .. Treble.	ROBERT RICHARDS 5.
WILLIAM H. BARBER 2.	*WILLIAM E. BASKIL.. .. 6.
BENJAMIN E. DIXON* 3.	ALFRED F. HILLIER.. .. 7.
WILLIAM STORY 4.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

*First peal in the method. First peal by the above Guild. Rung on the conductor's 36th birthday.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 18 lbs. in F.

WILLIAM SMITH Treble.	REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 5.
ERNEST LESLIE 2.	*WILLIAM TRIGG 6.
JOHN W. TAYLOR 3.	EDWARD READER 7.
JOHN OLDBAM 4.	JOSEPH POWELL Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by EDWARD READER.

*First peal of Stedman.

ALBERSHOT.—On Wednesday, November 6th, at the Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Fisher, J. Hall, A. License, S. Petter, A. Croucher, C. Edwards. First 720 Treble Bob rung in this tower.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 19 cwt.**

CHARLES R. LILLEY Treble.	THOMAS POPE 5.
HERRERT PERRY 2.	WILLIAM PROLES 6.
EDMUND MOUNTER* 3.	FREDERICK G. STUCKEY .. 7.
ROBERT C. WINZAR* 4.	*ERNEST A. KNIGET Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal. The ringers of the treble and tenor hail from Taunton; the rest are local men. Mr. Case, of Boale, who heard the peal, congratulated the band on the striking.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUUD,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A Variation of Parker's 12-Part (2nd observation).**

Tenor 18 cwt.

F. W. STONE* Treble.	ALBERT H. WARD 5.
CHARLES DRAPER 2.	BART MITCHELL 6.
SAYWELL VICKERS† 3.	JAMES PAGITT 7.
JOHN W. GLEW 4.	GEO. H. ROBINSON, SEN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

*First peal. †First peal on tower bells.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, November 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qrs. 8 lbs. in F.**

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER Treble.	JOHN WYATT 5.
JOHN HOYLE 2.	JOHN W. RUSSELL 6.
WILLIAM H. CORRETT 3.	FRANCIS E. DAWE 7.
CHARLES E. READ 4.	GEORGE COOK Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

First peal of Stedman by J. W. Russell.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY CARTER Treble.	ARTHUR PHILLIPS 4.
ARTHUR WOOLSTON 2.	BARNARD PATMORE 5.
ALFRED TALEOT 3.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

Arranged for Mr. A. Talbot, of Bennington.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.**

JAMES WHEELER* Treble.	GEORGE DENT 3.
WILLIAM DELLAR 2.	HARRY BOTTRILL 6.
HERRY SMALE 3.	JOHN CORDELL 7.
WILLIAM WHEELER 4.	ISAAC CAVILL Tenor.

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

*First peal. Rung on the seventh anniversary of the opening peal.

**BINFIELD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**
(Sonning Deanery Branch.)

On Wednesday, November 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.**

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

SIDNEY GRABING Treble.	ALBERT PIERCE 4.
EDWARD BUNGAY, SEN. .. 2.	JOHN RANCE 5.
ERNEST C. LAMBERT 3.	HARRY BUNGAY Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY BUNGAY.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor on the bells, and by all except the ringer of the 3rd. Rung within the octave of All Saints Day.

**NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

On Thursday, November 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.**

ROWLAND O. POLLARD .. Treble.	W. F. HABYSHORNE .. 5.
JAMES F. CLARK, JUN. .. 2.	ERNEST STONE 6.
HARRY ARGYLE 3.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 7.
WALTER J. HORTON 4.	E. HARRY STONELEY .. Tenor.

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

First peal of Oxford by the above Guild, also by all except the ringers of the 3rd, 5th, and 7th. H. Argyle's 100th peal.

**HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**
(Northern Branch).

On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.**

ALBERT E. PARSONS .. Treble.	SAMUEL GROVE 5.
CHARLES E. PERKINS 2.	WILLIAM BIRD 6.
JOHN BASS 3.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. 7.
VICTOR WHITE 4.	ALFRED HACKETT .. Tenor.

Composed by the late Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, and
Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

**BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES. 5040 CHANGES;
J. W. WASHEROOP'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART (containing
no extras or omits.)**

ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. Treble.	ERNEST MORRIS 5.
SAMUEL COTTON 2.	FRED H. DEXTER 6.
CHARLES H. FOWLER .. 3.	ALFRED MARTIN 7.
ARTHUR PETTITT 4.	*GEORGE P. GARNER, JUN. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

First peal in the method on the bells. *First peal. †First of Triples in the method, and 50th peal.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On Sunday, November 10th, for morning service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Woodward (first quarter-peal), G. Bloor, H. Page, J. Woodward, T. Austin, S. Churton, C. Page (first quarter-peal as conductor), J. Simister. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Woods, C. Woodward (first quarter-peal inside), G. Bloor, S. Churton, J. Woodward (first quarter-peal as conductor), T. Austin, C. Page, H. Austin.

**BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, November 9 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.**

WILLIAM E. WILSON .. Treble.	FREDERICK HINDLE .. 6.
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2.	WILLIAM MALLINSON .. 7.
TOM REDMAN 3.	JOHN WATSON 8.
JOHN P. FOULDS 4.	EDWARD ARMSTRONG .. 9.
RENNIE HARTLEY 5.	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by J. RIDYARD.

First peal of Royal for the ringers of the 6th and 9th. First peal of Royal away from treble by 4th. The ringer of the 9th is of the Preston branch; the ringer of the tenor of Manchester branch; and the rest of the Blackburn branch. Rang as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Heaton, of Colne, the President of the Blackburn branch, who on Sunday, November 10th, celebrated his 80th birthday, the ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

BRISTOL.—THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD.

On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

**AT CHRIST CHURCH (CITY),
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.**

WILLIAM WHITE* .. Treble.	ALBERT STOWELL .. 5.
ALFRED E. REEVES 2.	GILBERT WILTSHIRE .. 6.
FRED G. MAY 3.	WILLIAM STOWELL .. 7.
FREDK. W. WADE 4.	ISAAC LONG Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

*First peal of Treble Bob. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.**

ARTHUR SYMONDS .. Treble.	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. 5.
WILLIAM DENT 2.	THOMAS W. GARRARD .. 6.
HARRY CRICK 3.	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON .. 7.
GEORGE LAMBERT 4.	THOMAS PRYKE Tenor.

Composed by D. PRENTICE, and Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Rang to celebrate the birthday of the Rector (the Rev. W. B. L. Hopkins), and T. W. Garrard. First peal in the method by Messrs. Crick and Lambert.

**SANDY, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 720 each of Single Court, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford
Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Oollege Single and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.**

H. FIELDS Treble.	S. J. COLEMAN 4.
G. D. COLEMAN 2.	REV. B. H. TYRWHITT- DRAKE 5.
S. PECK 3.	E. C. CHASTY Tenor.

Conducted by G. D. COLEMAN.

Rung in honour of the 90th birthday of the Rector, the Rev. J. Richardson.

LUDLOW (Shropshire).—On Sunday, September 29th, at St. Laurence's church, for morning service, 304 Grandsire Triples. G. D. Acton, A. Lawrence, F. S. Wilson, W. H. Lawrence (conductor), W. Teachey, G. Acton, W. R. Nash, A. Nason.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE KEMP Treble.	ALPHARUS BERRY 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	LEONARD E. LAST 5.
THOMAS DAVEY 3.	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor.

Conducted by W. ROSE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Berry and L. Last, the ringers wishing them many happy returns.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN SIDDALL, JUN.† .. Treble.	ALFRED WALLACE 5.
HUGH GREGORY 2.	EDWIN BLACKWALL 5.
WILLIAM BARKER* 3.	JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE .. 7.
THOMAS WHITE 4.	WILLIAM TAYLOR Tenor.

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

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

HORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

JAMES WALLEY* .. Treble.	DANIEL PRESTON 4.
CHARLES PRESTON 2.	HENRY WHITEHURST .. 5.
CLEMENT POINTON .. 3.	ERNEST TIGWELL Tenor.

Conducted by E. TIGWELL.

*First peal. The above ringers belong to Norton, Bucknall and Biddulph.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD).

On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 37½ cwt.

JOSEPH E. R. KERN .. Treble.	BENJAMIN E. DIXON 6.
GEORGE T. POTTER 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER 7.
JOSEPH ROWELL 3.	WILLIAM STORY 8.
ERNEST E. FERRY 4.	WILLIAM H. BARBER 9.
WILLIAM E. BASEL* .. 5.	ROBERT RICHARDS Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WM. H. BARBER.

First peal on ten bells, and first attempt. This composition contains all the 5-6s and 6-5s in the tittums and inverted home positions, and was rung on the occasion of the election of Lord Mayor and Sheriff of the city.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Boxley.—The following ringing was done on November 2nd, the day after the re-opening of the bells: 720 Plain Bob. H. Good, G. POUND, K. Paine, G. Moore, T. Manning, Lance-Sergt. F. A. Holden, M.A. (conductor). 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Pound, F. A. Holden, G. Moore, R. Paine, T. Manning (conductor), W. Walker. 720 Grandsire. F. A. Holden, W. Gosling, G. Pound, T. Manning, W. Walker (conductor), G. Moore. 120 Stedman. H. Sone, W. Walker, G. Moore, T. Manning, F. A. Holden (conductor), G. Pound. 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Pound, H. Sone, G. Moore, W. Walker, T. Manning, F. A. Holden (conductor). First 720 with a bob bell by W. Gosling.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM FISHER .. Treble.	GEORGE FISHER 4.
CHARLES EDWARDS .. 2.	ALFRED CROUCHER 5.
HUBERT CHAFFY 3.	JOHN HALL Tenor.

Conducted by J. HALL.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the President of the above Guild, J. P. Stilwell, Esq.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Southern Branch.)

On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

FRANK JINES* .. Treble.	FREDERICK JOHNSON .. 6.
HERBERT JORDAN 2.	FREDERICK JORDAN 7.
JAMES HEMMING 3.	HENRY J. Phipps 8.
FRANK COOK 4.	HARRY MIDDLETON 9.
THOMAS EDWIN 5.	WILLIAM WOREMAN Tenor.

Composed by F. G. MAY, and Conducted by HARRY MIDDLETON.

*First peal. Rung as a compliment to his Worship the Mayor, Councillor Henry Masters, who on that date was re-elected for the second time.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

FREDERICK R. BOREETT .. Treble.	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON .. 5.
CLAYTON PARNELL† 2.	ERNEST F. POPPY 6.
JAMES M. BAILEY 3.	*HARRY LING 7.
GEORGE BAXTER 4.	WILLIAM STEELE Tenor.

Composed by J. PLATT, and Conducted by WM. STEELE.

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

WALDRON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 10, 1912, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

George H. Howse .. Treble.	George Ades 5.
Herbert Rann 2.	Richard Stredwick .. 6.
John Capp 3.	Keith Hart 7.
Ernest Gower 4.	James A. Hart Tenor.

Conducted by Keith Hart.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
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On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Wulfram,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

LAWRENCE E. MEARS* .. Treble.	WILLIAM G. THORPE .. 6.
HARRY THORPE 2.	ERNEST NIDD 7.
ARTHUR MANKWELL 3.	SIDNEY PROCTOR 8.
J. FRANK PROCTOR 4.	ALBERT C. DARNELL 9.
DAVID B. OVERTON 5.	THOMAS H. HALL Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

*First peal, and first attempt. Rung in honour of Sir Charles Welby, Bart., C.B., being elected Mayor of the borough. This composition, now rang for the first time, contains the 5th and 6th their extent behind the 9th.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 21½ cwt.

Frederick W. Rice .. Treble.	William C. Hart 5.
Edward C. Merritt 2.	John Capp 6.
Oliver Sippetts 3.	Albert D. Stone 7.
Richard Stredwick 4.	Keith Hart Tenor.

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood, and
Conducted by Keith Hart.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 7, 1912, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR,
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

Frederick Borrett ... Treble.	Ernest Whiting 5.
Frederick Manser* 2.	George Snelling 6.
Edwin Whiting 2.	John Snelling 7.
Charles Baker* 4.	Frederick Seager ... Tenor.

Composed by A. Craven, and Conducted by F. Borrett.

*First peal in the method.

EASTHAMPEAD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 11, 1912, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Plain Bob; and two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, each 720 being called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qrs. 27 lbs.

Arthur Herrington* .. Treble.	Ernest C. Lambert ... 4.
Albert Pierce 2.	Alfred Gough 5.
Harry Bungay 3.	John Rance Tenor.

Conducted by John Rance.

First peal as conductor: *First peal. First peal in five methods by all except the ringer of the 4th. Quickest peal on the bells.

EVESHAM (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, November 10th, at the campanile tower, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1277 changes. H. Morton, F. Cook, F. Moss, H. Jordan, E. Mullins, J. Porter, F. Jortdan, H. J. Phipps, H. Middleton (conductor), W. Workman. Rung to celebrate the annual Mayoral Church Parade. First quater-peal of Caters.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.

On Sunday, November 3rd, for evening service, a 720 of Surprise Minor was rung in 26 mins, being the first 720 of Surprise by all, and first on the bells. W. J. Heney, 1; W. Halford, 2; J. Hall, A. Freeman, 4; R. Cox (conductor) 5; C. Wilkinson, 6. Tenor 16½ cwt. This is the first time that a 720 of this method is known to have been rung, and the band wish to name the method Sandiacre Surprise. It will be found in the Collection of Legitimate Methods, page 33, No. 11.

THE METHOD.—SANDIACRE SURPRISE.

123456

213465

124356

214536

241563

425136

421563

245136

425316

243561

423516

245361

425631

246513

426531

245613

425163

241536

245163

421536

412563

142653

416235

146253

142635

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RE-OPENING OF BOXLEY BELLS.

Friday, November 1st, All Saints Day, being the anniversary of the dedication of the Church, was the day arranged to re-open the bells and hold a service of thanksgiving. The service commenced at 7.30 with hymn 303 A&M. The Rev. J. R. Hale (Vicar), read the dedication prayers, the Rev. C. J. Hilton (curate), taking the lesson. Hymn 437 was followed by a short touch on the bells by the local company, and the address was given by the Rev. B. Littlewood, Vicar of East Farleigh. His subject was "The Bells," illustrating the many uses of the bells, and the effect it has on the public who come within the sound of the Church bells. Hymn 428 and the Te Deum brought the service to a close. A few short touches were rung with the assistance of Mr. W. Haigh, who had walked over from Gillingham, after which he inspected the work that had been done, and was very pleased with what he saw, and the way the bells go.

On Saturday afternoon the tower was opened at 3 o'clock

to the Kent County Association, for the purpose of testing the work, but only a few accepted the invitation. Those that did not come spent the afternoon in ringing, an account of which will be found in another column. Some of the company also examined the work, and were quite satisfied with it. The thoroughness with which the work has been done, is proved by the way in which the bells go. The bells were cast and hung by Thomas Mears in 1803-4, and nothing of any importance had been done to them from that time until Mr. Bowell, of Ipswich, took them in hand, and quarter-turned and rebung them in the old frame, which he has strengthened by bolts and braces, and they now go as well as ever, thus scoring another success for the Ipswich Bell Foundry.

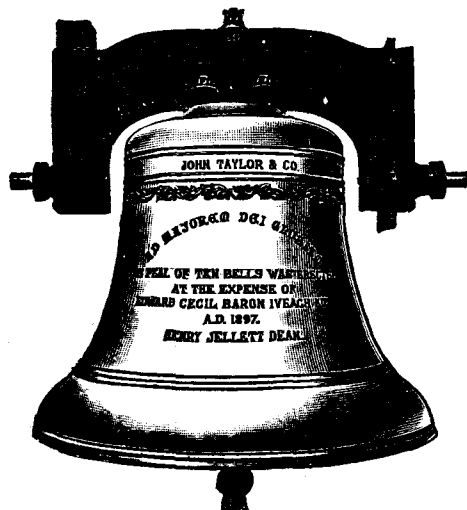
OFFENHAM (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, November 9th, at the Parish Church, 72 Bob Minor. H. Morton, J. Porter, F. Cook (conductor), F. Moss, H. Middleton, E. Mullins.

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RE-OPENING OF BELLS AND
DEDICATION OF A PEAL-TABLET.

An interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of St. John's Church on Wednesday evening, when the bells, which had been silent for some weeks, were rung for the first time after being rehung and put into excellent working order by Messrs. J. F. Mallaby and Co., of Barnby Don, Doncaster. The re-opening peals were two 720s, the one a Violet Treble Bob Minor, and the other a Woodbine Treble Bob. The regular St. John's ringers, Messrs. J. Fell, Chas. Kerr, D. Mc Lellan, J. Tipping, J. Hardman, and E. Tipping, took part, and Mr. R. Cardwell (St. Peter's), and J. F. Mallaby (the hanger), also joined in the second 720. After the bell-ringing, a tablet, placed in the belfry, and commemorating the performances of the St. John's ringers, was unveiled by Councillor J. Pearson. Mr. J. Fell said that he had great pleasure in asking Mr. Pearson, on behalf of the St. John's ringers, to unveil the tablet, as a memento of the able services and skill of the ringers, and in response Mr. Pearson said that he was pleased to accept that duty on behalf of the wardens. Amongst the interesting information inscribed on the tablet are: first 5070 changes in 8 different methods, rung at the first attempt in February 1911, and in November of the same year, 5040 changes rung by all the regular ringers in seven Treble Bob methods.

Several peals are unavoidably held over till next week.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of Notices under this heading is Sixpence for 36 words, for the first insertion; repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 21st; St. John's, Hackney, on the 26th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th; also at St. Mary's Walthamstow, on Saturdays; all at 8 p.m. **WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association. late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Southern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, November 16th, at St. Luke's, Chelsea. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All members and friends invited.
86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill. F. A. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, November 16th. The Vicar and churchwardens kindly provide tea. **B. H. T. DRAKE, District Sec.**

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting of the North-Western division will be held at Bishops Stortford on Saturday, November 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Chequers Hotel at 5.30 p.m. **W. WATTS, Dis. Sec.**
Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—The annual festival will be held at Guildford on Wednesday, November 20th. 4 o.—St. Nicolas bells (available). 5.30.—Service at St. Mary's Church. Address by the Master (Rev. C. E. Matthews, Vicar of Titchfield). 6.15.—Tea at The Star Hotel. Business meeting and Social to follow. The Diocesan Secretary (Mr. George Williams Southampton), will give a short account of "Some early Peals by the Guild." Tea tickets: Visitors 1s.; Members free.
North Street, Guildford. JOHN J. JONES, Hon. Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Basingstoke Branch.—Annual meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells (8) from 4 o'clock. Service in the Parish Church at 5.30. Tea and business meeting at the Church Cottage at 6. **FRANCIS G. HUME, Dis. Sec.**
Oakley, Basingstoke.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, November 22nd. Bells available from 3.30. All ringers welcome. **A. KING, Dist. Sec.**
6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

The Hertford County Association.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on November 23rd, when the bells of All Saints (10), and St. Andrew's (8), will be available. St. Andrew's before tea. All Saints after. Tea in St. Andrew's Hall at 5.15. Business meeting after. **W. H. LAWRENCE, Dis. Sec.**

The Mid and Counties Association.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Repton on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Those desirous of attending will greatly oblige if they will send their names, not later than Wednesday, November 20th, to **HARRY WAKLEY, Dist. Sec.**
160, Horninglow Road, N., Burton-on-Trent.

The Lancashire Association.—The monthly meeting of the Manchester Branch will be held at St. John's Church, Miles Platting, on Saturday, November 30th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7. All ringers welcome. **W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Branch Sec.**

The Dudley and District Guild.—The quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Coseley, Staffordshire, on Saturday, November 30th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.30, conducted by the Rev. J. A. Rice, Vicar. **IMPORTANT NOTICE.**—The question of appointing a delegate to the Central Council will be brought forward at this meeting
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Tenor bell, St. Nicholas, Liverpool.	40 cwt.
Tenor bell, Chester Cathedral.	30 cwt.
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Manchester	63 cwt.
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Hull	37 cwt.
Morley	34 cwt.

The last bell cast by him this year before he was taken ill, was a 30 cwt. bell for Bournemouth Science and Art School.

This interesting old man, so well-known to those who have had the privilege of seeing him at his labours, was buried at Walthamstow Cemetery at 3 o'clock on Tuesday, November 12th, in the presence of his relations, and many of his co-workers.

A muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, was rung at St. Saviour's Church, Walthamstow, in the evening, in 52 minutes. Tenor 16½ cwt. W. Radclyffe, Treble; T. King, 2; F. Ringrose, 3; F. A. Nunn, 4; T. Groombridge, 5; R. Runham, 6; C. E. White, 7; O. Twist, Tenor.

The inside bells were rung by seven members of the Spitalfields Foundry Guild, and owing to the sudden indisposition of one member, Mr. O. Twist, of the local Guild, kindly rang the tenor.

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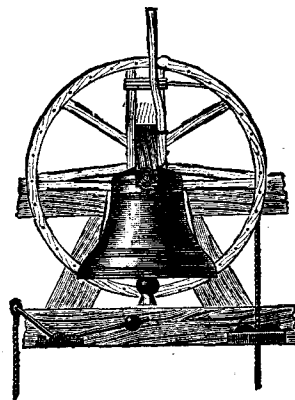
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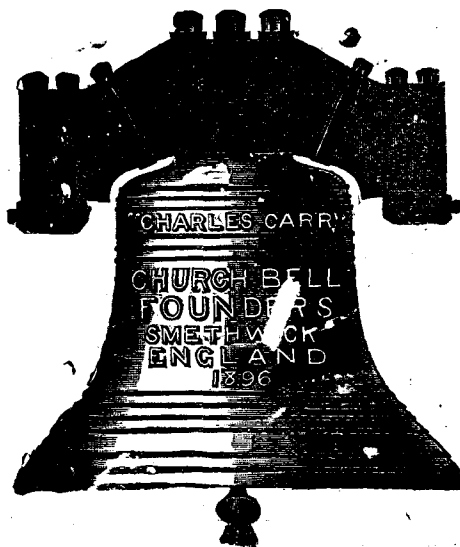
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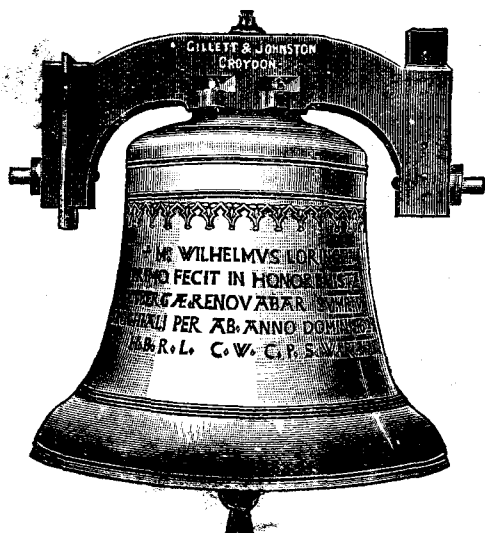
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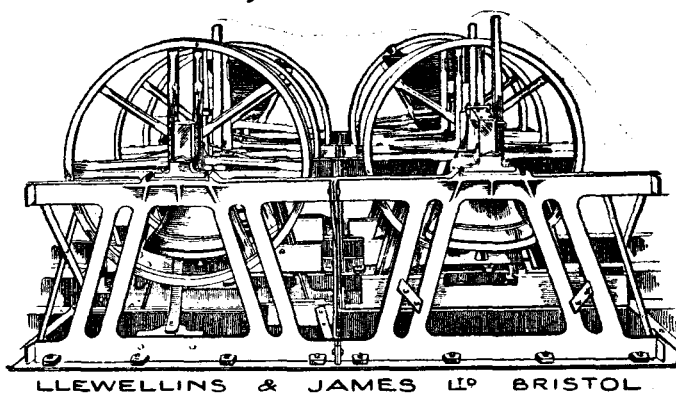
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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL DINNER.

Continuation of Report.)

In proposing the toast of "The Ancient Society of College Youths," the Rev. G. F. Coleridge (Crowthorne) said: I daresay you remember two or three years ago I told a story of a swarm of bees that had taken up an abode in the belfry (a very small belfry—smaller even than the Archdeacon's) in the parish adjoining mine, with somewhat dire results, which were largely embellished by a reporter in London, who narrated the terrible things that had happened to the ringer and the Vicar, setting it out that a regrettable thing had occurred—the Vicar, whilst at prayer, had been stung, and uttered a terrible word. I mention this because I feel very much like a bee, and will tell you why. You keep me, year after year, flitting about from one flower to another. One year it is with a big flower stem with a magnificent head that has been growing up sturdily for no less than 275 years; another year you keep me on those flowers which are known as the Provincial Societies. When it is not one it is the other. That is why I am like the bee. I see Mr. Bowen here, from Ilfracombe. He would use the word "dapping" about from one to the other. I come, then, and gather honey, like the busy bee; in other words I gain refreshment when I come here year by year; I suck it in, as it were, I go home and think about it, and it keeps me going till this time next year. You must remember that a bee has a business head; but it has not only a business head, but a very sharp sting. Being a bee I feel it my duty to-night to let that sting, for a few moments, enter into the question of cup competitions. I do not mean to go very deep, because a bee when he stings very deep leaves the sting behind and dies. I do not want to die, but I say that these cup competitions which are coming on, in my opinion are a very grave menace to the good of the Exercise at large. About a year ago it was reported that certain gentlemen were going to give a cup to the society or association which secured most points in peals during the year. A few weeks ago I was consulted about a certain squire in a certain deanery, who was anxious to offer a cup for competition amongst the six-bell ringers chiefly of that deanery at their annual festival. Yesterday I learnt that a further cup is likely to be given for ringing on Sundays. I have my own feelings about that, and I think myself that all such competitions are not only disastrous to the ringing Exercise at large, but they are also utterly degrading to the ringer, who is first and foremost a Church officer. Mark you, and mark it well, please, I have not got one syllable to say as to the motives (I trust they are the very best and highest possible motives) which prompted those gentlemen to offer cups. I have not a word to say about that. It is only the result of which I wish to say a few words, and that result will, in my opinion, be disaster to the good of the Exercise. We shall find certain crack bands going out week after week with the sole object of amassing points. Where are the rank and file? Are they being instructed? You ask me which is

the finest ringer, and the man who is most worthy of emulation. Although I have the highest possible estimation for the man who will ring a 20,000 in Bristol Surprise I have infinitely greater estimation for a man who will give up an evening or two in the week, or his Saturdays, to try and haul round six yokels—countrymen—through their first 120 changes. We admire most the man who will give up his spare time to help on those who do not know as much as himself, and we do not want any competition for that. I have, myself, a very strong objection to the church being degraded to the level of a football ground, and to competing companies using a belfry as their battleground. It is not the motive that I speak of, that has prompted the giving of these cups: it is not for you or me to judge that, or say one word about it, but it is the disastrous effect which I think it will have on the Exercise at large. I must not say anything more about that. I must not forget the toast which has been entrusted to me—The Ancient Society of College Youths. Long may it flourish. It has flourished for the last 275 years. I trust it may for many hundreds of years to come. But when I look round this table—I have been here for a good many years now—there is a vast difference in the faces which I see. Very of the old lot left. Especially this year we have to mourn the loss of three most distinguished London members—Messrs. James Pettitt, Matt Wood and Cooter. I might say a great deal about them, but I understand Mr. Dawe, at a later stage, has something to say about them and how much he owed to them. When I look around this table, what a vast difference to the first occasion on which I met the College Youths, 33 years ago, when I was an undergraduate at Oxford. They very kindly let me ring, or try to ring, the tenor at St. Saviour's and we went to the meeting house afterwards. I was taken under the wing of two distinguished men—Mr. Murray Hayes and a gentleman whose name I did not know at the time, but whom I afterwards found to be Mr. Dwight. I have met the College Youths scores of times since then, but I see a very great difference, indeed. We look round and we see the status of ringers has risen enormously—I hope because the status of parsons has risen enormously. After relating several humorous stories illustrating the ways of the parson of a hundred years ago, Mr. Coleridge proceeded to draw the inference that if parsons did things which were discreditable and so lowered their status it was not at all surprising that ringers and other Church officers had a very low name as well. He then went on:—I do not say it is owing to a different type of parsons nowadays. There are half-a-dozen in this room, and I am perfectly certain that if any one of us resembled those that I have been speaking about you would not allow us in your company, and you would be right. But I trust that parsons and ringers having grown up together are trying, by setting the highest possible ideal before us, to do the very best we can to the glory of God and the good of His Church. That is what we all ought to try to do, whether it is in ringing or in our own private life—try to do the very best in the sight of God for His honour and glory without seeking any earthly reward or even recognition. And now I have

spoken too long. I have to couple with this toast the name of our worthy Secretary, Mr. Cockerill. I know it will be received with acclamation. I was delighted to hear from him the other night, when he told me he had been working beyond midnight, and I told him I had done the same thing most nights. We seemed like brothers over it. You know what he has done for this Society. You know how we value him and all his work, and we trust that he will long be the Secretary of this Society, and that the Society will flourish and abound under him and his successors and a worthy succession of Masters like Mr. Taffender and those who have gone before. And now, having said so much, and having left my sting, I hope not deep; and having spread a little honey, or eaten a little honey, I take it you will let me sit down and listen to the other speeches. I give you the toast of the Ancient Society of College Youths (applause).

In responding, Mr. W. T. Cockerill, the Secretary, thanked Mr. Coleridge very sincerely for the very many kind things he had said about the Society. He also thanked the company most heartily for the way in which the toast had been received and honoured. Continuing, Mr. Cockerill said Mr. Coleridge spoke about peal-ringing and practices. He was glad to say that their list of practices outnumbered the collection of peals in the past year. Looking over the books the other night, he found that the practices in the city Churches, since the last dinner, came to a total of 59. Out of those there were some men who had met 57 times, and several over 50 times. The peals that had been rung during the last 12 months comprise: Seven 720s 5; Double Norwich Major 1; Stedman Triples 8 (3 on handbells); Stedman Caters 6; Stedman Cinques 5 (one on handbells); Treble Bob Major 4 (including 8000 odd at Barking, which is the longest performance this year); Treble Bob Royal 1; Treble Bob Maximus 2 (1 on handbells); Bristol Surprise 3 (the first time that this has been recorded at the annual dinner); Cambridge Surprise Maximus 1; Total 36. The number of members admitted into the Society during the year was 28. Letters of regret at inability to attend have been received from the Dean of St. Paul's, Archdeacon Holmes, Archdeacon Taylor, Rev. Canon Masterman (Bow, Cheapside), Rev. Richard Peek (St. Magnus), H. J. McKinder, Esq., M.P., Mr. C. H. Hattersley, Lieutenant G. Mackinnon, R.N. Mr. Hattersley sent a very kind letter, and he (Mr. Cockerill) was very sorry he was not well enough to be with them; he had suffered a long illness all the summer. Before sitting down the Hon. Secretary wished Mr. Coleridge "Many happy returns of to-morrow" (applause).

At this stage Messrs. A. C. Hardy, C. Fenn, T. Faulkner, and R. Fenn, rang a course of London Surprise on the handbells. The striking was wonderfully accurate, and the result was greeted with acclamation and much applause.

(To be continued.)

OBITUARY.

MR. JOSEPH BEANLANDS.

Mr. Joseph Beanlands, of Hebor House, Ilkley, who was conductor of the Ilkley Parish Church ringers for about twenty years, died on Monday last from an attack of pneumonia. Mr. Beanlands who was 51 years of age, was for many years a sidesman at the Church. The remains were interred at the Ilkley Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, and as the funeral proceeded to the

cemetery, a muffled peal was rung on the Parish Church bells, and on Sunday evening for service. a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, (the bells being fully muffled, except the tenor at backstroke), by the following members: S. Raynor, W. Cook, H. Verity, C. Stephenson, R. Richmond, J. W. Birkin, T. W. Crawshaw (conductor) C. Spencer.

ERIN CATERS.

BY THE REV. E. S. POWELL, *Holbeton.*

5243.

123456789 1 4 5 6 7

412356978	-	s	-	
261453		-	-	-
416253		-	-	-
231546	-	-	-	-
513246		-	-	-
361542		-	-	-
126345		-	-	-
362145		-	-	-
152346		-	-	-
325146		-	-	-
562341		-	-	-
216543		-	-	-
564123	-	-	-	-
146523		-	-	-
532614	-	-	-	-
623514		-	-	-
132564	-	-	-	-

Repeat twice, omitting bob at "1," and calling bob for single at "5" in first course.

321456978

132456879 1, 5, 7, 9, 15, 17

Repeat as above three times (*i.e.* with calling as in second and third parts). Bells run round fifth blow of eleventh course of last part.

The extent (negative) in Tittums of 6 4, 4 5, 5 6, 4 6, 6 5, 5 4.

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NOTES.

We regret to record the death on Monday, November 18th, at Madan Road, Westerham, after only a short illness, of Annie, the dearly loved wife of George B. Selby, aged 50 years.

Referring to the 720 Surprise Minor rung at Bacup on November 14th, Mr. Jos. Lomas asks: Could you inform us whether this has been rung before, if not, we intend to call it "Bacup Surprise," and also if you could get to know whether Nos. 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 20, and 21 have been rung and named. All these methods are from the Central Council Collection of Legitimate Methods.

The reply of Messrs. H. Dains, Hattersley, and Pitstow to Mr. Gabriel Lindoft's letter of last week is held over.

Some other communications are also held over, but will appear next week.

The peal rung at Horton. Staffs., on November 9th, was rung by members of the Stoke Archidiaconal Association, and should be credited to that body.

The Wraysbury band had a narrow escape from failure on November 15th, the rope of the 4th breaking as they were lowering, after ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples.

When a ringer attains his 73rd birthday, and can ring through a peal, there is not much the matter with him. We congratulate Mr. Wm. Rock Small on his performance at Tipton on November 12th.

Mr. A. E. Edwards, the conductor of the Barcombe band, is to be congratulated on his successful tuition of the band,

Started at Easter, when the bells were augmented to six, they rang their first peal on November 13th.

In another column is an appeal on behalf of the widow of the late Mr. Arthur Jacob, of Hornsey, who is in need of that help which Mr. Jacob so willingly gave to others in like circumstances. Here is a chance for ringers to show their generosity and their appreciation of an old comrade.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FAREHAM.—On Wednesday evening, November 13th, after meeting short for a peal, 1472 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Tull, J. W. Whiting, L. H. Page, D. Beer, E. C. Collins, G. Chappell, A. Mears, G. Williams (conductor). This was F. Tull's first attempt at Treble Bob Major, also D. Beer's longest length in the method. On opening the door we found our absent man for the peal, who had turned up to explain the why and wherefore of his absence at the scheduled time.

BY ROYAL WARRANT

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Addressed to the Editor.

While gladly throwing our columns open for the discussion of subjects of interest, the Editor does not hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed by correspondents.

MR. TROLLOPE'S PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

SIR,—A few weeks back Mr. Price published a six-part peal of Bob Major, which I claimed as my own. This week a correspondent states that it was rung many years ago by the Yorkshire Association as the composition of Mr. J. S. Wilde, of Hyde. I should like to have further information. Between 1895 and 1903, when I was collecting peals in this method for the Central Council, I took a great deal of trouble to get all the good compositions extant. Among many others I corresponded with Mr. Wilde, and he sent me his peals, but this was not among them. The original peal on the plan belongs of course to Henry Hubbard.

5184.

23456	W	5	4	B	M	R
52364	—			I		—
24365	—	x				—
45362	—	x				—
34562	—					—
62534		x				—
52436						—
24536	—	x				—
45236	—	x				—
34256	—					—

HENRY HUBBARD (before 1876.)

5088.

23456	W	5	4	B	M	R
35264				I		
52364	—	x				—
43265						—
23564						—
45236	—					—
24536						—
52436						—
34256		x				

J. S. WILDE, 1896.

5088.

23456	W	5	4	M	R
36452	—	x			—
45362	—				—
23564					—
52364					—
43265	—	x			
52346		s—			
23546	—	x			—
45326		x			—
24356	—				

J. S. WILDE, 1893.

5088.

23456	W	5	4	B	M	R
52364	—			I		—
24365	—	x				—
45362	—	x				—
34562	—					—
25346	—				—	—
32546						—
53246						—
43256		s				

J. A. TROLLOPE, 1894.

5184.

23456	W	5	4	B	M	R
52364	—			I		—
24365	—	x				—
45362	—	x				—
34562	—					—
53246	—					—
32546	—			3		—
25346	—	x				—
34256	—					—

J. A. TROLLOPE, 1895.

There are other peals on the same plan, but these are the best.
Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

SIR,—Referring to my table showing the possible extent of reversals of the bells in 5-6 published in your issue of November 9th, I have been favoured by Mr. Lindoff with an additional set of course-ends (No. 6 in the table below) which did not occur to me when I was enquiring into the matter. It will be seen that this set completes a symmetrical table which my former one was not. In the former table I gave the various forms in which the same relation of course-ends might appear. I here give them in only one form each. It will be understood that the course-ends in each set do not follow one another, but that they may appear in any order singly at any part of the peal, provided that the requirements as to bobs Before preceding and following the course-ends are duly observed with bobs at Home where noted.

Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR HEYWOOD.

I may say that Mr. Lindoff sent me two very clever peals, each having three sets of reversed course-ends on his plan shewn under No. 6 of the table. Of course peals on this plan cannot pretend to musical properties, any more than can those of Double Norwich which appear in your last issue.

Table of possible arrangements of course-ends in Superlative Surprise in which bells in 5-6 may be employed reversed.

Preceded by bob B.	Course ends.	Followed by bob B.	Preceded by bob B.	Course ends.	Followed by bob B.
1	{ 23456 24365		2	{ — 23456 — 32465	H — H —
3	{ 23456 32465	H —	4	{ — 23456 — 24365	H H
5	{ — 23456 — 42356 — 24365	H — H — —	6	{ — 23456 — 34256 — 32465	— — H —

Where H is noted, the course-end is bobbed; otherwise it is plain. The dashes shew where there must be bobs Before preceding (that is, in the same course as) the course-end, or following (that is, in the next course). Bobs B additional to those in the table may be employed if required without risk, but the ones shewn are necessary to truth.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By E. C. GOBEY, Ilkeston.

5040 (No. 9).

23456 I 4 6

53624 - - -

36524 - - -

25634 - - -

56234 - - -

62534 - - -

35264 - - -

52364 - - -

63254 - - -

32654 - - -

26534 - - -

56423 - - *

24653 - - *

54326 - - -

43526 - - -

25346 - - -

53246 - - -

52346 - - s

43256 - - -

32456 - - -

54236 - - -

42536 - - -

25436 - - -

Repeat, calling the following three courses in the place of the two marked * in the second part thus:--

I 4 6

- - -

- - -

- - -

5376 (No. 10.)

23456 I 4 6

65324 - - -

23564 - - -

36524 - - -

25634 - - -

56234 - - -

62534 - - -

35264 - - -

52364 - - -

63254 - - -

32654 - - -

26354 - - -

56423 - - -

24653 - - -

35426 - - -

24536 - - -

43526 - - -

25346 - - -

53246 - - -

52346 - - s

43256 - - -

32456 - - -

54236 - - -

42536 - - -

25436 - - -

Repeated. Omit the three bobs bracketted, and the peal is 5152.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By H. PRICE.

5104.

23456 I 4 5 6

43652 - - -

36452 - - -

46253 - - -

62453 - - -

24653 - - -

62345 - - -

23645 - - -

34625 - - -

26435 - - -

64235 - - -

32465 - - -

24365 - - -

43265 - - -

23564 - - -

35264 - - -

62534 - - -

25634 - - -

36524 - - -

65324 - - -

53624 - - -

26354 - - -

63254 - - -

52364 - - -

54326 - - -

43526 - - -

35426 - - -

24536 - - -

45236 - - -

52436 - - -

34256 - - -

42536 s - - -

25436 - - -

54236 - - -

32456 - - -

24356 - - -

Repeat last twelve courses, calling first 1-6.

FULHAM.—On Sunday morning, November 17th, for Divine Service at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1263 changes), in 51 mins. R. Harvey, E. A. Arthurton, L. Startup, H. G. Owen, A. Cutmore, A. W. Darlington, W. J. Troughton, L. Attwater, S. J. Collins, G. F. Edwards. [Conducted by Louis Attwater.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday, November 10th, for morning service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples. A. Beckensale, G. A. Ransom, T. Beadle, C. Dell, H. J. Biggs, H. W. Liddetter (conductor), G. Spencer, A. Sheard. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

TEWKESBURY.—On Sunday, November 17th, on the occasion of the Mayor and Corporation attending morning service at the Abbey, 630 Grandsire Triples. H. Witherington, W. Hampton, C. Dyson, F. Smith, J. Wathen, T. Devereux, Jos. Wathen (conductor), W. Haines.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 41 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. Treble.	FREDK. A. HOLDEN 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	RUBEN SANDERS 8.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	JAMES GEORGE 9.
CHARLES T. COLES 4.	KEITH HART 10.
BERTRAM PREWETT 5.	WILLIAM PYE 11.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 6.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

The Provinces.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOSEPH J. PRATT Treble.	LEONARD STILWELL 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	JOHN H. PRESTON 6.
WILLIAM E. BUTLER 3.	GEORGE SPENCER 7.
WILLIAM WELLING 4.	JOHN H. B. HESSE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF ORANDSIRE CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOLIFIELD .. Treble.	*ARTHUR H. WHITE 6.
ALBERT E. LOCK 2.	F. STEDMAN WHITE 7.
HARRY HOLIFIELD 3.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. .. 8.
CUTHBERT G. WHITE 4.	RICHARD WHITE 9.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. .. 5.	FRED WHITE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF ORANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

WALTER JUDGE* Treble.	CUTHBERT G. WHITE 5.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. .. 2.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. .. 6.
GEORGE E. STONE 3.	WILLIAM JUDGE 7.
FRED WEBB 4.	GEORGE FATHERS Tenor.

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

*First peal.

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CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

HENRY DAY Treble.	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 5.
CLARENCE O. HOBBS 2.	JOHN W. JONES 6.
EVAN COLES 3.	WILLIAM G. MILLER 7.
SIDNEY DAWK 4.	SEYMOUR BAKER Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by J. W. JONES.

Rung in honour of the wedding of the eldest son of the ringer of the 4th (Expl. Staff-Sergeant E. C. Dawe, R.A.), who was married at St. Mary Magdalene, Woolwich, to Miss Edith Perry, the ringers wishing them every happiness.

REDGRAVE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

SOLOMON MOULE Treble.	CHARLES CHENERY 4.
CHARLES BAILEY 2.	GEORGE BAILEY 5.
EDGAR BAILEY 3.	ARTHUR BAILEY Tenor.

Conducted by A. BAILEY.

EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Merchants' Return, Oxford, Woodbine, and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

RICHARD KILBY Treble.	HARRY KILBY 4.
FREDERICK WELLS 2.	LAWRENCE PORTER 5.
GEORGE M. KILBY 3.	THOMAS LANGDON Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. M. Kilby.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(Southern Branch.)

On Sunday, November 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. WOOD* .. Treble.	THOMAS S. LEBSON 4.
WILLIAM BASHFORD 2.	*EDWARD SNELLING 5.
FRED BASHFORD 3.	FRANK HAWKINS Tenor.

Conducted by F. BASHFORD.

*First peal, First peal as conductor. W. Wood was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

BACUP.—On Thursday, November 14th, for practice at Christ Church, 720 of No. 19 Surprise Minor, taken from the Central Council Collection of Legitimate Methods. D. Barnes, D. Briggs, J. S. Lomas, R. W. Etherington, J. W. Ratcliffe, J. H. Barnes (conductor). This is the first 720 in the method for all.

A DIAGRAM OF UNION TRIPLES (1893), may be had gratis, on application by letter to W. H. THOMPSON, 5, Sillwood Street, Brighton, to whom the unsold remainder has been returned by the publishers.

STAUNTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 10 cwt.

H. HAYES	Treble.	J. BARNFIELD	4.
G. BOUCHER	2.	J. BARNFIELD, JUN.	5.
W. CURTIS	3.	F. DOBBINS	Tenor.

Conducted by J. BARNFIELD, JUN.

Rung as a farewell compliment to F. Dobbins, ringer of the tenor, who is leaving for the police force.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Western Branch).

On Sunday, November 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being fifteen 6-scores of Stedman, twelve of Plain Bob, and fifteen of Grandsire, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE M. TROUGHTON	Treble.	*FREDERICK STANTON	4.
WILLIAM NIBLETT	2.	ROBERT G. KNOWLES	5.
ERNEST E. BARBER	3.	CHARLES CAMM	Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

*First peal. Rung to celebrate the 45th anniversary of the consecration of the Church.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The Bushey Society).

On Monday, November 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by JOHN R. FRITCHARD, and

Conducted by THOMAS R. SCOTT.

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

ECCLES, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART REVERSED. Tenor 13 cwt

JAMES BARRATT	Treble.	WILFRED MOSS	5.
HARRY CHAPMAN	2.	FRED PAGE	6.
SAMUEL GREENBALGH	3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK	7.
JOSEPH RIDYARD	4.	JOHN T. BOTTBILL	Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Barratt and Chapman, the band wishing them many happy returns.

ASHTREAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM COOK	Treble.	JOHN WYATT	5.
ALFRED WINCH	2.	CHARLES READ	6.
JOHN WHITE	3.	JOHN HOYLE	7.
WILLIAM H. CORBETT	4.	ARTHUR DEAN	Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JOHN HOYLE.

*First peal of Major. First in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to John Hoyle, the band wishing him many happy returns.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of City Delight, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by HENRY WALLACE.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Barnard Patmore.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Carter's No. 32. Tenor 12 cwt. 23 lb.

SAMUEL REEVES	Treble.	JOHN SMITH	5.
DANIEL JONES	2.	ALFRED ROWLEY	6.
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL	3.	JOHN CARTER	7.
HERBERT KNIGHT	4.	BENJAMIN GOUGH	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

The above peal was rung to commemorate the 73rd birthday of Mr. William Rock Small, his brother-ringers heartily congratulating him on this attainment, and hopes expressed that they would have the honour of ringing many more such peals for him.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

(East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch).

On Wednesday, November 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

Cecil C. MAYNE	Treble.	WILLIAM HORNE	5.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	2.	JAMES BLACKMORE	6.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS	3.	ROBERT H. YOUNG	7.
JAMES W. WILKINS	4.	RICHARD BUCKLAND	Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, GRASSENDALE,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE, TPBBLE BOB AND PLAIN MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS J. MORRIS	Treble.	EDWARD CAUNCE	4.
THOMAS JENNION	2.	JOHN TURNER	5.
GEORGE R. NEWTON	3.	JOHN ALLEN	Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

PHILIP ALLFREY	Treble.	RICHARD STREDWICK	5.
ALBERT D. STONE	2.	JOHN CAPP	6.
WILLIAM HILLMAN	3.	WILLIAM C. HART	7.
HENRY STALHAM	4.	KEITH HART	Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX

On Wednesday, November 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qrs. 9 lbs.

LURE VERRALL* Treble.	*ALBERT E. ANSCOMBE .. 4.
FREDERICK J. MARTIN* .. 2.	ALBERT E. EDWARDS .. 5.
WILLIAM H. BANKS* .. 3.	*JAMES MOXLEY Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

*First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells and by all the band. Also the first peal on the bells by an entirely local band, and was rung at the first attempt. Great credit is due to the ringers, as they have only learnt to ring since Easter this year, when the bells were augmented to the memory of the late Sir William (Justice) Grantham, and have received their instruction from the conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. J. Martin.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, LITCHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

HAROLD INCKLE Treble.	BART MITCHELL 5.
ARTHUR BRAINES (aged 17) .. 2.	SAMUEL MASEBEY 6.
ALBERT H. WARD 3.	JAMES PAGETT 7.
CHARLES E. HART 4.	WALTER WALLACE Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

Rung on the occasion of the 103rd anniversary of the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary. This is the first peal of Cambridge Surprise ever rung in Derby. It is also the first peal in the method by all the band except Mr. J. Pagett.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Western Branch.)

On Thursday, November 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ERNEST E. BARBER Treble.	ROBERT G. KNOWLES .. 5.
LIONEL LONGNEY 2.	JOSEPH BRETTIELL 6.
WILLIAM RANFORD 3.	*CHARLES CAMM 7.
ERNEST GIBBS 4.	CHARLES L. SADLER Tenor.

Composed by E. MORRIS, and Conducted by LIONEL LONGNEY.

*First peal of Major. Rung on the conductor's birthday, the band wishing him many happy returns.

BISHOP LYDYARD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Hollis' Irregular Five-Part. No. 1. Tenor 24½ cwt. in E flat.

HENRY NORMAN Treble.	ISAAC CREED 5.
HENRY J. CREED 2.	ARCHIBALD J. ANDREWS .. 6.
ROBERT SCOTT 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY 7.
FREDERICK NORMAN 4.	JOSEPH FOWLER Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Arranged for F. Norman. The ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th, and 6th hail from Milverton; 2nd, 7th, and tenor to Taunton; 5th from Norton Fitzwarren. The band wish from thank the Nicar, the Rev. W. F. Eustace, for the use of the bells, and the ringers for giving up their practice, the bells go perfectly, not one of the band making a single complaint.

WANTED.—To purchase a set of Secondhand Hand-bells, very cheap, for the purpose of teaching Crippled Boys of Crippled Children's Home, Bethany, Kinver, Staffordshire. Apply—SECRETARY, "Bethany," Kinver, Staffordshire.

PENTRE RHONDDA.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Thursday, November 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

HARRY PAGE Treble.	THOMAS HAMLIN 5.
GEORGE CROSS 2.	FREDERICK CHAMBERLAIN .. 6.
JAMES CROSS 3.	TOM PAGE 7.
WILLIAM PAGE 4.	HENRY CRABBE Tenor.

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

Arranged for F. Chamberlain, of St. John's, Cardiff, being his first peal in the method. It was also rang as a birthday peal to the ringer of the tenor, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK HODGKIN .. Treble.	FRANK SHARP 5.
DAVID HODGKIN 2.	JAMES BEECH 6.
EDWIN LAMBERT 3.	GEORGE HADAWAY 7.
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 4.	CHARLES H. SONE Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLDINE, and Conducted by C. H. SONE.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F.

WILLIAM OSLEE Treble.	JOHN C. SELF 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2.	DAVID G. WIGHTMAN 6.
ROBERT H. HAYWARD 3.	WILLIAM FLORY 7.
HOBART E. SMITH 4.	GEORGE E. SYMONDS Tenor.

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

WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(East Berks, and South Bucks. Branch).

On Friday, November 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM E. NAPPER* .. Treble.	LEONARD STILWELL 5.
JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE, JUN. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6.
ARTHUR BLAKE 3.	WILLIAM WELLING 7.
JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE, SEN. .. 4.	HENRY BRANTS Tenor.

Conducted by W. WELLING.

*First peal. The band tender their best thanks to the tenor-man, who left his tea to oblige them through meeting short. As the 4th was being let down, the rope broke.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE FRAMLAND SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 27 cwt.

WILLIAM TURNER* .. Treble.	MARK BEND 5.
CHARLES LAMB 2.	REUBEN BEND 6.
DANIEL GILDEN* 3.	SAMUEL BAKER 7.
ARTHUR WARD 4.	HARRIS THORLEY Tenor.

Conducted by C. LAMB.

*First peal.

**NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES.**

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb.

CHARLES H. RUSSELL .. Treble.	CHARLES J. FRAY 5.
LIONEL H. PAGE 2.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6.
JOHN S. RUMMING 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 7.
HENRY W. WILKES 4.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This peal was rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. J. Salmon, who was instituted to the living of North Stoneham on the 14th. It was also the birthday of Mrs. G. Williams, wife of the conductor.

HOUNSLOW, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARREN'S TEN-PART.

DAVID G. ARCHER† Treble.	HENRY C. CHANDLER .. 5.
GEORGE A. RANSOM 2.	THOMAS BRADLEY 6.
THOMAS J. BARKER 3.	HENRY W. LIDDETT .. 7.
CHARLES S. BIRD 4.	*JOHN HANES Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE ALFRED RANSOM.

*First peal and first attempt. †First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

FRENSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 College Single, two of Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

HENRY MILLS Treble.	ALFRED CROUCHER .. 4.
CHARLES EDWARDS 2.	HUBERT CHAFFEY .. 5.
ALFRED J. CHUTER 3.	JOHN HALL Tenor.

Conducted by HUBERT CHAFFEY.

First peal as conductor. Great credit is due to the treble man, who is 65 years of age, this being his first peal, he having only taken up method ringing within the last five years.

BUCKINGHAM.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(North Bucks. Branch).

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF ORANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 27 cwt.

HUBERT EDWARDS* .. Treble.	HARRY SEAR 5.
Cecil A. VALENTINE .. 2.	WILLIAM WEBB 6.
LAURENCE MEAGER 3.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 7.
WALTER SEAR 4.	RICHARD NICHOLS .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

*First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal in this branch by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn as Master of the Guild. The band desires to thank the Rev. J. B. Kirby for the use of the bells; also for his hospitality and kind remarks after the peal rung as a birthday peal to Harry V. Sear, son of the conductor.

BRIDGEND (Glamorgan).—On Saturday, November 16th, 504 Stedman Triples C. Morse, P. Kneath, J. W. Jones, T. Morgan, A. E. Morgan, T. Cox, R. Evans (conductor), W. Smith. Longest touch as conductor and longest touch in the method on the bells. Rung after an attempt for a peal in the same method had come to grief.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Holt's TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. 0 qr. 14 lbs.

CHARLES J. TEICHER .. Treble.	CHARLES J. HAMBLIN .. 5.
GEORGE WARRINGTON* .. 2.	ALBERT E. GRAY 6.
SAMUEL PETTER 3.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 7.
JOHN B. HESSE 4.	HENRY R. STEVENSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and 4th, and also to commemorate the silver wedding of the ringer of the 5th.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

JOHN J. MAWEY Treble.	JAMES GARRATT 5.
WALTER J. GERMAN 2.	J. HUBERT HORN 6.
ANDERSON Y. TYLER 3.	JAMES T. WARD 7.
JAMES HOUGHTON 4.	WALTER PERKINS .. Tenor.

Composed by W. J. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

Rung in memory of W. V. NEWMAN.

Handbell Peal.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 3, 1912, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. H. F. Cross, 39, Winter Road,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Fredk. J. Cross .. 1-2.	George H. Cross .. 5-6.
Albert G. Warnes .. 3-4.	William A. Hempel .. 7-8.

Composed by G. H. Cross, and Conducted by W. A. Hempel.

First peal as conductor. The conductor has now rung each pair of bells to a peal in this method.

LLANGATTOCK, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 4, 1912, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

In the Tower of the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores, each called differently.

George Mortemore .. 1-2.	John Hammond .. 3-4.
Norman Allbutt 5-6.	

Umpire—Charles Powell. First peal by all on handbells, and believed to be the first for the Hereford Guild.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At 130, Clonmore Street, Southfields, S.W.,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

Miss Elsie L. Bennett 1-2.	Frank I. Hairs .. 5-6.
John D. Matthews .. 3-4.	Frank Bennett .. 7-8.

Composed and Conducted by Frank Bennett.

Umpire—Mr. W. Lloyd. This was Mr. Hairs' 100th peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD, S.E.—On Sunday, November 17th, at St. John's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 38 mins. G. R. Simmonds, T. G. Deal, L. Startup, H. E. White, A. G. Bennington, F. W. Richardson, W. J. Jeffries (conductor), J. Law.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 12, 1912, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At George IV., Brunswick Street, Haggerston,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

Bertram Prewett ... 1-2.	Ernest Pye ... 5-6.
George R. Pye ... 3-4.	*E. Maurice Atkins ... 7-8.
Alfred W. Grimes ... 9-10.	

Composed by John Carter, and Conducted by George R. Pye.

*First peal of Stedman Caters on handbells. Umpires—W. J. u dds and J. Hunt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 13, 1912, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At 3, Harts Lane, New Cross, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Miss Elsie L. Bennett* 1-2.	Arthur F. Shepherd 5-6.
William Shepherd ... 3-4.	†Frank I. Hairs ... 7-8.
*Frank Bennett ... 9-10.	

Composed by G. T. Daltry, and Conducted by Wm. Shepherd.

*First peal of Stedman in band. †First peal of Stedman on a pair of working bells; also the first peal of Stedman Caters by the Association. Umpire—Mr. E. F. Pike.

OXHEY HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 13, 1912, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

At 43, Heath Road,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part.

George N. Price ... 1-2.	*Charles N. Leman ... 5-6.
George E. Howchin ... 3-4.	Hubert Eden ... 7-8.

Conducted by George N. Price.

*First peal of Stedman Triples on handbells. Umpire—Thomas L. Simmons,

MANCHESTER TOWN HALL BELLS.

SIR,—In your account of the bells cast by the late W. Nadin you mention the hour bell at Manchester Town Hall (63 cwt.). I might say the hour bell is 8 tons 2 cwt., cast by Taylor in 1882 to replace one cast in 1877 of 129 cwt. The weights are as follows, vide "Church Bells" November 10th, 1877:—

Note.	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	Initials cast on one side in the waist.
F sharp ...	6	3	14	... J. G. L.
F ...	7	1	5	... J. K.
*E ...	7	2	7	... B. N.
D sharp ...	7	3	14	... P. F. W.
*D ...	8	2	9	... J. M. B.
C sharp ...	8	3	0	... W. B.
*C ...	9	3	14	... J. G.
*B ...	10	0	14	... J. B.
*A ...	14	1	3	... J. J. H.
G Sharp ...	16	0	6	... J. T.
*G ...	17	1	7	... G. B.
F sharp ...	21	1	7	... J. W.
*F ...	23	0	11	... J. A.
*E ...	27	0	4	... J. C.
D sharp ...	31	2	0	... C. S.
*D ...	39	0	0	... J. M.
C sharp ...	43	2	0	... J. L.
*C ...	52	0	0	... J. H.
B ...	71	0	0	... W. H. T.
A ...	100	2	0	... M. C.
G ...	129	0	0	... A. H.
Total	652	2	3	

*Those * are hung for ringing, and are rung twice a week on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons, by policemen, also on certain special occasions. The initials on the bells are of members of the Corporation at the time the bells were cast, but as to how many are members now we have no information. Each bell is also inscribed "John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, MDCCCLXXVII" on the waist on the opposite side to the initials of the members of the Corporation. There is a heavy hour bell at the Royal Exchange and another at the Police Courts. W. H. SHUKER.

106, Bank Street, Clayton.

[We learn from our correspondent of last week that the 63-cwt. bell, cast by Mr. Nadin, was for the Royal Exchange, Manchester.—Ed.]

Mr. Shuker supplies the following further interesting particulars about the Town Hall bells.

MOTTO ROUND THE SHOULDER.

1. Ring in the Christ that is to be.
2. Ring out the darkness of the land.
3. The larger heart the kindlier hand.
4. Ring in the valiant man and free.
5. Ring in the thousand years of peace.
6. Ring out the thousand wars of old.
7. Ring out the narrowing lust of gold.
8. Ring out old shapes of foul disease.
9. Ring in the common love of good.
10. Ring in the love of truth and right.
11. The civic slander and the spite.
12. Ring out false pride in place and blood.
13. With sweeter manners purer laws.
14. Ring in the nobler modes of life.
15. And ancient forms of party strife.
16. Ring out a slowly dying cause.
17. Ring in redress to all mankind.
18. Ring out the feud of rich and poor.
19. For those that here we see no more.
20. Ring out the grief that saps the mind.
21. Ring out the false, ring in the true.

In a programme of music issued in 1911, in mentioning the bells, it says: Weight of former great bell (taken down in 1882) 6 tons 9 cwt.; weight of present great bell 8 tons 2 cwt.; height, 6 ft., diameter, 7-ft. 7½-ins.

There are at the Royal Exchange five bells for the clock to chime on, and at the Cathedral ten, with a tenor of 25 cwt. The Town Hall has a clock and chimes supplied by Gillett and Bland, with several drums for changing.

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Conducted by George N. Price.

Umpire—Thomas L. Simmons. *First peal of Stedman Triples on handbells.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Ryder's Church, on Sunday evening, November 17th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes). S. Coley, A. T. Scrivens, E. Mullins, J. Porter, J. T. Perry (conductor), W. H. Carrod, G. A. Taylor, J. B. Collett. Rung as a birthday compliment to the composer,

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A correspondent writes referring to the note in our last issue re the record of a long peal rung in Huddersfield Parish Church. He says: Regarding some interesting records found in the belfry at Wednesbury Parish Church, I beg to differ from them in saying that their, 10,061 peal rung in 1861, was the longest rung in this country up to the date mentioned, namely 1861, as there is a record of one in our belfry consisting of 10,080 changes rung in 1813. It might be worth putting in your paper if you can find space for it, I mean the wording on the tablet, which is of stone.

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by George Hattersley. Assistant—David Smith. The performance delighted and astonished connoisseurs, and greatly pleased the inhabitants of the town and its vicinity. The English under Wellington beat the French at Vittoria in Spain, and slew 10,000 men while this peal was ringing.

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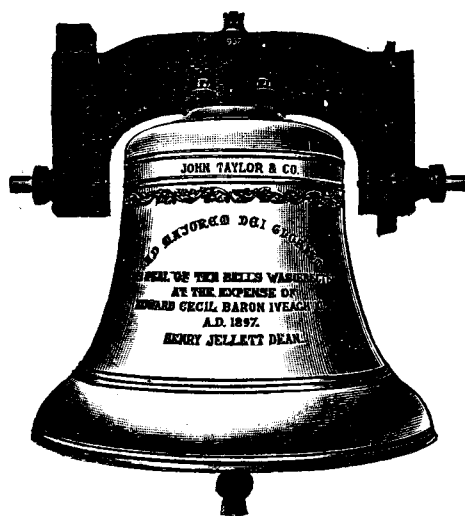
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7 Methods ...	8	6
Treble Bob Minor		
10 Methods ^d ...	11	11
Grandsire Triples	3	
Bob Major ...	2	
Kent Major ...	2	
Oxford Major ...	2	
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"SWEET BOB MAJOR."

We have been asked for the name of the author and the publisher of this song. It was sung recently by Mr. Ellis. Can any of our readers give us the information.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Mr. J. Watson, Hon. Sec. Blackburn Branch of the Lancashire Association, writes to say that his address is now 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

Several peals are unavoidably held over till next week.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of Notices under this heading is Sixpence for 36 words, for the first insertion; repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on the 26th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th; also at St. Mary's Walthamstow, on Saturdays; all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKBRILL, Hon. Sec.

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The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Basingstoke Branch.—Annual meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells (8) from 4 o'clock. Service in the Parish Church at 5.30. Tea and business meeting at the Church Cottage at 6. FRANCIS G. HUME, Dis. Sec. Oakley, Basingstoke.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells available from 3.30. All ringers welcome. A. KING, Dist. Sec. 6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

The Hertford County Association.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on November 23rd, when the bells of All Saints (10), and St. Andrew's (8), will be available. St. Andrew's before tea. All Saints after. Tea in St. Andrew's Hall at 5.15. Business meeting after. W. H. LAWRENCE, Dis. Sec.

The Midland Counties Association.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Repton on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. HARRY WAKLEY, Dist. Sec. 160, Horninglow Road, N., Burton-on-Trent.

The Lancashire Association.—The monthly meeting of the Manchester Branch will be held at St. John's Church, Miles Platting, on Saturday, November 30th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7. All ringers welcome. W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Branch Sec.

The Dudley and District Guild.—The quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Coseley, Staffordshire, on Saturday, November 30th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.30, conducted by the Rev. J. A. Rice, Vicar. IMPORTANT NOTICE.—The question of appointing a delegate to the Central Council will be brought forward at this meeting.

66, Himley Road, Dudley.

HERBERT SHEPPARD, Hon. Sec.

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, December 7th, at Great Waltham. Bells at 4 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at The Six Bells at 5.45. A conveyance will leave Chelmsford Station at 3.15 p.m., fare 1s. return. Members requiring tea, also a seat in the conveyance, kindly notify me not later than December 4th, by first post.

County Offices Chelmsford.

HENRY F. COOPER, Dist. Sec.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Newton Longville on Saturday, December 7th. Service at 3.0 p.m. Bletchley.

THOS. BEST, JUN., Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

J. WATSON, Branch Sec.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the North-Western division of the above Association was held at Bishop Stortford on Saturday, November 16th, by the kind permission of the Vicar of St. Michael's, the Rev. H. T. Lane. About 45 members put in an appearance from Bishops Stortford, Stansted, Saffron Walden, Sawbridgeworth, Harlow Common, Harlow (St. Mary's), Walthamstow, Cambridge, Ickleton, Stapleford, Elsenham, Braintree, Great Totham, Little Munden, Rickling, and Chelmsford. A short service was held, at which the Vicar gave those present some sound advice as Church-workers. Tea was held at The

Chequers Hotel, the business meeting following. Mr. F. Pitstow (District Master), presided, supported by Mr. W. Watts (District Secretary), Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association), and the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (Association Secretary). Mr. F. Pitstow was unanimously re-elected to the office of District Master, and Mr. W. Watts was also re-elected District Secretary. Mr. George Woodley, of Elsenham, was elected a ringing member. Master Herbert William Watts, and Walter William Watts, were elected probationers of Stansted. Saffron Walden and Waltham Abbey were proposed for holding the next meeting, and on being put to the vote, Saffron Walden was selected as the place at which it should be held.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his address, and for the use of the bells. Ringing was kept up till 8.30, and some good touches were brought round in the following methods: Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Treble Bob Royal, London and Cambridge Surprise, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**NORTHERN BRANCH).**

The Northern District of the above Association held a very successful district practice on Saturday, November 16th, from 7.30 p.m. till 9 p.m., in the belfry of All Saints, Gosforth. It is hoped to arrange further practices on similar lines at other towers shortly, when an even larger attendance is expected. Time was devoted to ringing well-struck rounds with learners, as well as Bob Major, Kent Major, and Stedman Triples. Seven towers were represented. The meeting had the support of several prominent ringers in the north.

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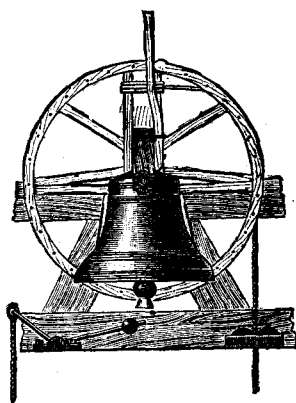
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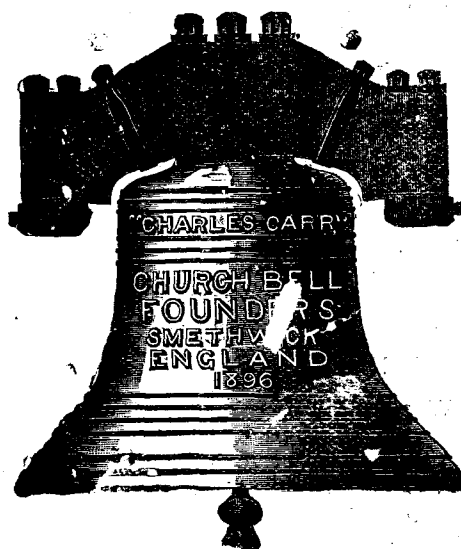
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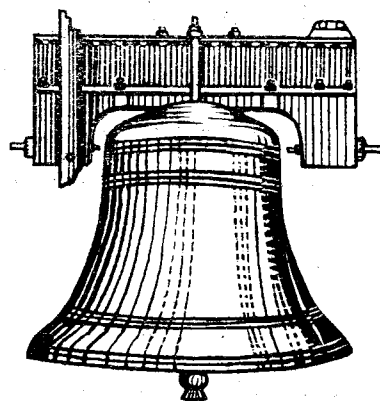
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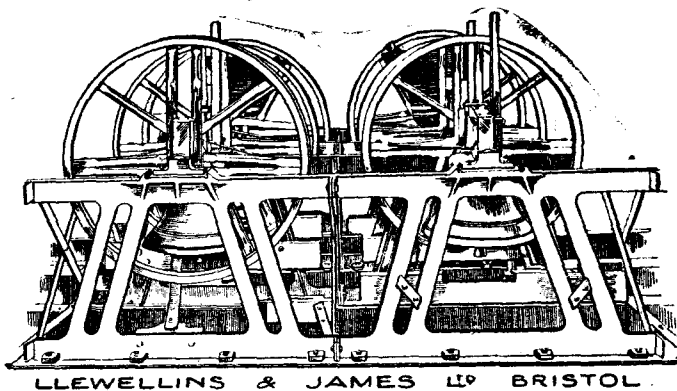
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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

ANNUAL FESTIVAL DINNER.

(Continuation of Report.)

Mr. A. Hughes, in proposing the toast of "The London and the Provincial Ringing Societies," said they were very pleased to see the Vicar of Barking and a host of Barking friends with them that evening, and they appreciated the touch of London Surprise they had just rung on handbells. They all realised what a difficult method London Surprise was, without ringing it double-handed. The Society was better supported that night by London and provincial ringers than he remembered having seen it. There were members from Sheffield, but he could not individualise, because there were many members from all parts of the country—North, South, East and West. He had expected to see Mr. Pitfield Chappell, of Axminster, who had never been to one of their dinners, and who had said he hoped to be present, but a telegram had been received from him wishing the College Youths a very pleasant evening, and regretting he could not attend. Another telegram he would like to read, because it showed that when country members came to London the good feeling of their wives came with them. They had Mr. Beams, of Bridport, with them, and the telegram was from Mrs. Beams. It read:—"Success and good wishes to the Youths from Mrs. Beams." If the good feeling of wives went with them always when they went ringing they would be very comfortable. He was sorry they had not their old friend, Mr. Hattersley, with them that evening. They had prominent ringers with them, including Mr. Daniell and the Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, whom they were very pleased to see. He hoped that the good feeling existing between them that evening was typical of the good feeling that would always exist between the London societies and the provincial societies. "May they always be just as comfortable together as we are here this evening," concluded Mr. Hughes.

Mr. R. A. Daniell, in responding, said it was a great pleasure to him to meet the Youths at the Annual Dinner once more. He thought, however, it was time that Mr. Cockerill let him off responding to that toast. He did not meet ringers as much as he used to do. This was not because of any loss of interest, but because he could not attend the away meetings. He had occupied his time to the best of his ability when in office in some of the Societies, and he had always been received with kindness. The London County Association, with which he had had a good deal to do, and of which he was still a Trustee, is going on steadily and is very prosperous. It is divided into two divisions, which assists the work and the meetings. With regard to the Cumberland Society, the members were doing the best they could; amongst other things they were assisting in the movement for the re-hanging and putting in order of the Shoreditch bells. The concert held at Shoreditch in connection therewith, about three weeks ago, was assisted by handbell ringers. He would like to say a word about his dear old friend, Arthur

Jacobs, who died suddenly and tragically the previous Whit-Monday. Mr. Jacobs, with whom he had had much to do when he was Master of the Cumberlands, was the most loyal and honourable man to have to deal with he ever knew in his life. Mr. Jacobs had to work hard all his life. He was not faddy, and had little sympathy with sentimentalism. His life was too busy to find time for mere sentimentalism, but, continued Mr. Daniell, "show that man a duty, and the last thing he would think of was shirking it. He put his back into it and expected everybody to share that duty with him. He was a man of very high character. We have lost a man who has left a very high character behind him." Continuing, Mr. Daniell said, it is a curious thing that change-ringing in England was possible to-day, owing to some extent, to an accident. England was not mixed up with the Thirty Years' War which covered the time of the Society being founded, and if it had been no one would have had any time to think about bells and ringing. They hoped the War in the East would do no injustice to the Turks, but that at all events the result would be the best for the Christian population, and that this country would not be led into it.

The Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, also responded to the toast. He said: "You must forgive me if I am somewhat overpowered by this assembly, because, as Mr. Hughes remarked, it is the first time I have had the pleasure of being present at this very famous gathering. I am responding for the Provincial Ringing Societies, and I believe that my friend, Mr. Coleridge, has in past years usually responded to this toast. Mr. Coleridge is not the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, but he is its Prime Minister, as I always remind the members of the Guild, yet, I believe the Oxford Diocesan Guild is not the only assembly in which the Prime Minister is not always the Master. I can assure you, gentlemen, it was no sort of coercion on my part that prevented him from taking that office. If you were to ask him he would probably say the reason that he did not take it was that he first of all has too big a parish, and secondly he has not got a motor. Whether he is Prime Minister or whether he is Master, I think you know him well enough and if you do not, you have seen by his most vigorous speech this evening, that it would be impossible for any number of Masters to force him to toe the line. I was looking yesterday at a picture in an illustrated paper of the Motor Show that is being held at Olympia. I saw an advertisement for somebody's tyres that were supposed to come out and rise from one great centre and spread all over the exhibition. It seems to me that it is very like the connection between the Society of College Youths and our Provincial Ringing Societies, that is to say, wherever one goes, all over England, you find men who are members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and who rejoice in their membership, but it is really of those who are members and are not able to be here to-night, that I will ask you to think. There are many who would be with us to-night, and many who would feel very honoured by being here, and would respond to this toast better than I can, many who are doing their duty well, as Mr. Coleridge said

n bringing on and helping on those who are struggling to attain to be proficient in the art of ringing, and as we go about in these provincial societies, we find a great reverence for the London Ringers. The men who ring yearly with the Ancient Society of College Youths, and come up from the country when they are able to do so, and accept invitations to ring peals, but who do not always expect to get a peal (if we did, we should not be true ringers) but we do expect to have the peals rung well and our expectations are usually fulfilled—in my case they have always been. I remember a friend of mine who took part in ringing before I had that privilege, said that the College Youths either rang their bells or let them alone, there is no half and half course. I think that is a very grand ideal, and I would rather commend it to you to-night, if I may be allowed to do so, as an ideal to be preserved and to be kept. May it always be the case when men come up to ring in London that they will know they will get some good ringing. Your situation and ours as provincial societies are rather different. We do not get the chance (I say we, in speaking not so much of myself as of others) of practising on different sorts of bells, or different numbers of bells. We are very often confined to our own tower; but with you, in London, it is very different—you are able to ring various weights and various numbers, and attain proficiency, and we look to you to keep that standard going, so that when we come to London we may really hear 12-bell peal ringing, and take part in it as it ought to be done. Mr. Coleridge has said something about cup competitions. I did not intend to say anything, and I did not know that he had, but what I feel about it is that no amount of competition or anything else would really do what is being done, and what must be done, to get good ringing. That is to say nothing from outside will make men really love good ringing; nothing from outside will make a man, when he is able to ring well, devote those powers to the glory of God and the service of His Church; nothing from outside; it is something which is within us, something which can be developed, and something which we must all seek every day, that it is possible to develop in ourselves in order that we might ring well for the glory of God and the service of His Church.

(To be continued.)

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RE CLAIM TO AUTHORSHIP.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE AND CAMBRIDGE ROYAL COMPOSITION.

SIR,—On behalf of my two colleagues, Messrs. Pitstow and Hattersley, I will reply to the letter by Mr. G. Lindoff, published in your issue of the 16th inst. At the outset of this he emphatically denies that we have the slightest claim to any of his peals of Cambridge or London Royal. Our reply is that we still press our claim to the peals set out in our letter published in "THE BELL NEWS" of the 9th instant as being derived, two of them, from our peals of Superlative, and which have been erroneously given over his name as the author. Mr. Lindoff next writes you that he "obtained these peals in the ordinary way, etc., etc." But by a reference to our letter just mentioned it will be seen we point a way of obtaining these peals by a much easier process. Your correspondent now goes into some speculation which is not worth repeating or wasting paper upon. His next advice is so charming that I give it in full, viz.: "That two portions of their up to the present useless peals can be spliced together by the addition of a bob makes not the slightest difference to me. It is nothing fresh for one bob to dominate a peal." The reply to this elaboration is that this one bob makes all the difference to him, as herein lies the gist of the whole question, as by this statement he gives his own case away entirely; and while there is no time limit for correcting what in Snowdon's time was known as peal snatching, we consider the present very suitable. The following is a case in point of this splicing, viz.: many years ago the late Mr. Henry Johnson, of Birmingham discovered that a a bob "Before" would splice together two portions of Middleton's peal of Cambridge Surprise Major and reduce the composition to that convenient number, 5056, whose peal is this recognised as! Why, Gabriel Lindoff, you ought to know as well as any man that by the unanimous accord of the whole Exercise, this peal is always rang and given over the name of C. Middleton, the author of the original composition, and in the face of such evidence as this, which is advertised almost weekly nowadays, if Mr. Lindoff continues to hang on to his fabulous claim, we ask can plagiarism go further? In reference to our peals being useless, let me say most of them will reduce to a 5056, 6th full extent Home, and by the use of a bob "Before," that mine has so been rang. Mr. Lindoff concludes his letter by telling us he has "some half dozen of such peals, Hands off," etc. This is very interesting. And here I may say on page 117 "Central Council Appendix" there are two 6048 peals of Superlative which for a bob each will produce a first-class 5040 of new Cambridge Royal, 6th full extent H. Now curiously these two, coupled with the four given in our joint letter, also make up just a half dozen such peals. and the inference to be drawn is rather ominous.

Yours truly,

H. DAINS.

47, Richmond Road, Barnsbury, N.

Handbell Peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 19, 1912, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

At the George the Fourth, Brunswick Street, Haggerston,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5021 CHANGES.

Ernest Pye 1-2.	George R. Pye 7-8.
William Pye 3-4.	James Hunt 9-10.
Bertram Prewett ... 5-6.	Alfred W. Grimes ... 11-12.

Composed by George T. Daltry, and Conducted by Wm. Pye.
Umpire—W. J. Nudds. Messrs. White and Powell also heard the greater part of the peal.

IN MEMORIAM.
WILLIAM TAYLOR.

It is with deep regret we announce the death of William Taylor, of Leiston, which sad event took place on Sunday, November 17th. He was in his 79th year, and had been suffering for some considerable time from Bright's disease, so that his death was not unexpected. He was buried on Thursday, the 26th inst., members of the Leiston company acting as bearers. In the evening a muffled peal of Kent Major was rung on St. Margaret's bells, the particulars of which will be found in our peal columns. The deceased some years ago had asked that a muffled peal in this method should be rung at his death, and it was fitting that this should be done on the bells at Leiston, a town in which he had spent the greater part of his life, and in which his ringing interests had been so bound up. His last peal—one of Kent Major—was rung on October 13th, 1906, at Southwold, where he was then living, and marked the 50th anniversary of his marriage. It was a peal by his friend Gabriel Lindoff, and the same composition was rung for the muffled peal on Thursday last. In the Norwich Report for 1906 the following note was added to this "Golden Wedding" peal: "A performance such as this is so rare, if it is not actually unique, that hearty congratulations are due to Mr. Taylor, not only for being able to record fifty years of married life, but also that his health and strength allowed him to stand in a 5000 on such an auspicious anniversary." William Taylor was a quiet, unassuming man, a staunch friend, and without a single enemy. He had known the old minor five at Leiston, and

in 1885 saw the present eight put in by Messrs. Taylor. Ever since that time he had taken a keen interest in the progress of the members of the Leiston Company, and was intensely proud of their successes of recent years. He was a District Secretary of the Norwich Association from 1889 to 1894, and a member of the Committee from 1904. In addition he was a member of the Kent, Ely, and North Lincolnshire Associations, and the Royal Cumberland and Waterloo Societies. His forty-one peals are made up thus: Bob Triples, 1; Grandsire Triples, 3; Bob Major, 8; Oxford Major, 4; Kent Major, 23; Double Norwich, 1; Bob Royal, 1. One of these was a "William" peal, the first of Treble Bob rung by a band all of the same christian name.

We can ill spare men of the stamp of William Taylor, men who by example and precept do untold good in their day and generation, and that, too, away from the glare of the limelight and the blare of the trumpets. May his mantle fall on worthy shoulders!

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, November 24th, for evening service at the Church of St. Giles, Camberwell, on the 69th anniversary of the dedication of the Church, 1239 Stedman Caters, in 49 mins. E. Gibbs, T. H. Taffender (conductor), C. H. Hughes, H. Springall, H. J. Ranzetta, R. W. Sheen, C. R. W. Grimwood, A. Barker, F. J. Hardy, T. Walker. First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters by the ringers of the 3rd, 6th, 7th and 10th.

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ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

The Guildford District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild held festival on Wednesday, Nov. 22nd, and it is pleasing to record a highly successful gathering, from whatever standpoint it is considered. As a matter of course the proceedings commenced with ringing at St. Nicholas' Church, various methods being tried and brought round. Service was held in St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Revs. E. C. Kirwan and C. E. Nuttall, the Master of the Guild (Rev. C. E. Matthews) occupying the pulpit and giving a very appropriate address. The musical portion of the service included a hymn specially written for use by the Winchester Guild.

Subsequently some 80 members gathered in the Assembly Room at the Star Hotel, where tea was partaken of, and the annual business meeting held.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

Col. Hughes, C.B., C.M.G., presided, supported by the Revs. C.E. Matthews (Master of the Guild), C. E. Nuttall (St. Mary's) and G. F. Harding (Shalford), with Messrs. G. Williams (Secretary of the Diocesan Guild), John J. Jones (Secretary of the Guildford District), B. Chorley (Secretary of Holy Trinity Band), J. S. Goldsmith, F. E. Dawe, and several ladies.

In opening the Chairman gave an interesting account of bells he had seen in various parts of the world. The best substitute he had ever seen for a bell was a length of railway metal hung up outside the guard tent at Wady Halfa, on which the sentry used to strike the hours by banging it with a bar of iron. He also announced that the re-dedication of Holy Trinity bells would be performed by the Bishop of Winchester on December 29th.

A number of new members were elected, including Mrs. Pulling and Mrs. Chorley.

Mr. Jones, in his annual report, stated that Godalming had been reorganised, and would soon begin to swell the peal records. Cranleigh was keeping up to its standard but undoubtedly Farnham neighbourhood, and especially Aldershot, had made the most progress during the year. The district had a membership of 41 honorary and 222 ordinary members, a loss of 2 in the former and 38 in the latter category. Towers affiliated with the district numbered 28, an increase of 2. When the accounts were completed there would probably be a balance of £9 or £10 on the right side.

The Ringing Master (Mr. A. H. Pulling) reported that 15 peals on tower bells and 53 on hand bells had been rung by members of the district, while visiting bands had rung two peals of London Surprise, and 35 hand bell peals. Mrs. Whittington had rung her first two peals, and Mr. Edwards had, for the first time in his career, conducted Stedman, and Mr. Mills, of Frensham, at the age of 60 had rung his first peal. Mr. Pulling eulogised the work of Mr. Edwards, who had ably worked up the Farnham neighbourhood.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

This resulted as follows:—Chairman, Mr. C. Willshire; Representatives on the Central Council, Messrs. R. Whittington and C. Edwards (the last named being elected to fill the place of Mr. J. Hunt, who has obtained a position with Messrs. J. Warner & Sons, and will shortly be leaving Guildford); Ringing Master, Mr. A. H. Pulling; Auditor, Mr. W. H. Tunnell (Marrow); Chaplain, Rev. W. W. S. Fleet (Guildford); Secretary, Mr. J. J. Jones (North Street, Guildford).

Cranleigh was decided upon for the February meeting,

Binsted for April, Puttenham for May, Godalming for August, Guildford for the annual meeting in November, and Marrow for the combined practice.

The question of the annual subscription came up for discussion, on the initiative of a member, who averred that 2s. was too much, that plenty of men could not afford to pay that sum, and that several guilds charged only 1s. He did not think they got much for their 2s., while the guild had balances amounting to nearly £100.

Mr. Jones pointed out that members got one tea free, four at half-price, and 2s. 6d. each to help towards their expenses to Winchester. One part of the balances they could not touch, except for bell restoration and similar work; the other was reserved for helping members with their expenses. If they reduced their subscription by half they would be bankrupt next year.

The feeling of the meeting was obviously antagonistic to a change, and the subject dropped.

Mr. Geo. Williams gave a very interesting summary of the early days of peal-ringing by the Guild, and the meeting concluded with some songs, recitations and piano selections.

MEETING OF THE BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT.

A very successful annual meeting of this district was held at Basingstoke on Nov. 23rd. A goodly number of members assembled in the belfry about four o'clock, when the bells were set going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, with a few six-scores thrown in for the benefit of the less advanced. At 5.30 a bright service was held in the church, and at 6.15 no less than 52 good ringers and true assembled for a knife and fork tea provided by Mr. Philpot. Members were there from Basingstoke, Andover, Oakley, Rotherwick, Overton, Dummer, Sherfield, Heckfield (who turned up in force), Bramley and Whitchurch, while several visitors honoured the feast. Dr. Boustead (President of the District) said grace, and then the call was "Go! Basingstoke Delight," a merry Treble Bob method for many chins. As soon as "That is all" came up the Secretary proposed a very hearty vote of congratulation to Misses Alice White and Eva Belcher, for the honourable positions they so fitly hold in the official list of the Ladies Guild. Both ladies were present, and the vote was carried with acclamation.

The business meeting was held in the Chapter Room at the Church Cottage, both that and the Hall for the tea being placed at the disposal of the Guild through the kindness of the President. Letters were read from the Rev. C. E. Matthews and Mr. G. Williams (Master and Secretary respectively of the Diocesan Guild) regretting that they could not be present. The Rev. Dr. Boustead was re-elected President, and the Rev. F. G. Hume (District Secretary), Miss Alice White (Central Representative) and Mr. H. White (Auditor) were asked to continue in office. Subscriptions were given by several of those present to the Ladies Peal Tablet Fund, Miss A. White taking charge of the list. After a few encouraging remarks from the President, and a vote of thanks to him, proposed by Mr. F. E. Dawe, an adjournment was made to the belfry, where some pretty touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Doubles and a plain course of Bob Major filled up the remainder of the evening pleasantly and profitably. Then came the parting, and each member went away satisfied, resolving to carry out in the several belfries the hints on management and the insight into ringing-method gathered at the meeting and practice.

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36245	I	-	2	2
42635	I	-		2
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25346	I	-	2	2
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TAUNTON.—On Sunday evening, November 24th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1245 changes), in 53 mins. J. Routley, C. R. Lilley, S. Wyatt, A. Walker, I. Creed, J. Burge, H. Mockridge, F. Sadd, E. Wyatt, J. Fowler. Composed and conducted by Mr. A. Walker, of Birmingham. Rung on the recovery after a long illness in Taunton Isolation Hospital of the conductor's daughter, Miss Winnie Walker.

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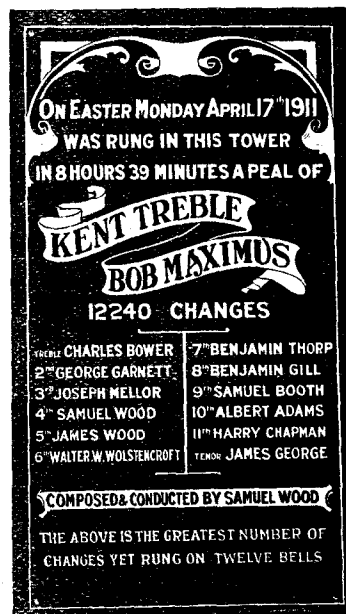
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1912.

THE SURPRISE METHODS.

NEXT week we shall commence a series of articles under this heading, from the pen of Mr. William Snowdon, a past-President of the Yorkshire Association, who is giving in these articles the result of his long experience, extending over a period of some 40 years. There can be no question of the benefit to be derived by ringers, especially the juniors, from a study of these methods written by an author of such mature experience, neither can there be any doubt that Mr. Snowdon's contributions will be read with keen interest and satisfaction by all ringers, particularly by those who make a special study of Surprise methods.

The Metropolis.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 36½ cwt.

JOHN TRUSS	Treble.	JOHN ARMSTRONG	7.
JOHN GOLDSMITH	2.	JOHN SHARMAN	8.
JOHN MATTHEWS	3.	JOHN HESSE	9.
JOHN CHEESMAN	4.	JOHN OXBORROW	10.
JOHN CARTER	5.	JOHN GOLDING	11.
JOHN THOMAS	6.	JOHN NEAL	Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JOHN CHEESMAN.

This is supposed to be the first peal on twelve bells with the ringers all commencing the same name, and was rang at the first attempt.

The Provinces.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt

THOMAS H. COLBURN ..	Treble.	CYRIL F. JOHNSTON ..	5.
DAVID H. WRIGHT ..	2.	ALFRED J. JONES ..	6.
WALTER S. WISE ..	5.	LEONARD TAYLOR ..	7.
WILLIAM A. J. IVES ..	4.	WALTER G. ROWE ..	Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES

Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qrs. 29 lbs. in C. sharp,

JAMES ROUTLEY	Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY ..	6.
HENRY J. CREED	2.	*ISAAC CREED	7.
ALFRED WYATT	3.	JAMES BURGE	8.
SIDNEY WYATT	4.	JOSEPH FOWLER	9.
SAMUEL P. MERSON	5.	EDWARD WYATT	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal of Royal upon the bells and by all the band except the conductor. Rung at the first attempt. First peal of Royal rung in the county by a resident band and by the Association. *50th peal, a list of which appeared in last week's issue.

REDDISH, STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH).

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELISABETH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S TEN-PART

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

MISS EDITH R. BARNES†	Treble.	†HAROLD JACKSON ..	5.
REV. A. T. BREESTON ..	2.	GEORGE D. WARBURTON..	6.
JOHN EDWARD BARNES ..	3.	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	7.
ALFRED BARNES*	4.	JAMES BARNES	Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED BARNES.

†First peal. †First peal in the method. *First peal in the method as conductor. Messrs. W. W. Wolstencroft and James Barnes were elected previous to starting. First peal by the Guild in which a lady has taken part. The best thanks of the band are tendered to Messrs. J. and J. E. Barnes and family, for their kind hospitality at the conclusion of the peal.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD AND THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST STONE	Treble.	THOMAS H. VALLANCE ..	4.
GEOFFREY J. STONELEY ..	2.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ..	5.
WALTER J. HORTON	3.	E. HARRY STONELEY ..	Tenor.

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

First in seven plain methods by the Guild.

GREAT COMBERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Southern Branch.)

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being seven 720s each called differently.

Tenor 8 cwt. 22 lbs. in B flat.

THOMAS SHEPPARD* ..	Treble.	*GEORGE DOLPHIN ..	4.
HARRY COLLEY	2.	JOHN DOLPHIN	5.
JAMES HEMMING	3.	FREDERICK JORDAN ..	Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

*First peal of Minor.

FOR SALE.—230 Handbells, Tables, etc. Made by Mears and Stainbank. For particulars apply KAYE COOKE, 6, Upper Batley Lane, Batley, Yorks.

BRANDON, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt.

FRED A. PAULSON Treble.	PERCY FORDHAM 4.
ALFRED MACRO 4.	WILLIAM STANNARD 5.
FREDERICK SALTER 3.	THOMAS FITZJOHN Tenor.

Conducted by T. FITZJOHN.

CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

North Bucks. Branch.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FRANK BOSWELL Treble.	WILLIAM FREEMAN 4.
JOHN LOVELL 2.	FREDERICK J. MYNARD 5.
HENRY W. GAYTON 3.	CHARLEY W. CLARE Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARE.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720s. Tenor 12 cwt.

HENRY G. KETTLE Treble.	CHARLES FREEMAN 4.
MAJOR HARRIS 2.	FRANK E. PERVIN 5.
WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON 3.	JOSEPH H. WHITE Tenor.

Conducted by J. H. WHITE.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector, the Rev. Archdeacon Bree. The ringers wish to thank Mr and Mrs. Kettle for their hospitality after the peal.

MARDEN, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 16 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT WEAVER Treble.	WILLIAM BULLOCE, JUN... 4.
ERNEST DOWNES 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
ARTHUR DOWNES.. .. 3.	JAMES LEWIS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge, London Treble Bob, College Exercise, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, Burton, City Delight.

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

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE

WROTHAM.—On November 17th, for evening service at St. George's Church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (18 bobs and 2 singles), 6-8 cover, in 26 mins. P. Denn, G. Barham, W. Taylor, F. Ferry, J. Acott, R. Goodbourn (conductor), J. Seal, L. Stanley.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES LEWIS Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT.. .. 4.
ERNEST DOWNES.. .. 2.	*J. K. ARMSTRONG 5.
ARTHUR DOWNES 3.	*HAROLD BARRE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal.

BRISTOL.—THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

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

Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and Conducted by F. G. MAY.

*First peal in the method and on ten bells. Rung on the anniversary of the death of Alderman Whitson.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

BENJAMIN C. DIXON.. .. Treble.	JOSEPH W. PARKER 5.
THOMAS T. GORTON 2.	ERNEST E. FREERY 6.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 3.	REV. C. CAWCOX 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIAR 4.	WILLIAM H. BARBER Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by the REV. C. CAWCOX.

First peal in the method as conductor.

SUTTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BENEILTON,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDWARD BRYANT.. .. Treble.	ALFRED CLAYTON 5.
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT 2.	ROBERT GRIMWOOD 6.
JAMES WIGNELL 3.	JOHN WEBB 7.
GEORGE RAYNER.. .. 4.	JAMES WARWICK.. .. Tenor

Composed by DR. A. B. CARPENTER, and Conducted by JOHN WEBB.
This is the quickest peal on the bells.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Thursday, November 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Holt's TEN-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

CHARLES DAVIS Treble.	JOHN WILLIAMS 5.
FRANCIS WILLIAMS† 2.	GEORGE MITCHISON 6.
WILLIAM COOPER SEN. 3.	CHARLES WILLIAMS 7.
MORRIS J. MORRIS 4.	*CHARLES H. COOK Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLIAMS.

*First Peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Lord Calthorpe, of Perry Hall.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, November 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

SAMUEL PEARCE Treble.	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5.
DANIEL JONES 2.	ALBERT BLONDELL 6.
WALTER GRINSELL 3.	RICHARD DUNN 7.
THOMAS HUGHES 4.	WILLIAM FISHER Tenor.

Composed by HENRY W. WILDS, and Conducted by WM. FISHER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Grinsell, the ringers wishing him the usual good wishes.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lbs.

ISAAC HYLTON* Treble.	FREDERIC ROWLEY 5.
SAMUEL WESLEY 2.	†WILLIAM THORNLEY.. .. 6.
CECIL J. BARKER 3.	*HENRY HARRISON 7.
JOSEPH HALL 4.	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. First peal in the method on the bells and first in the town.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Thursday, November 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

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

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

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late William Taylor.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

LEONARD STILWELL Treble.	BERTHAM PREWETT 5.
REV. C. W. O. JENEYN 2.	FRANK V. H. SINKINS 6.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3.	WILLIAM WELLING 7.
AMEROS W. OSBORNE 4.	JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE Tenor.

Conducted by W. WELLING.

First peal of Stedman as conductor. It is eight years since the ringer of the 6th rang his last peal. The band wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. J. Russell Napier, for his kind hospitality after the peal

STANTON-BY-DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY Treble.	EDWARD C. GOBEY 4.
WILLIAM HALFORD 2.	CECIL J. BAKER 5.
JOSEPH HALL 3.	*WILLIAM THORNLEY Tenor.

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

*First peal in seven methods away from the treble.

HILLINGDON WEST.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

PERCY E. JONES Treble.	ARTHUR HARDING 5.
GEORGE E. HAPBOUR 2.	HENRY H. CHANDLER 6.
GEORGE H. GUTTRIDGE 3.	EDGAR HANCOX 7.
JOSEPH J. PRATT 4.	THOMAS SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN JENNINGS Treble.	JAMES GEORGE 5.
JOHN W. CHANDLER 2.	THOMAS BLOORE 6.
FREDERICK J. COPE 3.	BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM 7.
GEORGE ROBERTS 4.	WILLIAM PARR Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS BLOORE.

This peal was arranged by the Ringing-Master, Mr. James George, to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the formation of the Guild. With his usual encouragement to others he asked Mr. Bloore to conduct the peal.

BATH, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, TWERTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

LINDOFF'S NINE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. Treble.	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 5.
ISAAC B. HOLMYARD 2.	WALTER FARLEY 6.
GEORGE W. TEMPLE 3.	HENRY W. BROWN 7.
THOMAS F. KING 4.	LUTHER P. SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by H. W. BROWN.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN. Treble.	GEORGE HENRY CRAWLEY .. 6.
RICHARD LANGFORD, SEN. .. 2.	*WILLIAM WEATHERBY .. 7.
JAMES HENRY RIDING 3.	GEORGE HARDING 8.
HARRY FURBER 4.	RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN. 9.
ALBERT CRAWLEY 5.	*RICHARD DEAN LANGFORD Tenor.

Composed JOHN ROGERS, and

Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN.

*First peal of Caters. Mr Weatherby hails from Market Drayton, Salop. For figures see Central Council Collection, page 41. This peal was rung to commemorate the first peal rung by local men twenty one years ago, on the old peal of eight, three of the band taking part in this peal, namely, Messrs. Harding, Holding, sen., and Langford, sen.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Sunday, October 13th, for evening service at the Parish Church, 1260 of Oxford Bob Triples. W. Bateman, E. Garbet, W. Henley, J. J. Parker (conductor), H. Batten, J. Elderfield, J. Bovington, W. Clarke. On November 3rd, for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples. F. Bateman, E. Garbet, J. J. Parker (conductor), W. H. Fussell, G. Guttridge, J. Elderfield, G. Basden, W. Bateman.

STOKE, COVENTRY.—THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.*On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 13½ cwt

OSWALD J. HUNT Treble.	WILLIAM T. COX 5.
JOSEPH H. WHITE 2.	CHARLES FREEMAN 6.
WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON .. 3.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 7.
EDWARD H. JOHNSON .. 4.	FRANK E. PREVIN Tenor.

Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

First peal in the method by Messrs. Hunt and Freeman. First in the method with a bob bell by Mr. Johnson. First peal of Stedman ever rung in the city of Coventry by a local band. Rung on the fifth anniversary of the founding of the Warwickshire Guild; also on the second anniversary of Mr. Freeman's wedding.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 360 each of Cambridge Surprise, London Treble Bob, City Delight, Burton, College Exercise, College Pleasure, London Scholars Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York, Violet, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Treble.	ALPHAUS J. BERRY .. 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	*LEONARD LAST 5.
WILLIAM CLOVER* 3.	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor

Conducted by W. ROSE.

*First peal in fourteen Treble Bob methods.

DARFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Oxford, Violet, Duke of York, London Scholars Pleasure, Royston Delight, College Pleasure, and Arnold's Victory.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER WALKER* .. Treble.	ARTHUR PANTHER 4.
FRANK ATKINSON 2.	ARTHUR GILL 5.
WILLIAM WOODCOCK, JUN. 3.	*CHARLIE WALSH Tenor.

Conducted by W. WOODCOCK.

*First peal. Rung at the first attempt. First peal by the Association on the bells. The treble ringer was proposed a member of the Association before starting.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Heywood's Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE H. HEAD Treble.	HENRY MOCKRIDGE 5.
HENRY J. CREED* 2.	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN .. 6.
ARTHUR E. COLES 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY 7.
FREDERICK ILEY* 4.	*ERNEST A. KNIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, also Mr. W. Proles for having all ready.

BARCOMBE (Sussex).—On Friday, November 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes) was rung for practice, at St. Mary's church, in 42 mins., by an entirely local band. L. Verrall, F. J. Martin, Wm. H. Banks, A. E. Anscombe, A. E. Edwards (conductor), J. H. Cox (first quarter-peal).

EATON SOCON, BEDS.**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS IRONS Treble.	SYDNEY J. COLEMAN 4.
GEORGE D. COLEMAN 2.	HEBERT FIELDS 5.
SYDNEY PECK 3.	EDMUND C. CHASTY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE D. COLEMAN.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch).

*On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. GARRAWAY* .. Treble.	WILLIAM WELLING 5.
JOSEPH J. PARKER 2.	WILLIAM HENLEY 6.
GEORGE MARTIN 3.	GEORGE BASDEN 7.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 4.	GEORGE ALLDER Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by G. MARTIN.

*First peal in the method. Mr. Garraway was elected a member of the above Guild previous to starting.

BIDDULPH, STAFFORDSHIRE.**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Killamarsh Surprise, College Exercise, Duke of York, Woodbine and Oxford.

HENRY WHITEHURST .. Treble.	ERNEST TIGWELL 4.
JOHN E. WHELDON 2.	DANIEL PRESTON 5.
CLEMENT POINTON 3.	JONAH COTTRELL Tenor.

Conducted by J. COTTRELL.

First peal as conductor. Messrs. Pointon and Preston hail from Bucknall; Wheeldon from Norton.

SHEEPY MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.**THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.***On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF SURPRISE AND TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, College Bob iv, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob.

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

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Rung on the fifth anniversary of the formation of the Guild.

FRAMPTON (Lincolnshire).—On Wednesday evening, November 20th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. W. Leggott, F. Leggott, H. Taylor (conductor), G. Coleman, F. Taylor, W. Barker.

PUTNEY.—On Sunday, November 24th, for morning service at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 47 mins. H. Whanslaw, A. Jones, W. Honeyball, A. Hubbard, C. Collis, T. Bolton, J. Kent, J. Herbert (conductor).

UPPER-BEEDING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HENRY STALHAM Treble.	RICHARD STREDWICK 5.
ALBERT D. STONE 2.	BERT CHALLEN 6.
GEORGE GATLAND 3.	KEITH HART 7.
JOHN CAPP 4.	TRAYTON JEFFREY Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

BISHOP STORTFORD, HERTS.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

William T. Prior .. Treble.	Frederick Pitstow .. 6.
Alfred E. Pitstow .. 2.	Frederick J. Pitstow .. 7.
Ernest A. Pitstow .. 3.	Henry F. Cooper .. 8.
George Jordan .. 4.	Henry J. Tucker .. 9.
Nathan J. Pitstow .. 5.	Walter T. Parish .. Tenor.

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow, and
Conducted by Frederick Pitstow.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. J. Tucker and Mr. F. Pitstow, the band wishing them the usual compliments.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

William Mills .. Treble.	Christopher Wallater .. 6.
Gilbert Guest .. 2.	John Goodman, Jun. .. 7.
Samuel Spittle .. 3.	Benjamin Gough .. 8.
William Goodman .. 4.	Harry Goodman .. 9.
Herbert Sheppard .. 5.	Benjamin Fullwood .. Tenor.

Composed by the late William Micklewright, and
Conducted by John Goodman, Jun.

This peal was arranged and rang as a birthday compliment to Mr. Wisliam and Mrs. Herbert Sheppard, with the ringers good wishes. Messrs. W. Mills and B. Fullwood belong to Sedgley; B. Gough to Coseley; C. Wallater to Willenhall; and the rest to Dudley Parish Church company.

SELLINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and five 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently.

William H. Lambert .. Treble.	George Fuller .. 4.
Frank Turk .. 2.	Albert Relfe .. 5.
Jim Beach .. 3.	Edwin Lambert .. Tenor.

Conducted by Edwin Lambert.

First peal on the bells, and first on an inside bell by the ringer of the 2nd. The band wish to thank the Vicar for so kindly entertaining them both before and after the peal.

ARDLEIGH (Essex).—On Sunday evening, November 24th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes). A. Bacon, H. T. Pye, E. Merchant, H. Bacon, W. Button, H. Evers, G. Polley, W. J. Schofield (conductor). The ringers of 2, 5 6 and tenor belong to Colchester.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in 3 and 15 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Alphege,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

William Leeson* .. Treble.	Thomas Male .. 6.
William Meeks .. 2.	Stanley Bragg .. 7.
Samuel Bragg .. 3.	Roland Bragg .. 8.
Edward H. Adams .. 4.	John Bragg .. 9.
Rev. C. Carew Cox .. 5.	*Archer Bragg .. Tenor.

Composed by Arthur Knights, and
Conducted by the Rev. C. Carew Cox.

*First peal on ten bells. Rung on the fifth anniversary of the inauguration of the above Guild.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX,
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

Willie Roughton .. Treble.	Frank L. Martin .. 5.
Thomas L. Simmons .. 2.	Hubert Eden .. 9.
Charles N. Leman .. 3.	George N. Price .. 7.
Henry Hodgetts .. 3.	Fredk. W. Brinklow .. Tenor.

Composed by Charles H. Hattersley, and
Conducted by George N. Price.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. George Shipp, a member of the local company, and Miss Ethel Payne. It is the first peal in the method on the bells. The conductor has now rung a peal on each bell in this tower.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 25, 1912, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

Henry J. Tucker* .. Treble.	Arthur B. Wiffen .. 5.
George Jordan .. 2.	Thomas J. Watts .. 6.
Thomas Jordan .. 3.	William T. Prior .. 7.
Walter Prior .. 4.	William Watts .. Tenor.

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow, and
Conducted by William Watts.

*First peal in the method.

MORTLAKE, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 18, 1912, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstan's Four-Part.

Tenor 14 cwt.

George Spencer .. Treble.	John H. B. Hesse .. 5.
Arthur Jones .. 2.	Alfred Jones .. 6.
Joseph Herbert .. 3.	Arthur Harding .. 7.
Bertram Prewett .. 4.	*Thomas H. Bullen .. Tenor.

Conducted by Bertram Prewett.

*First peal. †First peal of Stedman Triples.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM.—On Monday, November 25th, in the belfry of All Saints Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1263 changes), in 43 mins. Miss Elsie L. Bennett, 1-2; Louis Attwater, 3-4; A. F. Shepherd, 5-6; J. W. Driver (conductor), 7-8; F. I. Hairs, 9-10. Ump res: A. W. Darlington and W. J. S. Knights.

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, TAUNTON.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES.

Throughout Sunday week special thanksgiving services were held at the above church, to mark the completion of the essential part of the restoration of the church, which has been carried out within the last ten years. The 8 a.m. celebration of the Holy Communion was taken by the Vicar (Rev. H. T. Dixon, D.D.), and the mid-day celebration by the Bishop of the Diocese (the Right Rev. Dr. Kennion). At 11 o'clock matins was sung by the Rev. F. C. Bellinger; the first lesson was read by Mr. J. G. Loveday, and the second by the Bishop. The epistle was read by the Vicar, and the gospel by the Bishop of Taunton.

The Bishop of Bath and Wells, before delivering his sermon, said he would remind them of the great purpose for which they were giving thanks to Almighty God that day. They were praying and thanking God for all that had been done in the restoration of the building of that

church. He had been learning only that day how some of the very poorest people in the parish had been contributing their pence week by week, and sending the accumulated sums to be given to that good work of caring for the House of God. He prayed that God would grant that in that House of God which they had endeavoured to preserve to His honour and glory, they might never forget that they came there to meet Him, and that coming there they might go forth to lead lives for His glory and praise.

The day's collection, on behalf of the restoration fund, amounted to about £14.

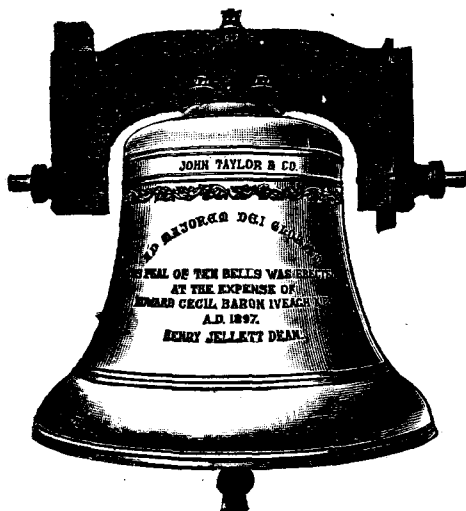
For the early celebration the ringers rang a couple of good touches of Stedman Triples, and for the 11 o'clock service touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples was also rung; and for the evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. T. Doble, Treble, G. H. Vendall, 2; W. Cording, 3; J. Matthews, 4; W. Evans, 5; H. J. Poole, 6; E. E. Burgess (conductor), 7; E. Priddle, Tenor.

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ODDS AND ENDS.

Mr. Geo. Lewis, of The Cross, Ecclesfield, Sheffield, writes:—"With reference to Mr. Trollope's request in your last issue for information regarding the peal of Bob Major rung by the Yorkshire Association, will Mr. Trollope please communicate with me at the above address, or kindly publish his own."

The composer of "Sweet Bob Major," is Mr. Thomas Miller, a member of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham. The song is dedicated to Joshua Short, who rang the tenor and called the 15,360 Bob Major at Aston in 1793. We have to thank Mr. A. Paddon Smith, of 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, for this information.

Mr. G. Bott, of 53, Slade Road, Edgbaston, also replies to the same effect, but neither give Mr. Miller's address or the publisher's name.

Mr. B. Francis, of Church Street, Clare, Suffolk, writes apologising, and thanking Mr. Lewis for pointing out to him the false figures he published.

Messrs. J. B. Joyce and Co., Ltd. Whitchurch, Salom, have received instructions to make a large clock for the tower of the Union Bank of Manchester Buildings, Nelson. It will show time upon four dials, 5ft. diameter, of a special design, filled with opal glass for internal illumination.

Several items of news are unavoidably held over till next week.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of Notices under this heading is Sixpence for 36 words, for the first insertion; repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on December 3rd and 31st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 5th and 19th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 10th and 24th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 10th; all at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings. The subscription of rs. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance is now due, and should be paid before February 28th.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, December 21st. Tower open from 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All members and friends cordially invited. J. CORNFORD, Hon. Sec.

7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.

The Lancashire Association.—The monthly meeting of the Manchester Branch will be held at St. John's Church, Miles Platting, on Saturday, November 30th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7. All ringers welcome. W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Branch Sec.

The Dudley and District Guild.—The quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Coseley, Staffordshire, on Saturday, November 30th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.30, conducted by the Rev. J. A. Rice, Vicar. IMPORTANT NOTICE.—The question of appointing a delegate to the Central Council will be brought forward at this meeting.

66, Himley Road, Dudley. HERBERT SHEPPARD, Hon. Sec.

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, December 7th, at Great Waltham. Bells at 4 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at The Six Bells at 5.45. A conveyance will leave Chelmsford Station at 3.15 p.m., fare rs. return. Members requiring tea, also a seat in the conveyance, kindly notify me not later than December 4th, by first post.

County Offices Chelmsford. HENRY F. COOPER, Dist. Sec.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Newton Longville on Saturday, December 7th. Service at 3.0 p.m.

Bletchley. THOS. BEST, JUN., Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

33, Langham Road, Blackburn. J. WATSON, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bury, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom. J. H. HAYDOCK, Br. Sec.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, December 7th. Service in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m. Tea at Mrs. Young's Reading Rooms at 4.15 p.m. Meeting to follow.

E. E. BURGESS, Sec. Taunton.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association. The annual meeting will be held at Stoke on Saturday, December 7th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Service in church at 7 p.m. Address by the Rector. Will those who intend to be present please notify Mr. S. Churton, 24, Lonsdale Street, Stoke-on-Trent, on or before December 3rd.

J. JOHNSON, Br. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

J. H. BASTOW, Hon. Sec.

13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Chatham on Saturday, December 14th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 o.m.

77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury. EDWARD A. G. ALLEN, Hon. Sec.

Guild for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, December 14th. Ringing at the parish church. Business meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Rzv. H. B. BECKWITH, Hon. Sec. Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

ST. PETER'S (COLCHESTER), BELLS.

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Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have just completed the rehanging of the eight bells at Barnet Parish Church (tenor 24 cwt.) and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on Sunday morning last for the re-opening service. W. D. Smith Treble; W. Baldwin, 2; A. A. Hughes (conductor), 3; J. Thomas, 4; W. Soer, 5; A. F. Milne, 6; A. Hughes, 7; R. Roffe, Tenor. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Papillon. The bells were cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1852, and the work in the present case consisted of rehanging them with new gudgeons and bearings, and strengthening the supporting beams. Everyone spoke in the highest terms of the manner in which the work had been carried out.

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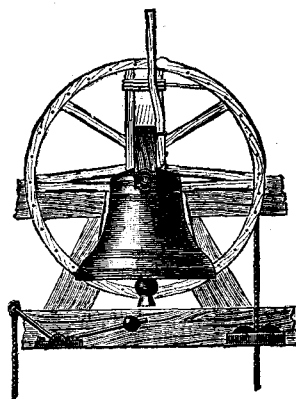
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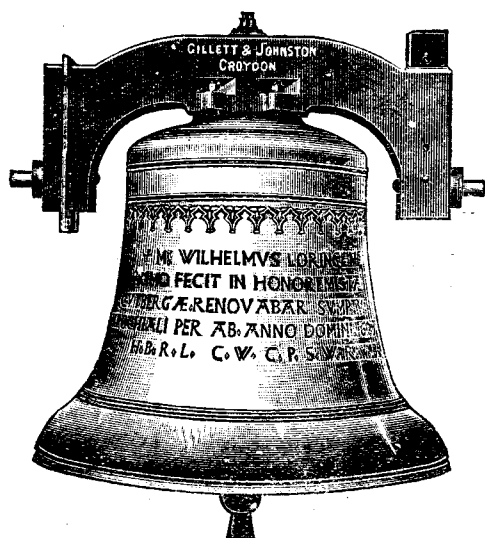
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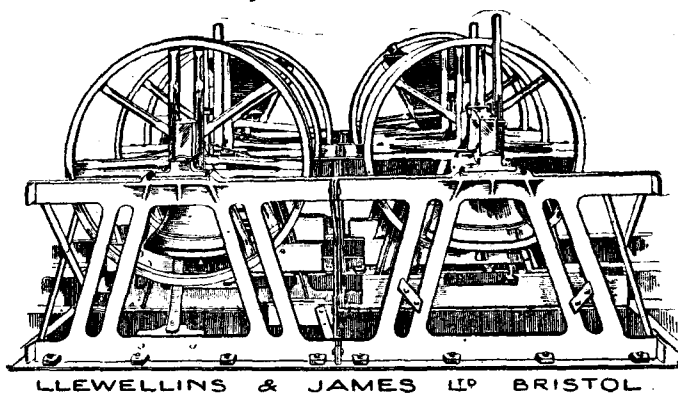
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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

ANNUAL FESTIVAL DINNER.

(Conclusion of Report.)

Mr. Francis E. Dawe (who, through recent indisposition, was not up to his usual form), in proposing "The Visitors," said:—The Committee, in their wisdom, I might almost say their mercy, have very kindly put me last. They have allowed all the good things to be said, and left precious little for me to do. Our eyes have seen and our ears have heard the reasons why we are gathered together. We must not, however, let the opportunity go by without paying honour to the illustrious dead, and we must keep green the memory of those three great men that have passed out of existence this last year—Pettitt, Wood and Cooter. They are our unseen but well-remembered guests. We are told by that great and heaven-inspired man, William Shakespeare, that "the evil men do lives after them; the good is oft interred with their bones." I cannot help thinking that in their case there will be a distinct variation; they did so much good it cannot be forgotten. The year 1912 marks the demise of these three illustrious men. They were, gentlemen, the mainspring, the life and backbone of this Society in days gone by, when we were not so numerous as we are at present.

"Oh, for the touch of a vanished hand,
And the sound of a voice that is still."

The names of these men shine in gold and on marble in every belfry (for miles around) where the art is practised. They were ringing jewels of the very first water, for nothing but the most rigidly accurate would satisfy them, the composition the choicest, and the striking of the highest perfection. These three gentlemen took part in the long peal at Bethnal Green when I was only five years old! Thank Heaven we have still one survivor left. He is with us to-night—my dear old friend, Edwin Horrex. (Applause.) These three men were always ready to assist or advise, and they always gave credit where it was due. All three were truthful, honest and painfully just, especially in money transactions. Can we ask for anything more? I venture to think that with all these qualifications their thoughts were not always earthly, but they looked to the future. It often occurred to me that if the social kaleidoscope could have moved round in such a peculiar manner as to alter the points and allow the talents of such men to have been directed into other channels—for instance, Statesmanship, what a governmental body our dear old Britain would have had to be sure! Mr. Cooter was, in his day, a masterpiece for Stedman's principle. He was an unknown masterpiece, but masterpiece he certainly was, and in his younger days was called the "Glutton for Stedman." Mr. Matthew Wood for many years went by the nickname of "The Lord Chief Justice," because he was such a martinet for correct striking on all occasions. Never again shall we hear the clear, ringing voice of James Pettitt in St. Paul's Cathedral, that voice which I never knew to make a mistake; the voice that called my first peal, 34

years ago; the voice of one who has taken part in many of my finest performances, because nearly all my best have been with the Ancient Society of College Youths. All three men were full of the most interesting anecdotes; they were inexhaustible, in fact. Many years separated their birthday from mine, but that did not matter. We were the greatest possible chums, and they were my guides in my ringing career. Very few of you can appreciate better than I can their genial friendship and their sterling worth in ringing. I have dozens of letters from them, which I have preserved to the present day. It occurred to me when at the funeral of Mr. Pettitt how much nicer if we could have arranged to have laid him to rest in some beautiful little country churchyard; and, above all, when an illustrious ringer passes away from us could we not make arrangements for a Ringing Parson to conduct the last rites. We shall always honour their memories. May kind Heaven bless them, and I am sure you will all re-echo the words we shall hear to-morrow morning, in church, "that finally, after this life, they may attain everlasting joy and felicity." I never heard them speak ill of anyone, and I am perfectly certain that neither of them ever had an enemy. "A soft answer turneth away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger"—so said the wise King of Israel—and if ever a man lived amongst us to carry out that doctrine to the letter, that man was my old friend and adviser, James Compton Pettitt. There are a tremendous number of gentlemen present to-night who are utter strangers to me. I do not know whether they are College Youths; I hear they are from all parts of England. I see Mr. Johnston from Croydon, Mr. Goldsmith from Woking, and Mr. Alfred Pulling from Guildford—the wonderful and gifted man who has called the longest peal that was ever rung on handbells. I have not been provided with a list, nor do I know the names of the visitors, but I propose the toast whether I know them or not; they are friends of ours, friends and ringers. Friends we have been always; friends we meet to-night: friends I am sure we shall always remain till the day when the Great Spirit shall think fit to call us.

The Rev. J. W. Eisdell, M.A., in responding, said that he had been at the dinner a good many times; and each time he had seemed to become less and less a visitor and more and more part and parcel of the party. He went on admiring ringing more and more. When he was older and had retired to a smaller parish it might be his privilege to start ringing again. He had started once and hung fire, as he had not the time to practise. Ringing meant to him very very much. The Society seemed to him to be a wonderful brotherhood. They had all kinds of Guilds and Societies in connection with the Church of England, and perhaps there was no stronger Guild of Church-workers than the ringers. In the nine years he had been Vicar of Barking the ringers had never once failed him. Year by year, at every service at which they were required, they were there doing their work. He was personally very proud of his band of ringers. It was a great honour to him that his ringers rang the longest peal of the year, and another great honour that they had rung the handbell peal

that night. He was proud of the striking and proud of the finish. He was greatly struck by the kind memories and solemn thoughts which had just been awakened in their minds when they realised that the old friends whose names were so familiar to them all, had, so far as their bodies were concerned, gone from them, although they were spiritually in their midst. He was reminded of a talk he had a good many years ago, in Australia, with a very enthusiastic member of the Salvation Army. It was in the days when the Salvation Army bands were not as they are now. They were mostly drum, and that man was the chief drummer. He said, continued Mr. Eisdell, "I hope there will be Salvation drums in Heaven." Well, though there will not be great metal bells in Heaven, there will be perfect order and perfect striking in that celestial realm, where all things will be perfectly in order, and ringers will be called upon to take part in those great chimes, and will know that what they learnt on earth can be carried out in the other world. He did not wish to preach, but only just to recognise that the work done on earth will perhaps be allowed to continue in other realms, and the perfection learnt on earth would be perfected above. He ventured to suggest that any non-ringing visitor present that evening should become members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Mr. A. Hughes, Vice-Chairman, said all present were very proud of the honour of Miss Leny's presence. It gave them very great pleasure indeed to see her after her recent illness, and they heartily welcomed her among them.

An excellent musical programme was arranged and given, including part songs by members of the St. George's Guild Union, under the directorship of Mr. G. H. MacCann; tune-playing on handbells by Messrs. Evinson and Burger (Sheffield); violin solos by Mr. W. J. Daubeney; recitations by Mr. G. R. Boorer; songs by Messrs. R. F. Roberts, A. Phillips, S. Blackmore, C. W. Palmer, Percy Taylor, Frank Coxall and C. Hills; the evening finishing up with "Auld Lang Syne."

The members of the Dinner Committee were Messrs. J. Akehurst, J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, W. T. Cockerill, E. A. Davies, T. Faulkner, G. R. Fardon, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender and C. F. Winney.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.

A meeting of this district was held at Sible Hedingham on Saturday last, members attending from Braintree, Coggeshall, Earls Colne, Gestingthorpe, Halstead, Yeldham and the local company. Tea was provided at the "White Horse" Hotel, the cost being defrayed by a generous lady resident in the parish, to whom the company present tender their sincere thanks. Six new ringing members (all belonging to the local band) were elected. Touches were rung in various methods, including Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford, Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain. It will be remembered that these bells were recently rehung in a new frame by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, provision being made for hanging two trebles to complete the octave. Hopes have been freely expressed that a fund would shortly be started to enable this to be done. The local men are making rapid progress in change-ringing, having already rung several 720s of Bob Minor without outside help.

NEW BELLS AT LONG STANTON.

INTERESTING INSCRIPTIONS.

Service for the dedication of the ring of eight bells, which have recently been completed by the addition of five to the three old ones, and of thanksgiving for the restoration of the tower, were recently held at All Saints' Church, Long Stanton. Holy Communion was celebrated at 7.30 in the morning. At the first evensong in the afternoon, the Rev. W. C. Cook, Rural Dean of North Stowe, performed the dedication ceremony, and the Rev. A. H. F. Boughiey, Vicar of Great St. Mary's Church, and Master of the University Guild, preached the sermon. At the second evensong, in the evening, the preacher was the Rev. Dr. B. W. Randolph, Canon of Ely. The tower was open during the evening, and members of the Ely Diocesan Association availed themselves of the opportunity of ringing the new bells.

Of the three old bells the second has been recast. Their founder, according to an inscription, was Miles Graye, and they were hung in 1665. The new bells were founded by Messrs. J. W. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Mr. Taylor himself came to ring in the dedication ceremony. The weights of the eight bells, which are rather light, are as follows: 1st., 1 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.; 2nd., 2 cwt. 10 lb.; 3rd., 2 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.; 4th., 3 cwt. 24 lb.; 5th., 4 cwt. 20 lb.; 6th., 4 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.; 7th., 6 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.; tenor, 6 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. They are set in an iron frame in place of the previous one of timber. Each of the bells bears an inscription, that on the 5th being particularly interesting. It is in the nature of a chronogram, all those letters which are also Roman numerals being raised, so that by adding up the figures the date 1912 is obtained. The inscription reads:—"CHOR DASCELESTES TERRESTRIIS MVSIICA soLVAT."

This is the work of Prebendary Cecil Deeds, of Chichester. The other inscriptions are: 1st, "Gloria in Excelsis"; 2nd, "In terra pax"; 3rd, "The Lord is King"; 4th, "All His Saints shall praise Him"; 6th, "Recast by J. Warner and Son, 1903"; 7th, Miles Graie fecit, 1637, recast 1712"; tenor, "Miles Graie fecit, 1665."

The tower has been pointed inside; the first floor has been lowered, and another has been put in. The total cost of bells and tower restoration is about £330, of which a large sum remains to be cleared off. The bells are a great addition to the beautiful old Church, which is built in Decorative style, and contains a magnificent monument and many wall tablets to the memory of the now extinct Hatton family, who were once lords of the manor.

The afternoon service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. B. Wooley, and the Rev. D. Peskett, Rector of Long Stanton St. Michael's. The Rev. H. G. Hooton, Vicar of Oakington, read the first lesson, and the Rev. C. H. Crossley, Rector of Willingham, the second. There were also present: the Rev. R. P. Moline (Cottenham); Rev. T. Beckett (Over); Rev. Evelyn Wood (Feu Drayton); and the Rev. H. L. James (Surfleet, Lincolnshire).

The Rev. H. C. Cooke (Rural Dean of North Stowe), having pronounced the sentences and prayers of dedication, the following members of the Cambridge University Guild and Ely Diocesan Guild then opened the bells with a short touch of Grandsire Triples. F. Pitstow, 1; Rev. W. C. Pearson, 2; J. Taylor (Loughborough), 3; T. R. Dennis, 4; Rev. R. H. B. Tyrwhitt Drake, 5; W. B. Kempton, 6; T. F. Parker, 7; T. E. Kempton, 8.

After service touches of Grandsire followed by Stedman,

in which the Vicar took part, and then a touch of Cambridge Surprise. the following taking part: Rev. W. C. Pearson, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, F. Pitstow, Rev. H. L. James, Rev. H. B. Tyrwhitt Drake, A. F. James. F. J. Pitstow, A. G. Rivers.

Further touches of Stedman, Grandsire, and Double Norwich were then rung until the time for second evening at 7 p.m. The key of the bells is in A, and they are a very musical peal, and should prove a great acquisition to the district for peal-ringing.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, who took as his text—"There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification" (I Corinthians xiv 10). These words told them that of all the things that were in the world nothing was voiceless. Some of the voices they heard were those of the world itself, such as the voices of self gratification and self advancement. They must beware how they listened to these. More nearly in unison with Divine harmony were the voices of Nature. They could not go out without seeing the great works of God, and not one of these works was voiceless. He concluded by congratulating and commending them for having got the bells.

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DEATH OF A CHEPSTOW RINGER.

MR. JAMES MORLEY.

It is our melancholy duty to record the death of Mr. James Morley, tower keeper and foreman of the band at the Parish Church, Chepstow. Deceased, who was only 66 years of age, was well known in the district, and though not a great peal ringer, was never so happy as when teaching a young band. His death occurred on Nov. 23rd, and the interment was in Chepstow Cemetery on Nov. 27th. Four ringers acted as bearers. In the evening several touches were rung with the bells muffled, in memory of the departed.

CORRECTIONS.

Two handbell peals have been rung at Bury St. Edmunds in each of which the time has been incorrectly stated. In the first, a peal of Bob Major, rung on Oct. 9th, 1912, the correct time was 2 hrs. 24 min. For the second, a peal of Kent Royal, rung on Oct. 10th, 1912 the correct time was 2 hrs. 54 mins.

A BAND REINSTATED.

The Wisbech band, who, some time ago were locked out of their own tower, have now been re-admitted, and a 720 rung by them is recorded in another column. It is hoped that under their new Ringing Master, Mr. H. Banham, things will go merrily, and great progress will be made.

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THE SURPRISE METHODS.

(Contributed by WILLIAM SNOWDON, Past President of the Yorkshire Association.)

CHAPTER I.

In order to deal effectively with our subject it will be necessary at the very outset to endeavour to discover the details and qualities which characterise a "Surprise" method, as all information connected with the subject has come down to us shrouded in uncertainty.

To set about this systematically we must search for the period when this class of ringing was first introduced; find out all we can of its earliest and best forms; learn how it differed from previous methods; and trace, if we can, the exact evolution that aroused or demanded the new and striking title of "Surprise."

In some such way as this lies the only chance of meeting with success, for it would appear that the investigation can only be conducted by the examination of historical facts, no vestige of a definition having come down to us in this twentieth century. We may for a moment surmise that, as cross-peal methods usually developed from Doubles to Minor, and so on to Triples and Major, there is a great probability that the discovery of early examples will be connected with six bells. Should this prove to be the case, it follows that some specially clever Major methods of quite modern times, such as have been termed Surprise—and as far as complexity and ingenuity are concerned richly deserve the title—will have to be dealt with later.

The earliest date at which we can get into touch with our subject, on the bell ropes, seems to be with the "Rambling Ringers," who flourished about 1733-4, and whose mss. rhymes are preserved in the Guildhall Library, London. These tell us that the Ramblers were the first to ring "Cambridge," which was evidently fashionable with the lively experts of that period as the latest thing in intricate method-ringing. To Laughton, who appears to have been the leading spirit—to say nothing of being the head rhymster—of the Ramblers, as well as being a friend of the celebrated Annable, we are indebted for the following additions to our national poetry:—

"And in the Steeple we rang out
Seven hundred Cambridge without doubt."

This gives us "Cambridge" and bears testimony to our poet-historian's power in rhyme!

"Peals of Triples and College Double,
Oxford, and Court, gave us no trouble.
And add to these Cambridge Surprise."

This proves the "Surprise," and the third line shows how readily our friend could fall into blank verse when so minded!!

"Of Spittlefields again I write,
We met there on Christmas Eve at night,
To ring seven hundred Cambridge on
The six biggest bells, which none had done."

This proves the Minor, with telling local detail, and points to well-directed ambition in paths other than that of the Poet Laureate!!!

About the time of this burst of song Cambridge Surprise was also rung as one of seven Treble Bob Minor methods at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, in 1737, so we appear to have found the period, the name of the first Surprise Method, and the number of the bells involved in its introduction.

Let us turn now to the books likely to help us in finding the figures of a treble-lead. Naturally we take up the 3rd edition of the J. D.: C. M. (London Scholars) Campanalogia, issued in 1733, but alas only to be disappointed, for nothing is to be found therein. As the famous Benjamin Annable was, we know, to have been responsible for his books about this date—see Snowdon's "Grandsire," p. 134—it would appear worth while to search his mss. book in the British Museum, and learn if possible what the Ramblers rang when they rejoiced—in fact somewhat swaggered—over their Cambridge on six.

Here we are in luck's way, for Annable has passed us down Cambridge Surprise Minor, figure for figure as given in "Standard Methods." Moreover he appears to have entered it about the time the Ramblers were busy with it, for a few pages further on we find a date, 1735.

What a pity this book never reached the Press, for, although

we learn much from it, we gather, alas, that entries were being taken to a second book, which has never since been heard of.

Leaving this mss. for the moment, let us glance into the J. D.: C. M. issue of 1753 (which next followed that of 1733) for here we find the first Minor figures of Cambridge that ever appeared in print. They agree with Annable's, and side by side is given a verbal description of the places made, presumably to check any possible mishaps from printer's errors. Nothing of its excellence is mentioned, but its place in the book, at the end of the Minor methods, as the solitary addition to Treble Bob (page 115), is somewhat characteristic, as it suggests that it was the latest novelty even in 1753. The exact verbal description runs thus: "When Treble dodges before the Bells in third, and sixth lyes still, when she moves in second and third places, the Bells in first and fourth lyes still, when she dodges in the middle, the two first Bells lies still, when she moves in fourth's and fifth's places, the Bells in third and sixth's lye still, when she dodges behind, the Bells in first and fourth's lye still, when she lies still behind, the Bell in fifth's lyes still, and when she leads, the Bell in second's lyes still."

A striking feature of all this is the plainly stated fact of the continuous placemaking; not a place here and a place there, but places everywhere, i.e. at every step.

Another important part of this description is, to our mind, that which follows the words: "when she (the treble) lies still behind"; because if a working bell then takes to leading full; or, later, lying behind at the treble's lead; the method will be found falling back into ordinary Treble Bob, such as Oxford and Kent. For let us always remember that when a bell lies behind its first blow there counts as the end of its onward hunt; whilst its second blow is but the commencement of its downward hunt; hence no "place" is actually made, although such a term may be useful for descriptive purposes.

(To be continued.)

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On Sunday, November 10th, 720 Oxford Bob. G. Collins, G. Jones, G. Ambrose, J. Burles, F. Hayes, F. Mitchell (conductor). On Sunday, November 17th, 720 Plain Bob. G. Collins, H. Argent, J. Burles, G. Jones, F. Hayes, F. Mitchell (conductor). First 720 on a bob bell by H. Argent. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Collins, J. Allen, G. Jones, F. Hayes, F. Mitchell (conductor). On Tuesday, November 19th, for practice, touches of London Surprise, Kent, Oxford and Woodbine Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Oxford Bob. G. Collins, J. Burles, H. Argent, G. Ambrose, R. Smith, F. Hayes and F. Mitchell taking part.

OXTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday, October 13th, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Owens, H. S. Brocklebank, J. L. Grant, J. Owens, R. Birchall, J. Evans, H. Martin, S. Mostyn. Conducted by H. Martin. On Sunday, November 24th, 672 Bob Major. C. Owens, J. Owens, R. Birchall, W. Hughes, S. F. Barnes, J. Evans, S. Mostyn, H. Martin (conductor). Longest length in the method as conductor. H. Martin hails from Wolverley, Worcestershire.

STROUD (Gloucestershire).—On Thursday evening, November 21st, on the occasion of the Annual Service of the Stroud and District Federation of the C.E.M.S. at the Parish Church, Stroud, eight members of the Stroud and Painswick branches of the C.E.M.S. rang for the service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. H. Scrivens (conductor), E. Tribe, A. Wright, H. Smith, W. Hale, W. Hastings, E. Paul, W. Ireland.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—On Sunday, November 24th, for morning service at St. Peter's Church, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Crabbe, G. Cross, H. Page (conductor), G. Wines, T. Hamlin, W. Page, J. Cross, T. Page. Longest length in the method by all. And 504 Stedman Triples. H. Page, G. Cross, W. Page, G. Wines, T. Page, T. Hamlin, J. Cross (conductor), S. Weaver. For evening service 630 Erin Triples. H. Page, G. Cross, W. Page, G. Wines, T. Hamlin, T. Page (conductor), J. Cross, S. Weaver. Also 168 Grandsire Triples, standing as before, with H. Crabbe, tenor.

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By JOSEPH .W PARKER.

5024.

23456	M	B	W	H
56234	2		I	
42635	2	-	I	I
54326		-	2	2
54263		-		I
23645	2	-	2	2
45236	2		I	
62534	2	-	I	I
63425		-	2	I
26354		-		2
23564	I	-	2	2

Repeat last five courses. Sixth its extent H.

This peal is an extension of a three-part touch of 4992 changes with 4, 5, 6 only in 6ths place at course-ends.

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LITTLE BOB MAJOR.

By E. BARNETT, Crayford.

5376.

23456	W	M	H
64352	-	-	-
35642	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-
64235	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-

Eleven times repeated. S for B at H in last course of third and ninth parts, and S for B at W in last course of sixth and twelfth parts. 4-5-6 their extent in 6ths.

Reduces to 5072 by calling the first part as follows:—

23456	4ths	W	In	H
64235	-	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-	-

BRISTOL SURPRISE.

By H. DAINS.

5280.

23456	M	W	H
32654	2		2
56234		2	2
52364		I	2
53624		I	2
25346	2	2	2

Twice repeated.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By ERNEST MORRIS, Leicester.

5376 (No. 6.)

23456	I	4	6
53624	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
52643	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-
35642	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
45623	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
25634	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
24653	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-
54632	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-
54236	S	-	-
34652	-	-	-
24356	-	-	-

Repeated.

Contains the 6th its full extent in 4th and 6th place at alternate course-ends.

5040 BOB ROYAL.

By EDWARD MULLINS, Birmingham.

23456	W	M	H
24356			S
63245	-	-	-
24635	-	-	-
62435	-	-	-
46235	-	-	-
23465	-	-	-
42365	-	-	-
34265	-	-	-
26345	-	-	-
32645	-	-	-
64325	-	-	-
53426	-	-	-
45326	-	-	-
32456	-	-	-

Repeated.

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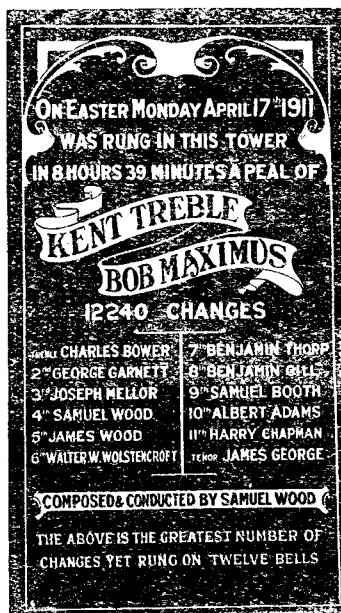
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1912.

THIS week we record a peal of Minor rung by the local band at Milton-next-Gravesend, who have this year apparently made a study of "firsts." Every one of the band, members of the Kent County Association, have, during the year, rung their first peal, with the exception of Mr. Fred Hayes, he being an older and more experienced ringer. They rang the first peal in seven methods on the bells at Milton, this being the first peal of Minor by all with the exception of the above; the first peal of Minor on the bells at Cobham, with the assistance of two local ringers; the first on the bells at Meopham, and this week the first by all being members of the present band attached to the tower. May their success continue!

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 29, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, ISLEWORTH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

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

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and
Conducted by ERNEST R. GLADMAN.

*First peal of Treble Bob away from the treble. Rung by the local band from Heston.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BERMONDSEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS. 5005 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble.	THOMAS KING 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	RUEEN SANDERS 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	BART MITCHELL 8.
ERNEST PYE 4.	JAMES GEORGE 9.
E. MAURICE ATEINS 5.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung on St. Andrew's Day, and as a birthday compliment to J. George.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF OLD CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17½ cwt.

JAMES PARKER Treble.	WILLIAM HEWETT 5.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	*GEORGE CARD 6.
MISS EDITH K. PARKER* .. 3.	ALFRED GRIMES 7.
FRANK HAIRS 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

*First peal of Old Cambridge, and also first on the bells.

The Provinces.

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

S. HAWKINS Treble.	E. W. DABBINETT* 3.
G. H. HEAD 2.	TOM W. CREED 4.
THOS. LLOYD Tenor.	

Conducted by THOS. LLOYD.

*First peal. First peal on the bells.

FIVEHEAD, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

G. DINHAM* Treble.	*EDMUND MOUNTER 4.
WM. TOUT* 2.	TOM POPE 5.
THOS. LLOYD 3.	*G. LENTON Tenor.

Conducted by THOS. LLOYD.

*First peal. First peal on the bells.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB AND GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

G. DINHAM Treble.	A. WHEADON 4.
THOS. LLOYD 2.	G. LOCK 5.
T. W. CREED 3.	W. T. JEANES Tenor.

Conducted by THOS. LLOYD.

First peal on the bells by a local band.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

Northern Branch.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; Groves's Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part, Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM HAND* Treble.	JOSEPH SMITH 5.
FRED BRACE 2.	JOHN BASS 6.
THOMAS HEATHCOCK 3.	ROBERT MATTHEWS 7.
ALFRED DODD 4.	WILLIAM A. PUGH Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

*First peal.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Monday, November 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS TURNER Treble.	FREDERICK DAY 5.
WILLIAM ROSE 2.	GEORGE DAY 6.
WILLIAM CLOVER 3.	ERNEST POPPY 7.
ALPHABUS BERRY 4.	FREDERICK WATLING .. Tenor.

Composed by the Rev. J. H. PILKINGTON, and
Conducted by FREDERICK WATLING.

SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble.	ALFRED W. GRIMES 5.
BERTRAM PREWITT 2.	WILLIAM WELLING 6.
BENJAMIN MORRIS 3.	*GEORGE SPENCER 7.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWITT.

*First peal in the method away from the treble.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, November 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. Treble.	THOMAS H. REEVES 7.
THOMAS J. BRATTON 2.	MORRIS J. MORRIS 8.
GEORGE F. SWANN 3.	ERNEST MANSELL 9.
ALF PADDON SMITH 4.	SAMUEL GROVE 10.
ALBERT WALKER 5.	JOHN NEAL 11.
EDMUND J. HYLAND 6.	WILLIAM DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James George.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE
WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE AND TREBLE BOB MINOR,
5040 CHANGES.In seven methods, viz: London Surprise, Beverley Surprise,
Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars Pleasure,
Kent Treble Bob, and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY HILL Treble.	GEOFFREY J. STONELEY .. 4.
WALTER J. HORTON 2.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 5.
ROBERT C. CLIFFORD .. 3.	E. HARRY STONELEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. O. L. Thompson and Miss E. Cooper, of Stoke Golding, at the above church on the above date.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lb.

JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE, SEN. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 5.
GEORGE H. GUTTRIDGE .. 2.	LEONARD STILWELL .. 6.
FRANK V. H. SINKINS .. 3.	WILLIAM WELLING .. 7.
ARTHUR W. BLAKE 4.	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor.

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 29, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. in E.

DAVID JOYNSON Treble.	JAMES R. GRIFFEN 4.
ALBERT SPARKS 2.	THOMAS A. ROGERS 5.
GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 3.	JOHN GREASLEY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Rung on the first anniversary of the consecration of the Church and dedication of the bells. First peal by all except the conductor, and rung at the first attempt. *Fiftieth peal as conductor. Great credit is due to this band for the progress they have made during the past twelve months. There are as many more attached to this tower that are equally proficient, waiting for an opportunity to ring their first 5040.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s.

Tenor 16 cwt.

W. T. JEANES* Treble.	HENRY J. CREED 4.
TOM W. CREED 2.	*GERALD LOCK 5.
THOS. LLOYD† 3.	ISAAC CREED Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

*First peal of Minor. †First peal of Minor with a bob bell. First peal of Minor on the bells, which have recently been re-hung by Mr. Sully, and go splendidly.

HURST, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Sonning Deanery Branch).

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qrs. 16 lb.

ALBERT PIERCE* Treble.	JOHN RANCE 5.
CHARLES GILES 2.	HARRY BUNGAY 6.
WALTER A. WEBB 3.	ARTHUR W. PIKE 7.
JOSEPH WHITE* 4.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. Tenor.

Composed by ISAAC G. SHADE, and
Conducted by ERNEST C. LAMBERT.

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

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES Tenor 12 cwt. in F. sharp.

JAMES E. GROVES Treble.	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5.
THOMAS RISSAM* 2.	SAMUEL GROVE 6.
FREDK. DICKENS 3.	JAMES L. WELLS 7.
ALF PADDON SMITH 4.	JOHN NEAL Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

*First peal of Cambridge Major.

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FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Ten-Part (No. 27). Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM G. ELKINS* .. Treble.	GEORGE UPSHALL 5.
HUBERT CHAFFRY 2.	EDWARD CLAPSHAW 6.
ALFRED LE CLERCQ 3.	THOMAS UPSHALL 7.
CHARLES EDWARDS 4.	ALFRED R. ELKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

†First peal and first attempt, aged 17. First in the method on the bell's. First in the method by all the band except the conductor. Rung in honour of St. Andrew's Day.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRANK SHEPHERD Treble.	E. HARRY STONELEY 5.
ALBERT P. WAKLEY 2.	HERBERT HURDMAN 6.
WILLIAM J. SMITH 3.	JOHN HOUGH 7.
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON 4.	JOHN H. SWINFELD .. Tenor.

Composed by J. FLEMING, and Conducted by J. HOUGH.

Rung on St. Andrew's Day, and it is the first peal of Oxford Major on the bells and by all the band except the ringers of the 5th and tenor

CHESTERTON, CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, and Plain Bob, and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK BARKER* .. Treble.	ERNEST C. HIBBINS 4.
T. REGINAED DENNIS 2.	WILLIAM D. JAMES 5.
JOHN STALLEY 3.	BASIL D. BUTTRESS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

*First peal in five methods; also on the bells. Rung in honour of St. Andrew's Day.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

H. Wilde's Variation of Thurstan's 4-Part. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES Treble.	BENSON W. MILLARD 5.
CHARLES GREEDY 2.	JAMES PIPPIN 6.
JOHN BUTLER 3.	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 7.
ARTHUR E. MORGAN 4.	JOHN GODDARD Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR E. MORGAN.

First peal in the method for the 5th and 6th ringers.

SUNDERLAND

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, BISHOPWEARMOUTH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOSEPH W. PARKER .. Treble.	WILLIAM SMALLWOOD 5.
MICHAEL F. HARRISON* .. 2.	JOHN PICKERING 6.
WILLIAM A. CAREY 3.	THOMAS W. DITCHBURN .. 7.
JOHN WALKER 4.	ROBERT L. PATTERSON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. PARKER.

†First peal on eight bells. *First peal of Major. *First peal of Major with a bob bell.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE MARTIN .. Treble.	WILLIAM HENLEY 5.
WILLIAM WELLING 2.	JAMES BLAEMOND 6.
HERBERT COX 3.	GEORGE ALDER 7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER 4.	JESSE ELORIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by G. MARTIN.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late George Hanbury, of Blythwood, near Burnham; also for a son of one of the local ringers. The peal was originally arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Alder.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, one of Grandsire Minor, and two of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

GEORGE C. COLLINS .. Treble.	JACK BURLS 4.
GEORGE A. JONES 2.	FREDERICK HAYES 5.
GUY R. AMERSON 3.	FREDK. M. MITCHELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. M. MITCHELL

Rung as a birthday peal to George A. Jones, this being his first peal. Also first peal and first attempt by George Collins.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Halesworth District).

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Being seven 720s. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDK. LAMBERT, JUN.* .. Treble.	JOHN LARTRE 4.
FREDK. C. LAMBERT 2.	JAMES HOWARD 5.
CHARLES MOSS 3.	HERBERT PRATT .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung to celebrate St. Andrew's Day. *First peal of Treble Bob Minor.

WATTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 18 lb.

WILFRED FISHER .. Treble.	HERBERT MASON 4.
EDGAR HUNT 2.	JOHN MURRELL 5.
WILFRED ALLEN 3.	WM. J. ADCOCK .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. J. ADCOCK.

LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, GARSTON,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE WOODHALL .. Treble.	THOMAS MURRAY 5.
THOMAS JENNION 2.	WALTER HUGHES 6.
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3.	EDWIN BREWER 7.
HENRY FYLES 4.	EDWARD CAUNCE .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KIRKMAN, and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, November 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, College Single, Bob Minor, Woodbine, and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720s of Oxford.

EDGAR BAILY Treble.	FRED. FRANCIS 4.
CHARLES BAILY 2.	CHARLES CHENERY 5.
ARTHUR BAILY 3.	GEORGE BAILY Tenor.

Conducted by G. BAILY.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Monday, December 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR DIXON Treble.	CHRISTOPHER WARD 5.
WILLIAM DICKINSON 2.	WALTER WOOD 6.
ARTHUR ANDREWS 3.	JOHN T. HOLMES 7.
HARRY BOWCOCK 4.	ROBERT RICHARDSON Tenor.

Composed by W. ROYLE, and Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late John Hilton, for many years a ringer and chorister at the Church.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 1, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

ALFRED NEWSON Treble.	FRED A. POULSON 5.
ALFRED MACRO 2.	SYDNEY ANNISON 6.
FRED A. SALTER 3.	THOMAS FITZJOHN 7.
PRECY FORDHAM 4.	CHAS. CARTER Tenor.

Composed by BENJAMIN ANNAE, and Conducted by T. FITZJOHN.

This peal was rung for evening service. Also in honour of Queen Alexandra's 68th birthday, and it was also the birthday of the ringer of the 6th.

Handbell Peal.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The St. James's Society, Bury St. Edmunds.)

On Friday, October 22, 1912, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

At the Abbott Anselm Institute.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

In the Kent Variation.

Frederick G. Dewell .. 1-2.	Frank J. Levitt .. 5-6.
Harry A. Turner .. 3-4.	Arthur E. Moore .. 7-8.

Composed by C. H. Hattersley, and Conducted by Arthur E. Moore.

Umpire—W. W. Kemp.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The St. James's Society, Bury St. Edmunds.)

On Sunday, October 24, 1912, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

At the Residence of R. Moore, Cemetery Road.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Walter Radley .. 1-2.	Frederick G. Dewell .. 5-6.
Harry A. Turner .. 3-4.	Frank J. Levitt .. 7-8.

Composed by J. P. Burton, and Conducted by Frank J. Levitt.

Umpire—Arthur E. Moore. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. G. Dewell.

CLAPHAM, LONDON, S.W.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 26, 1912, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.

At 58, Manor Street,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Miss Elsie L. Bennett .. 1-2.	Arthur F. Shepherd .. 5-6.
William Shepherd .. 3-4.	Frank I. Hairs .. 7-8.

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and Conducted by William Shepherd.

Umpire—Mr. John I. Hairs. Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John I. Hairs, parents of the ringer of the tenors. The other members of the band wish to thank them for their many kindnesses after the peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 28, 1912, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At The George the IV. Brunswick Street, Haggerston,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

In the Kent Variation.

George R. Pye .. 1-2.	William Shepherd .. 5-6.
Ernest Pye .. 3-4.	Arthur F. Shepherd .. 7-8.
Alfred W. Grimes .. 9-10.	

Composed by J. Reeves, and Conducted by Alfred W. Grimes.

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FINCHLEY.—On Thursday, November 21st, a date touch of Minor, in 58 mins., being 472 Plain Bob and 720 each of College Single and Oxford Bob. G. Webb, W. H. Tubb, F. S. Tubb, W. Webb, B. Tubb, P. Barker. Composed by C. H. Ross, and conducted by F. Barker.

Miscellaneous.**THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

RUGBY.—On the Eve of St. Andrew's Day, Friday, November 29th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins. G. Watson, jun., R. Watson, H. O. White, A. J. Hessian, J. B. Fenton, J. W. Chandler, J. A. Fenton, W. Malins. Composed by J. George, and conducted by A. J. Hessian.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGH WYCOMBE (Bucks).—On Sunday, December 1st, for evening service, 1257 Stedman Caters, by the local company, in 51 mins. F. Hayes, G. Twitcher, R. Coles, G. F. Williams, E. Markham, S. T. Goodchild, W. Phipps, G. White, A. F. Ashman (conductor), B. Page.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WICKHAMBREAUX (Kent).—On Saturday, November 30th, St. Andrew's Day, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 23 mins. W. Maxted, S. White (conductor), F. Jones, S. Walter, E. Slingsby, H. Smith.

STURRY (Kent).—On Sunday afternoon, December 1st, at St. Nicholas Church, for the Men's Service 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 23 mins. W. Maxted, S. White (conductor), W. Wood, F. Jones, H. Smith, E. Slingsby.

ARKLOW (Ireland).—On Tuesday, November 26th, at St. Saviour's Protestant Church, on the occasion of the marriage of A. O. Hood, kinsman of Lord Hood, to Miss Margery Digby, niece of Lord Lansdown, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins., 7-6-8 covering. C. Bennett, E. Keene, J. Tyrrell, A. Hadley (conductor), S. Forde, C. Evans, R. Prestage, W. Bailey. Also nine 6 scores of Grandsire Doubles. H. Hoyle, 4; A. Hadley (conductor), 5; A. McGowan, 6; the rest standing as before.

FULHAM.—On Sunday morning, December 1st, for Divine Service at All Saints' Church, 120 Grandsire Doubles, followed by a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 50 mins. A. Spittle (Dudley), *W. J. S. Knights, E. A. Arthurton, R. Harvey, *H. G. Owen, A. Cutmore, *A. W. Darlington, *E. H. Cook, W. J. Troughton, J. W. Driver, *G. F. Edwards. Conducted by J. W. Driver. *First quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters.

GREAT WOLFORD (Warwickshire).—On November 27th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Pardington (Longborough), J. H. Keyte (Blockley), F. Davis (Stow-on-the-Wold), E. Pardon (Longborough), F. Bird (Shipston-on-Stour), W. Large (Todenham, conductor). First 720 of Bob Minor on the bells.

HOLLOWAY.—On Sunday, December 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins. H. Rapozetta, C. H. Hughes, A. D. Barker (conductor), H. Hart, J. Cornford, G. Charge, R. W. Green, A. Turner.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday afternoon, December 1st, for Men's Service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes). *J. Crocker, H. R. Stevens, C. S. Bird, T. Beadle, W. New, J. B. Hesse, F. Skiffington (conductor), G. Spencer. *First quarter-peal in the method.

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ENQUIRIES FROM AUSTRALIA.**INFORMATION WANTED.**

A correspondent, Mr. Alfred Parker, writing from Perth, Western Australia, re the peal of Superlative Surprise rung at the Church of St. Michael, Stoke, Coventry, on Sept. 14th, says:—

"Would you be so kind as to enquire if the ringer of the 3rd (W. H. Brunsdon) and the tenor (Adolphus Roberts) were at one time ringers at Heanor; in Derbyshire, and Beeston, Notts, respectively; also if Mr. W. Brunsdon took part in a peal of Stedman Caters at Painswick, Gloucestershire, in the year 1900, which peal was rung at midnight. The ringer of the treble in that peal was Mr. John Garner, who at the present time is instructor at St. George's Cathedral, Perth. Both Mr. Garner and myself have many happy recollections of ringers and ringing in the old country, and it would indeed be a great pleasure to know if the ringers named were those with whom we were associated. We have a band of young ringers here who, before Mr. Garner took them in hand, some eight months ago, had been taught to ring from figures; now, with the little assistance I am able to give him, we are making very satisfactory progress, and hope soon to include some of our performances in your columns."

Our correspondent asks for a reply, which we will gladly publish.

MORE RESTORATIONS IN KENT.**WORK FOR THE BELLFUNDERS.**

The bells of Warehorne Church have been in a bad state, for many years. They were originally a peal of five, cast by John Waylett, in 1721, but the 4th has been lying in one corner of the pit for nearly 20 years, with all the crown broken out, and the third was cracked. A contract has been entered into with Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, who has taken the bells down and sent them to his foundry, where they will be re-cast and fitted with steel headstocks and all modern fittings.

At Sandhurst the 3rd is cracked, and we hear that Mr. Bowell is to do the re-casting, and re-hang the whole ring of five with steel headstocks and modern fittings, and make room for a sixth, which it is hoped will be hung in the near future.

ILKESTON (DERBYSHIRE) PERFORMANCE.

SIR,—Please allow me to congratulate the ringers of the above peal, as recorded on page 505 in your last issue, while I must compliment the composer and conductor on the capital description he gives with the figures, of the composition. If all composers did likewise corrections would be much more simple and more easily explained.

If readers who have the opportunity turn to "THE BELL NEWS" of October 3rd, 1891, they will there find the figures of the 5088 as given by Mr. Gobey last week, (page 501), and if reference is made to "THE BELL NEWS" of January 2nd, 1892, it will be seen that this peal was rung at Ashted in Surrey, conducted by Mr. J. Parker, of Edmonton, composed by myself. The peal in question will also go to 5120 with alternate calling at the first bob "Before," and if alternate calling for each bob "Before" is used we get a first-class peal of Bristol, without a bob "Before," which does not run true to Treble Bob. I hope this claim will not prevent Mr. Gobey from pursuing his studies in composition.—Yours &c.

H. DAINS,

47, Richmond Road, Barnsbury.

IN MEMORIAM. MR. HENRY HOPSON.

It is with great regret we record the death, on November 16th, after a very brief illness, of Mr. Henry Hopson, of Beccles, at the age of 83 years. He was connected all his life with the Beccles company, and its Master for the past thirty years. It was due to his untiring efforts that the fine peal of ten bells were completely restored in 1909. He was also District Secretary to the Norwich Diocesan Association ever since its formation, and was a well-known figure at the District Meetings. The funeral took place on November 20th, and ringers came to pay their last respects from Framlingham, Eye, Diss, Yarmouth, and Bungay, and many kind letters of sympathy were received from Ipswich, Halesworth, Leiston, Pulham, and others. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung at the graveside. H. Reynolds, 1-2; G. Baxter, 3-4; G. E. Symonds, 5-6; H. Ling, 7-8; W. Spaulding, 9-10.

At St. Michael's Church, Beccles, touches of Grandsire

Caters and Bob Royal were rung with the bells muffled, half-muffled, and open after the funeral in memory of the deceased, winding up with the "Ringer's Farewell," after which his age (83) was lollod out.

Other places where ringers marked their respect for the deceased were:—

Bungay (Suffolk).—In token of respect for the late Mr. Hopson, of Beccles, on Wednesday evening last the members of the Bungay company assembled at St. Mary's tower and rang touches of Grandsire Triples upon the bells, which were fully muffled and half-muffled, finishing with the "Ringer's Farewell," after which the deceased's age was rung on the tenor.

Chediston (Suffolk).—On Sunday afternoon last, at St. Mary's Church, with the bells half-muffled, to the memory of the late Mr. H. Hopson, touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire were brought round by the local company, and ringers also attended and took part in the ringing from the following towers in the Halesworth District: Halesworth, Wissett, Rumburgh, and Huntingfield. The late Mr.

Hopson, who was in his 84th year, was a subscriber to the Coronation Bell Fund, and took part in the opening touch on the bells last year at the Dedication Service held by the Bishop of Norwich.

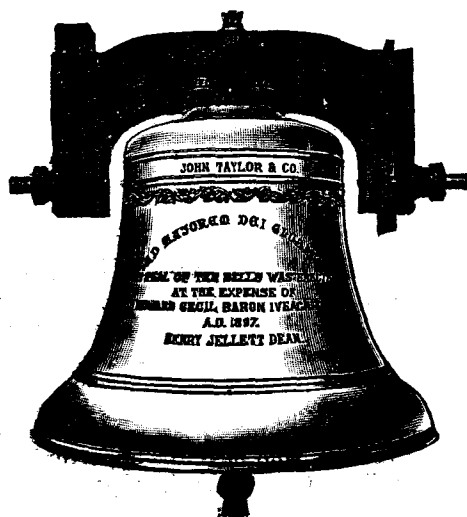
Wissett (Suffolk).—On Wednesday evening and Sunday last, half-muffled touches were rung on the bells of the Parish Church. Several 190s of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung by the following: Miss Garforth, Messrs. W. Kemp, A. Kemp, L. Kemp, A. Head, J. Nunn, F. Smith, H. Pratt, T. Crane, and L. Hammond (conductor).

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ODDS AND ENDS.

The peal rung at Dudley on November 23rd, was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Goodman and Mrs. Herbert Sheppard, with the usual good wishes, not "Mr. William and Mr. Herbert Sheppard" as reported in our last issue.

In a peal rung at Crewe, reported last week, the full name of the ringer of 4th bell is Harry Furber Holding, not "Harry Furber" as printed.

The present address of Mr. Geo. L. Joyce is 96, Upperton Road, New City Road, Plaistow, E.

Miss R. Alice White asks us to note a change of address from 35, Beaconsfield Road, Basingstoke, to 72, Worting Road.

Mr. P. Black, Master of St. Andrew's Guild, Birmingham, writes thanking Messrs. Bott and Smith for information regarding "Sweet Bob Major. Could they further inform us where the music can be obtained.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of Notices under this heading is Sixpence for 36 words, for the first insertion; repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on December 31st; St. Magons, Lower Thames Street, on the 19th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 10th and 24th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 10th; all at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings. The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance is now due, and should be paid before February 28th. **WILLIAM T. COCKFILL, Hon. Sec.**
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—A meeting of the Association will be held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, N.W., on Thursday, December 12th. Tower open at 8 p.m. All ringers welcome. **F. J. HARDY, Hon. Gen. Sec.**
34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, December 21st. Tower open from 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All members and friends cordially invited. **J. CORNFORD, Hon. Sec.**
7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, December 7th, at Great Waltham. Bells at 4 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at The Six Bells at 5.45. A conveyance will leave Chelmsford Station at 3.15 p.m., fare 1s. return. **HENRY F. COOPER, Dist. Sec.**
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The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks. Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Newton Longville on Saturday, December 7th. Service at 3.0 p.m.
Bletchley. THOS. BEST, JUN., Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. **J. WATSON, Branch Sec.**
33, Laugham Road, Blackburn.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bury, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. **J. H. HAYDOCK, Br. Sec.**
31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, December 7th. Service in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m. Tea at Mrs. Young's Reading Rooms at 4.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. **E. E. BURGESS, Sec.**
Taunton.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association. The annual meeting will be held at Stoke on Saturday, December 7th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Service in church at 7 p.m. Address by the Rector. **J. JOHNSON, Br. Sec.**

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome. **J. H. BASTOW, Hon. Sec.**
13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at St. James's, Poole, on Saturday, December 7th. 2.0.—Ringing to commence. 4.15.—Service. Address by the Rector, the Rev. H. Lawrence Phillips. 4.45.—Tea in Schools, followed by Business Meeting. The vestry will be open for handbell ringing from 2.0 to 9.0 (except 3.30-4.15). Lytchett Minster and Sturminster Marshall towers will also be open for ringing. **C. A. PHILLIPS, Hon. Br. Sec.**

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Chatham on Saturday, December 14th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. **77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury. EDWARD A. G. ALLEN, Hon. Sec.**

Guild for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, December 14th.

Ringling at the parish church. Business meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. **Rev. H. B. BACKWITE, Hon. Sec.**

Ridgemonnt, Shrewsbury.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 14th. Bells ready at 4. Tea at 5.30. Meeting at 6. Members intending being present, please send word to **WALTER HUGHES, Sec.**

3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

St. Peter's, Croydon.—The new ring of ten bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Croydon on Saturday, December 21st, at 3.30 p.m. The bells will be open for ringing from 4.30 to 8.30 p.m. Visiting ringers will be welcome. Will those intending to be present kindly notify John Hooke, Esq., 23, Birdhurst Rise, Croydon, not later than Tuesday, December 17th.

All Hallows, Ealing, Tower Hill, E.C.—All applications with regard to ringing at the above tower must be made to the steeple-keeper, Mr. A. Joyce, 12, Anglesea Street, Bethnal Green, N.E.

SOME POINTED QUESTIONS.

SIR,—Before I proceed further with reference to the Cambridge peals, I ask our friends the following questions. 1st—Do they, or one of their number, claim to have invented the system of working the 6th her extent by means of two portions, either equal or unequal? 2nd—Will they kindly tell us whether the two compositions given below, bear any relation to one another?

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Yours, &c.

G. LINDOFF.

AN UNNAMED PEAL.

SIR,—No. 7 in the Surprise Minor Class of Legitimate Methods, now being called Whitley, was published (unnamed) in "THE BELL NEWS" of October 8th, 1904, by H. Dains, with these remarks: "The following is a good old method of the Surprise Class, and perhaps will suit Mr. Story; it does not belong to me." On the 26th of the same month the Leytonstone band rang 720 of it, conducted by William Keeble. This was sent to "THE BELL NEWS" with our annual list of 720s, as an unknown Surprise Method. Perhaps Mr. Dains will be able to throw further light upon it. Otherwise (with all due respect to the Whitley Band), it is just possible that the Leytonstone men were the first to ring 720 of it, and therefore ought to have the honour of naming it.

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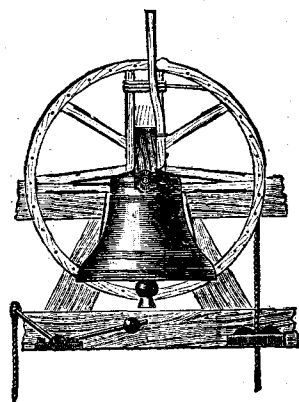
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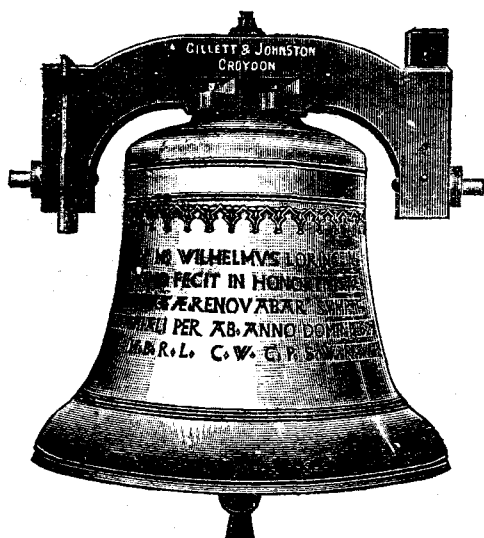
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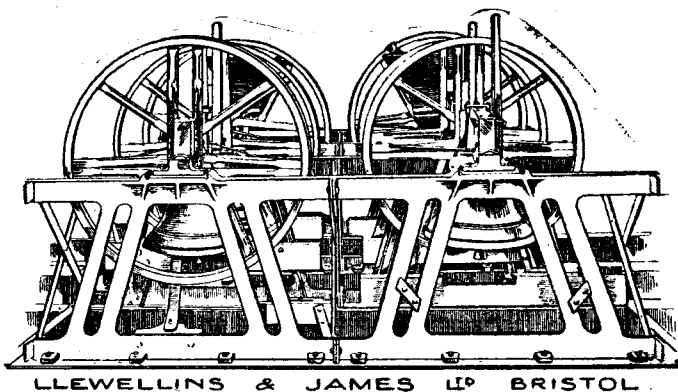
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ST. PAUL'S, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

DEDICATION OF RECAST PEAL OF EIGHT BELLS.

The rededication of the bells at St. Paul's took place on Wednesday, December 4th, the ceremony being performed by the Ven. C. E. Blakeway, Archdeacon of Stafford. The service thus marks the completion of a much desired improvement which has been under consideration since 1886. Application was made in that year to Lord Burton by the ringers of St. Paul's at that time the leading society of eight-bell ringers in the country, backed by a memorial signed by the principal residents in the neighbourhood, and a letter from Sir Arthur Heywood, President of the Central Council. This his lordship considered, but was advised by the late Lord Grimthorpe to have nothing to do with the scheme, which was dropped for a long time. During the vicariate of the second incumbent, the present Bishop of Mashonaland, many alterations and improvements were made in the church, but the subject of the bells had to be left for many years. Happily it was recently thought that the work might possibly be done out of the special Restoration Fund which was to cover the cost of repairs and restoration of bells. The present Vicar, the Rev. J. J. G. Stockley, took up the idea most enthusiastically and the recast is the result of his efforts in favour of the scheme. The old peal, it will be remembered, had a tenor of 26 cwt. in F. a note much too high for the weight of the bell. Now St. Paul's possesses a beautiful tenor bell of 28½ cwt. in D. cast by Messrs. Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

The casting was witnessed in September last by the Vicar, Churchwardens, and other members of the congregation and the bells were brought from Loughborough to Burton by road, creating great enthusiasm among the parishioners as they passed through the streets on lorries.

The new bells have each an inscription taken from the Holy Communion Service, and they are as follows:—Treble, Kyrie Eleison; 2nd Credo in unum Deum; 3rd Sursum Corda, 4th Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus; 5th Benedictus qui venit; 6th Agnus Dei; miserere nobis; 7th Gloria in excelsis Deo; Tenor, Pax Dei. On the tenor are also the names of the Vicar and Churchwardens, with the date of the recasting. The frame has been altered to make room for two more bells, and the old treble pits are at present unoccupied, the present 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th being hung to swing opposite to the others, thus distributing the vibration more evenly.

The service was very largely attended by members of the congregation and visitors. The clergy present included, besides the Archdeacon, the Vicar, the curates, Revs. W. B. Atkinson, P. Rooks, and W. J. Stevens, and Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Hon. Secretary of the Central Council, Rev. and Hon. L. F. Tyrwhitt (Rolleston), Rev. A. Lowe (Rangemore), and Rev. J. Mills, (Burton Grammar School).

After shortened evensong, in which the Rev. C. D. P. Davies read the lesson, the clergy proceeded to the base of the tower, where the bell ropes were hanging from above. The Archdeacon read the special dedicatory prayers and then publicly delivered the bells into the care of the Vicar.

After this the ropes were drawn up into the tower and a few rounds were rung by the St. Paul's band.

The Archdeacon of Stafford delivered an address, in the course of which he pointed out the danger of falling into the Jewish national sin of selfishness. Our Lord's message was, he said, that His Gospel was for all men, for the outcast and unprivileged. The supreme idea was the duty of transmission of privileges, and this thought was manifested in the golden bells on the garment of the High Priest. It was exemplified in the service in which they had taken part. Those bells would tell of the proclamation of the Gospel to all who heard them. They were privileged to worship in that church not only in the beauty of holiness, but also in the holiness of beauty, and therefore, they had great responsibilities. Those bells spoke of the wider message to be carried outside, and the call to everyone to the worship of fellowship within.

The special hymn, "Lifted safe within the Steeple" was then sung, and a collection was made for the refitting of the belfry. Immediately after the Archdeacon's blessing the bells struck off into the first course of Stedman Triples, rung by the local band. Then a picked band of honorary members of St. Paul's Society, founded in 1876, rang a touch of Stedman Triples standing as follows, J. Jagers, Treble, Sir Arthur Heywood, (conductor) 2nd, S. Reeves 3rd, J. Carter 4, J. W. Taylor 5, Rev. C. D. P. Davies 6, R. Cartwright 7, J. Groves Tenor. This was followed by a short touch of Double Norwich. A reception was afterwards held at St. Paul's Institute, where there were present, Sir Arthur Heywood, President of the Central Council, and Miss Heywood, Rev. C. D. P. Davies. Mr. J. W. Taylor, Vice President of M. C. A. and Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. William Wakley, the Visiting Clergy, Messrs. R. Cartwright, C. H. Hattersley J. Carter, S. Reeves, J. Jagers, E. Willis, W. J. Smith, A. Wakley, R. G. Stone, (Members of the St. Paul's Society), J. E. Grove, (Master of St. Martin's Guild (Birmingham), J. J. Jackson (Master of the Rutland County Association), the local Ringers, Dr. Plant (Organist) and the Choir.

Apologies were received from the Dowager Lady Burton, Rev. H. B. Freeman, R. D. (Vicar of Burton), Rev. T. A. Lewis (Horninglow) Messrs. W. E. White, (Hon. Sec. of the M. C. A.), W. W. Worthington, N. J. Pitstow, C. Hounslow, G. P. Burton, H. Dafns, J. Austin, J. W. Washbrook and L. Bullock.

The Vicar extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, especially mentioning Sir Arthur Heywood, who had taken a great interest in St. Paul's bells for so many years. They were very pleased to have Mr. Taylor, the bellfounder, with them, and also the Archdeacon of Stafford. Now that the work of recasting the bells was completed he trusted that all who knew anything about bells would be satisfied, as also those who do not. He was especially indebted to Mr. W. C. Wakley and Mr. Stone who had given him much assistance in every way.

Later in the evening more ringing was done on the bells, including touches of Stedman Tripples, Superlative, Duffield, and Double Norwich Major. The visitors and all who heard the bells were delighted with the beautiful tone, and the "go" leaves nothing to be desired.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the South-Eastern District of this Association was held at Great Waltham on Saturday, December 7th. The bells the heaviest ring of eight in the county were raised soon after 4 p.m. ringing merrily on till 5 at which hour a short service was held conducted by the Vicar the Rev. A. C. Nanson, assisted by the Rev. J. H. Barrow, (Chelmsford) who gave an instructive address based on the words *Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord, (Colossians 3. 17)*. Tea was served at the Six Bells 29 members sitting down, representing the Towers of Baddow, Boreham, Braintree, Bocking, Chelmsford, Coggeshall, Felstead, Fryerning, Gt. Totham, Writtle and Gt. Waltham. At the business meeting the Rev. J. H. Barrow in the chair, C. H. Howard (Vice-Chair) the minutes of the Stanford-le-hope meeting were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

BUSINESS MEETING.

Mr. Edwards as master and Mr. Cooper as secretary were both unanimously reelected for the ensuing year, both officers briefly thanking the members. One ringer from Boreham and six of the local company were elected members. Gt. Baddow was re-elected for the next meeting place.

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Secretary of the Association, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. A. C. Nanson for conducting the service and was sorry he was not able to join them at the tea and meeting; to the Rev. J. H. Barrow for the part he had taken, also for his services as carver at the tea and chairman of the meeting, Mr. Howard seconded.

The Rev. Barrow replying assured those present when asked by Mr. Cooper to come to Waltham he felt he could not refuse, and it gave him great pleasure to say a few words to a body of ringers and join in the social and business part of the gathering.

Mr. Lincoln proposed a vote of thanks to the organist and choir boys who led the singing at the service, this was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Davis the local steeplekeeper also came in for a vote of thanks for having the bells ready. This gentleman thanked the members and hoped with the able assistance of Mr. Edwards his newly elected members would be able to go through a complete peal. During the afternoon and evening touches were rung on the tower and handbells in the methods of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, and Double Norwich.

BELL RESTORATION.

RE-OPENING CEREMONY AT CLYST HYDON.

The inhabitants of Clyst Hydon have had restored to them the music of the bells for their parish church. For nigh upon six months the peal was silent. The oaken woodwork upon which the bells depended for their support was found some time ago to be decayed and unstable. The consequence was that the heavier bells lost their equilibrium and "went" badly. The woodwork was patched up, and the bells made to go again fairly well for a short time. But the main supports were soon found to be fast losing their former strength, and when examined by Messrs. Harry Stokes and Son, of Woodbury, showed that

new material was necessary if the bells were to be rung with any degree of safety to themselves or to those who handled them. Their verdict was not unexpected. Then that ever present spectre—money—had to be harnessed. Of determination there was plenty.

The Rector, the Rev. Charles Sherwin, on June 25th, called a meeting to explain the situation. It was realised what had to be done—and eventually it was done. Just over £100 was gathered together in a short space of time. The work was got under weigh, and completed just over a week ago. The old woodwork was cleared out and the bells rehung in a new oak frame, with new beams and noor. The upstairs ringing chamber was dispensed with, its place occupied by rope guides, and arrangements were made for the ringers to perform their office on the ground floor. The draught or length of rope between the ringers and the bells was, of course, thereby necessitated, but ample compensation was provided by the greater room, better lighting, and more convenient fall of the ropes to make the circle more regular. This latter was a very desirable alteration, because the ringer of the third, in the old order of things, frequently knocked his elbows or hands against the wall of the tower, so awkward was the disposition of the ropes. The "go" of the bells was declared by all who tried them at the re-opening to be excellent, and Messrs. Stokes were congratulated upon the success of their work. The Rector furnished the timber for the undertaking, and Mr. Harris very kindly supplied labour connected therewith, for sawing, etc.

DESCRIPTION OF THE BELLS.

The peal numbers six. The tenor weighs 11 cwr. bears the date of 1616, and the name of Byrdan as founder. The fourth (1670) and second (1715) are the castings of Pennington, the third (1715) and fifth (1788) are the productions of Bilbie. of Cullompton, while the treble (1890) is by Messrs. Llewellyns and James. Curiously, none of the bells bears any inscription, beyond the names of churchwardens, the initials of the founders and dates. A perusal of an old churchwarden's account book shows that in 1713, £11 was "paid to Mr. Pennington, of Exeter, for re-casting little bell." No mention occurs in the book of the 1715 bell, and it is assumed that it was a gift or obtained by voluntary subscription. There is an entry of a bell being cast in 1782, but there is no bell bearing that date now in the tower. The probability is that the 1782 bell got damaged in some way or other, and was recast in 1788. The entry regarding the bell reads thus: "New bell, addition of metal, £28 ros. 4d." There is another item, occurring in 1781 "paid Mr. Searle for hanging the bell, £21 5s. 6d. The conclusion is that the hanging and the casting of the new bell mentioned in 1789, represent one and the same operation. In 1552 Clyst Hydon was returned in an inventory made throughout the country, as having four bells. From various records it appears that a fashion for enlarging peals was developed at about the beginning of the 18th century, and that many old bells were recast, made smaller in size, as well as lighter in weight, and that the surplus metal was used for increasing the number.

OTHER DEFECTS.

The work of rehangng the bells revealed other defects. It was discovered that a new roof for the tower was essential, and that the lead covering would have to be renewed. It is estimated that £50 will be required to do this. It has also been decided to replace the lower window at the west end of the church by a door, furnished by Mr. Harris from the old oak bell cage. The

partition, screen, and door, now shutting off the ringing chamber from the body of the church are to be taken down when sufficient money has been collected, and the tower arch restored. These improvements will add materially to the good condition and appearance of the church.

THE OPENING.

The opening of the new belfry and rededication of the bells took place on Saturday. During the day the bells were rung merrily by members of various bands, including Payhembury, Talaton, Ottery St. Mary, Clvet St. Lawrence, and Plymtree, and a party of members of the Devonshire Guild from Exeter. Luncheon was kindly provided in the Rectory Hall by Mr. and Mrs. Sherwin. The chair was occupied by the former, who was supported by the Archdeacon of Exeter (the Ven. F. A. Sanders), the Revs. C. L. James (Vicar of Payhembury), and R. Jenkins (Rector of Talaton), Mr. Francis Fitzherbert, and Dr. Relton.

The Rev. C. L. James thanked Mr. and Mrs. Sherwin on behalf of the visitors for the kindness they had shown. This was endorsed by the hearty cheers of the company. Mr. Sherwin briefly returned thanks. It was, he said, a great pleasure to his wife and himself to welcome the ringers as their guests. Their thanks were also due to the ladies who had presided over the tables. (Applause.)

The company then adjourned to the church for service, which was intoned by the Rector, while the lesson was read by the Rector of Plymtree (the Rev. E. H. Hay). The hymns sung were those usually used. The Psalms were xcvi., cxvii., cxviii. The Collects were of a special character. The offertory was devoted towards the bell frame fund.

UNDESIRABLE CUSTOM DEAD.

The preacher was the Archdeacon, who in the course of his sermon alluded to the old custom of anointing and baptising bells, and giving them names. It was a very good thing the custom had died out. In the days of Pope Gregory orders were

given that the churches should be provided with bells to call people together. They must go back for the inauguration of bells in Britain to the time of the Venerable Bede, who went to Italy and brought back a bell which he had hung in his monastery at Wearmouth. In 753 an order was given that all churches should be provided with bells. Peals of bells were introduced shortly after. The first peal of bells of which anything was known was at Croyland Abbey. Exeter and Canterbury Cathedrals were provided with peals soon after. The peal at Canterbury required 65 men to manipulate the bells.

AN INTERESTING PRESENTATION.

After the service the Archdeacon proceeded to the belfry, where he rang a few rounds, and later paid a visit to the bell chamber, and expressed his satisfaction with the work done. The party from Exeter, comprising Messrs. F. J. Davey, W. H. Webber, W. Vickery, J. Lock, A. Monkley, and G. Betts, rang some touches of Grandsire and Stedman and Bob Minor.

Tea was subsequently provided at the schoolroom, where opportunity was taken to present Mr. Thomas Pook, the captain of the local band, with a silver tea service, in appreciation of his services. With the exception of twice, Mr. Pook has not missed ringing on a Sunday for over 20 years. Messrs. Depree and Young, of Exeter, supplied the tea service.

The successful completion of this work adds one more to the many contracts Messrs Stokes & Son have satisfactorily carried out.

In the peal of Treble Bob, rung at Ilkeston on Nov. 21st., reported last week, the names of the ringers of treble and 3rd were given as F. Hyllton and C. J. Barker. They should be I. Hufton and C. J. Baker.

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YE CHRONICLES OF LOUGHBOROUGH
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A YULETIDE APPRECIATION.

Christmas is a festival of the English Church which all Christians revere for its chronological connection with the birth of Christ. With joy bells, hospitality, and kindly associations it is apropos to bridge the chasm which divides the classes, and to bring bellfounders and bellringers into fraternal communication. Church spire music in splendid exultant peals is a main factor in this. It causes the sad heart to rejoice and deletes mental ennui, disease, and morbid fancies, imparting love of home, loyalty to Church and State, and reconciles the people to their ordinary industrial mundane existence. Of course there is a material difference between the maker of bells and the bellringer. One is the creator of the mammoth musical instrument, and the last-named the user. Even in the latter class we have professional campanologists and amateurs of the "Exercise." Of course a splendid Art is Change-ringing, and a much valued science. The Rev. O. W. Owen, M.A., the learned Rector of St. Cuthbert's, Allendale, Northumberland, in a letter dated from the Rectory on this subject, says:—

"Bell-ringing is certainly a skilled Art, how much so none can realise until they find themselves at the end of a bell rope for the first time, and threatened with being hauled up to the ceiling at any moment. Experience instils a wholesome respect for bells and ringers. I am in the novice state of pleasurable excitement whenever I make the attempt."

Of the most eminent and leviathan bell foundries in the Universe is the Loughborough Foundry, in the county of Leicester, and this establishment we have chosen as the subject of a brief sketch, a link between campanologists and casters of bells. So successful have been the Loughborough Foundries of Messieurs John Taylor and Co. in the industrial art of bell founding, that prosperity has radiated from that centre and given its influence to the entire area. From a miniature hamlet, as it was in 1840, when Mr. Robert Taylor installed his works there, it has grown into an opulent centre of trade containing 22,992 of a population, and received a charter of incorporation in 1888. It is situate midway between the cities of Leicester and Nottingham, but identified mostly with the former, in the Vale of the Quorn. The bell foundry is, however, more a national, even universal, institution, than a local establishment, as it trades with every country in the world almost. The art and commerce of building bells in the county of Leicester dates back to the opening of the 14th century.

Inter alia it is relevant to state that this was in the reign of Edward III. (House of Plantagenet) a monarch of knightly and militant character, but learned in the civilized arts and of progressive views. The times and the manners were anti-artistic, but when the King married Princess Philippa of Hainault he became imbued with desires to improve the civilization of his Kingdom, and campanology shared, no doubt, in the new condition of English communities.

The Loughborough Foundry traces its connection back to Johannes de Stafford, bell founder, who carried on his business first at York and afterwards at Leicester, of which latter town he was Mayor in the years 1366 and 1370. His successors were:—William Miller, Thomas Newcombe, Robert Newcombe I, Thomas Newcombe II, Edward

Newcombe, Robert Newcombe II, Robert Newcombe III, Francis Watts, Hugh Watts I, Hugh Watts, II, John Eayre, Thomas Eayre, Joseph Eayre, Edward Arnold, Robert Taylor (circa 1780-1832), John Taylor (1832-1858), John William Taylor I (1858-1906), John William Taylor and Edmund Denison Taylor (1906). The last two are yet proprietors.

Mr. John William Taylor, forbear of the present regime, was the most fortunate in having the honour of casting the largest bell produced in England. In his term of office "Great Paul" was successfully launched and installed, amidst triumphant rejoicings, in the tower of St. Paul's Cathedral, London. This trophy (which weighs 16 tons 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lb.) will for long and honourably perpetuate his name in the annals of his art. The present proprietors are Messieurs John William Taylor and E. Denison Taylor, descendants of the old stock, who have both been educated and trained at the Loughborough Foundry, almost wholly under the tutelage and observation of their experienced father, and the leading members of the staff.

The firm has ever had the kindly recommendations of the nobility and clergy, whose written testimonials are published in handbook form. Lord Grimthorpe (formerly Mr. Denison), Dr. Gauntlet, Dr. Pole, Mr. Starmer, and other eminent experts have certified to the efficiency of their casting, mechanical accuracy, and splendid tuning. A remark was once courteously uttered, "that if the bell at the House of Parliament—'B.B.'—had been a Loughborough product, its chime would have had a musical cadence instead of the tone of a funeral knell." The giant was in trouble again this week, and it is to the credit of Loughborough that it is NOT one of the productions of that Foundry.

Of course having every auxiliary at their command and the knowledge and ability to maintain the Loughborough establishment at the highest standard of equipment, no possible discrepancy or flaw can mar their bell services. Formerly the works were merely a minimised edition of the present. The buildings, although not tall structures, cover a wide area, and consist of timber stores; yard; shed; girder stores; bell foundries No. 1 and 2; joinery shop; turning and fitting shops No. 1 and 2; offices in two sections; handbell foundry, metal furnaces, general stores; sandblast; smithy; commodious erecting shops, No. 1 and 2; tuning room; carillon tower; motor house, residence, etc.

Near each point of entrance and exit abutting on Freehold Street, are the respective railway stations of the Great Central and Midland Companies. Loughborough is merely a stretch of 110 miles from the Metropolis, and Londoners often run down by various routes and methods to see Messieurs Taylors' wonderful works, which they patronise whenever requiring these adjuncts of civilization and religion.

If space allowed we should delight in revealing, through the Press, the details of the colossal trade in bells alone of the Loughborough foundry. They produce every description used in the universe. In British Churches, Cathedrals, Municipalities, etc., a wise committee placing contracts have many points of business to take into consideration. Errors in casting bells frequently arise, as do mistakes in hanging and fixing. In these times of sensational political and industrial fiascoes these details are often "rushed." The quality is a test of cheapness, and whatever the price the "best" is the most economical in the end.

Moreover senile decay is a factor in collapse. At Manchester in 1792, March 2nd, the bells crashed through the roof while ringing a joyous peal. To repair all was a great expense, and senile decay of fittings was the cause. At Liverpool on a Sunday forenoon, February 11th, 1810, the spire of St. Nicholas's fell, and 22 persons were crushed to death. In view of the new Cathedral at the present (1912) being built—the bell tower being a future addendum—it is an important consideration. The collapsing spire had been erected in 1750, having been 60 years in use. No expense should be spared in securing the *crème de la crème* of every needful safeguard in the new Liverpool belfry. Visitors of all grades on giving authenticated references, and proving their *locus standi* in connection with the realm of bells and ringing, may be shown through the Loughborough Foundry.

W. HAMPSON,

Private Journalist.

THE SURPRISE METHODS.

(Contributed by WILLIAM SNOWDON, Past President of the Yorkshire Association.)

CHAPTER I. (Continued.)

Reverting to Annable's mss. a further examination seems to tell us, without any doubt we think, that Annable himself was not only the compiler of London Surprise, but also that of York. Our foundation for this is the following: Under the methods in the mss. which have undoubtedly come down from Stedman's time, is to be found the letter "S"; Westminster Bob has "D" under it, meaning, we think, the D of J. D.: C. M.; Laughton's Pleasure (our friend the poet) has "L" under it; but, alas, when we come to Cambridge it bears no mark in any way, a curious, noteworthy, and unfortunate fact, for if Annable could not—or would not—trace the Author, who is likely to do so today? Finally, both London and York have "A" beneath them, intimating we take it that the Annable thus modestly claimed them. We think it only fair to Mr. Henry Dains, of the Cumberland Youths, to say that he first directed our attention to these markings. London and York will be found in "Standard Methods" exactly as left to us in these mss. An interesting point about London is that it first gives us wrong-handed places in a Surprise method, and yet, notwithstanding this, its tenors always turn up 5-6 at the backstroke in all twenty-four cases; as, be it carefully noted, do also those of Cambridge and York. Again, in all three cases the lead-ends are those of Plain Bob; as the full set of 5-6 at back would suggest—if they did not actually demand. In some correspondence with Mr. N. J. Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, long before we knew that Annable had produced it, he told us that in his opinion York was the prince of Minor Surprises, and certainly it will stand a careful scrutiny.

For the purpose of continuing our analysis let us now ask ourselves whether a method full of mere places, after the manner of Cambridge, London, or York, and possessed also of Plain Bob lead-ends, constitutes itself a Surprise.

Let us examine this very carefully. Stedman, in 1677, gave us College Bob V, a Treble Bob method absolutely full of places, that is as full as Cambridge; a glaring fault, however, being its lead-ends, which were irregular, and not those of Plain Bob. But in the first issue of the J. D.: C. M. book these lead-ends were corrected, and the name given to it was "Westminster Bob." The exact figures of this arrangement are those given in the Snowdon books. Annable, be it noted, reproduced the method in his ms., again dubbing it "Bob," and he certainly knew something of Surprises if anyone did.

It would therefore appear that a Surprise method is NOT based on MERE PLACES, and that something more is wanted. It therefore behoves us to find out what additional qualities are wanted, supposing them to be traceable.

In Stedman's time places were very popular, we must remember, possibly because they were something akin to the prior "walked" changes, which system might be termed "place-making gone mad." Again, they loved long-dodges, as in College Bob IV. a proceeding for which no Surprise method can find opportunity, as they only lead to stagnation. "Stagnation Bob" has been applied, quite seriously, to such methods as Westminster Bob,

and it may prove helpful to grasp what it means, by way of helping us in our quest.

Turn to Westminster Bob, and note how the second bell, after being left behind by the treble, continues to dodge behind with the fourth (in the plain course) until the treble is again close at hand—This is "stagnation at the back." Again, in the same method, when the second returns to its work in front it performs a duet with the solitary bell it finds there, (practically entering upon a mongrel "slow-duty"); this also is stagnation—"stagnation in front." Again, if we notice the progress of a bell in this same method, from front to back, it will be found to spread itself over two-and-a-half leads, whilst the other half of the plain course is taken up by the same bell in regaining its original position in front. This is the result of Westminster Bob's general stagnation, viz., a bell in the plain-course makes two paths across—one outward and one inward—and so, at last, reaches its starting point again. This is the sort of effect that "full places" in Stedman's time invariably produced, and this should be carefully noticed.

Now turn to Oxford Treble Bob with its limited number of places, and you will find it giving six paths across in the plain course, and in Kent as many as ten will fall to each bell. Now these are free movements, absolutely without stagnation anywhere, and we cannot help asking ourselves whether, bearing in mind the effect of the "full places" in such a method as Westminster Bob, we can look for freedom from stagnation in Surprise Methods.

The answer is given by Cambridge Surprise, which, like Oxford, gives us six paths across; and again by London, which provides eight; and once again by York which again gives us eight. This entire absence of stagnation is very striking.

But stagnation could, and did, take many forms in the early methods and one was the mode of allowing a bell to monopolise the 3-4 position through a whole lead, and this was, of course, doubly objectionable when the bell happened to be kept there for another lead by a bob.

For an example of this class of stagnation, we are selecting a highly interesting Treble Bob Minor Method called Primrose, which first appeared in the 1702 edition of the J. D.: C. M. Campanalogia. It is quite an extraordinary method, but it has two great blemishes—first its stagnation in 3-4, and the other its failure to produce correct lead-ends; it nevertheless lived through all the editions of the J. D.: C. M. books; and Annable meanwhile found a place for it in his mss. It is particularly conspicuous by having no stagnation at the front or at the back, the work in both these positions being quite up to the complex standard of a Surprise method, and therefore quite unlike the long-dodging conceits of Stedman's time, to which latter it cannot possibly have belonged. As this fine old method

PRIMROSE.

1 2 3 4 5 6

2 1 4 3 6 5

1 2 4 6 3 5

2 1 6 4 5 3

2 6 1 4 3 5

6 2 4 1 5 3

6 2 1 4 3 5

2 6 4 1 5 3

6 2 4 5 1 3

2 6 5 4 3 1

2 5 6 4 1 3

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3 5 4 1 2 6

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5 1 3 4 2 6

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5 1 4 6 3 2

1 5 6 4 2 3

1 6 5 2 4 3

of its day requires study, its figures are annexed, as it can no longer appear as orthodox in any self-respecting text-book of modern times. Now note the curious effect of this stagnation in the middle, for it makes all the paths across (eight in number) in the plain course into "quick runs."

Let us now review our position, and put a question to ourselves—We have arrived at a method having its front and back work worthy of a Surprise peal, and stagnant only in the middle. Suppose we could remove the stagnation in 3-4, and bring up correct lead-ends without, of course destroying any of the place-making—would not this bring us nearer our quest of a non-stagnant and intricate peal. The answer is "yes," for it has already been done; done in the days of, or before, the famous Annable! For, either a master mind like his, or else someone, previously, without knowing quite as much but having the happy knack of doing the right thing and trusting to Providence, came along and solved us the problem. For he, whoever he was, merely altered the third's place, with the treble behind, to fifth's, and, at the lead-end, brought the bell from the usual Treble Bob position behind to second's place, and the result was the first of the Surprise family, namely, CAMBRIDGE!!!

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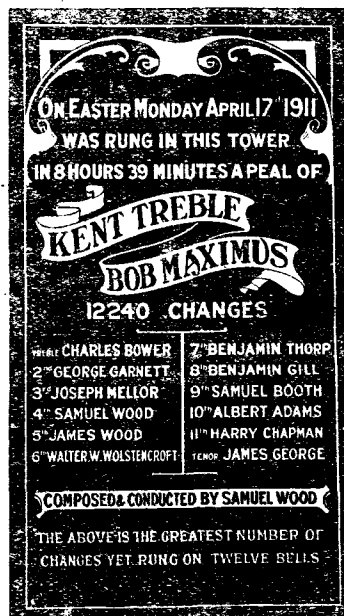
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1912.

CHRISTMAS falling, as it does this year, in the middle of the week, necessitates special arrangements in order to ensure our readers receiving their copies at the proper time. So far as we are concerned this will be done; but much depends on our correspondents. If these will help us by despatching reports of peals rung so as to reach us by Monday morning the rest will be plain sailing. We make this request early to make sure that correspondents will know our wishes in time to prevent their overlooking the fact, which is likely to be the case in the final rush, that we must necessarily go to press earlier in Christmas week or readers will be disappointed.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 31 cwt. in D.

EDWIN GIBBS Treble.	HENRY SPRINGALL 6.
THOMAS LANGDON 2.	WILLIAM H. PASMORE 7.
WILLIAM TRUSS 3.	EMANUEL HALL 8.
SAMUEL E. JOYCE 4.	HERBERT LANGDON 9.
JAMES SCHOLES 5.	ALFRED B. PECK Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by H. SPRINGALL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Hall, the band wishing him many happy returns.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM, SOUTH HACKNEY, E.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PARS. Tenor 20 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES Treble.	FREDERICK J. HARDY 5.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2.	ROBERT W. GREEN 6.
HENRY C. ALFORD 3.	ARTHUR D. BARBER 7.
HENRY T. GOWLETT 4.	JOSEPH BARRY Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARE, S.E.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 50 cwt. 0 qrs. 26 lbs.

BERTRAM PREWETT Treble.	*REUBEN SANDERS 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	†WILLIAM J. NUDDS 8.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	ERNEST PYE 9.
WALTER S. WISE 4.	FRANCIS E. DAWH 10.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5.	WILLIAM PYE 11.
ALFRED W. GRIMES 6.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

*First peal of Maximus. †200th peal. First on twelve bells as conductor. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Association, and to Mr. Cheesman, father of the ringer of the 5th, on attaining his 87th birthday, who sat in the tower during the peal, and entertained the band to a meat tea afterwards, which was greatly appreciated.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. Treble.	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON .. 5.
ALFRED W. GRIMES 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT 6.
E. MAURICE ATKINS 3.	JOHN E. MILLER 7.
J. ARMSTRONG 4.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and

Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

First peal of Cambridge as conductor.

The Provinces.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Hull, Bourne, Beverley, Wells, London, Durham, and York. Tenor 20 cwt.

CLARENCE GOOCH Treble.	FREDERICK MANSEY 4.
GEO. SNELLING 2.	JOHN SNELLING 5.
BERTIE TURNER 3.	FREDK. SEAGER Tenor.

Conducted by F. MANSEY.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch).

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM HAND Treble.	JOSEPH SMITH 5.
FRED BEACE 2.	JOHN BASS 6.
THOMAS HEATHCOCK 3.	ROBERT MATTHEWS 7.
ALFRED DODD 4.	WILLIAM A. PUGH Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

*First peal.

TUNSTALL (Staffs).—At Christ Church, on Tuesday, December 3rd, for practice, three courses of [Superlative Surprise Major, On Sunday, December 8th, for Divine Service in the evening, 672 Superlative Surprise. F. Smith, G. A. Smith (conductor), J. Darlington, J. Godber, J. W. Washbrook, jun., W. R. Washbrook, A. Clay, W. Thompson.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE WHITING Treble.	DAVID LEGGETT 5.
WILLIAM WERDEN 2.	GEORGE AELIOT 6.
SIDNEY W. PILGRIM 3.	ERNEST E. LANHAM 7.
WALTER WHITING 4.	WM. T. LAST Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by G. WHITING.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS, FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

SIDNEY MAOBY Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5.
HENRY W. WILKES 2.	ALLEN R. MACDONALD 6.
JOHN S. RUMMING 3.	GEORGE PRESTON 7.
CHARLES H. RUSSELL 4.	LEONARD HARRIS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch).

On Sunday, November 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES E. PERRINS .. Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 4.
WILLIAM SHILVOCK 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
JOHN BASS 3.	HARRY MARTIN Tenor.

Conducted by H. MARTIN.

First peal on the bells. This is the quarterly peal so R. Matthews' 200th peal. al

PRESTWICH, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 3056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN T. BOTTRILL .. Treble.	ROBERT DAVIES 5.
FRANK BARLOW 2.	HARRY CHAPMAN 6.
WALTER BULLOUGH 3.	HERBERT BERRY 7.
HARRY ECKHESALL 4.	ROBERT H. BENT Tenor.

Composed by JOHN R. PITCHARD, and Conducted by HERBERT BERRY.

First peal by the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th, and tenor. First peal of Major on the bells. *Aged 15 years. †Members of the C.E.M.S.

NETLEY ABBEY, HAMPSHIRE

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HENRY W. WILKES .. Treble.	ELI WATERS 5.
ALAN R. MACDONALD 2.	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH .. 6.
FREDERICK PHILLIPS 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
CHARLES FORBITT 4.	OWEN H. GILES Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The ringers of 3, 4, 5 and 6 hail from St. Peter's, Bournemouth.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Sunday, December 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS .. Treble.	GEORGE HOWCHIN 5.
WILLIAM A. HEMPEL 2.	FRANK COPEMAN 6.
ALBERT G. WARNES 3.	FRED. J. HOWCHIN 7.
FREDK. MIDDLETON 4.	BEN S. THOMPSON Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

Rung in honour of the birthdays of Queen Alexandra and Fredk. Middleton.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DONSTAN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 21½ cwt.

FREDERICK PANKHURST .. Treble.	JOHN THURLOW 4.
WILLIAM G. PAINE 2.	ARTHUR GEOMBRIDGE .. 5.
WILLIAM J. BAGLEY 3.	ARTHUR R. MILES Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR R. MILES.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor. ‡First peal on an inside bell. Rung in honour of the induction of the new Vicar (the Rev. Cecil folliott Eliot), which took place on the previous evening at 7 p m.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Hull, Primrose, Annable' London, Bourne, Cambridge, Netterseale and Norwich. Tenor 20 cwt.

CLARENCE GOOCH .. Treble.	*ALBERT W. BROWN 4.
FREDERICK SEAGER 2.	GEORGE SNELLING 5.
BERTIE F. TURNER 3.	JOHN SNELLING Tenor.

Conducted by B. F. TURNER.

*First 5040 of Surprise Minor. †Fiftieth peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNRY TOWERS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JAMES PAGETT .. Treble.	HORACE F. E. STUBBS .. 5.
ERNEST LESLIE 2.	*WILLIAM TEIGG 6.
HARRY WHITTLE 3.	JOHN OLDHAM 7.
WILLIAM SMITH 4.	*WILLIAM THORLEY Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

†80th peal. *Hails from Stanford-on-Ar. †From Derby. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Phyllis Elizabeth Whittle, daughter of the 3rd ringer.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.)

On Wednesday, December 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRED HAYES .. Treble.	ROBERT H. YOUNG 3.
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 2.	JOHN EVANS 6.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3.	RICHARD BUCKLAND 7.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 4.	JOHN C. TROSS Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD BUCKLAND.

First peal in the method as conductor.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lbs. in G.

OWEN H. GILES Treble.	WILLIAM ROWE, SEN. .. 5.
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS .. 2.	CHARLES J. FRAY .. 6.
ALAN R. MACDOHALD .. 3.	WILLIAM H. GWOGE .. 7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. 4.	WILLIAM T. TUOKEB .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by W. T. TUCKER.

First peal of Major by the ringers of the treble, and the conductor's 100th peal. Rung on the eve of the Patron Saint, St. Nicolas.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HALEY'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH J. ALLEN Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. 5.
RICHARD DARLOW .. 2.	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. 6.
WALTER S. INWOOD .. 3.	WILLIAM SEELEY .. 7.
FRANCIS A. SMITH .. 4.	WILLIAM HEWITT .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SEELEY.

First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. A. Smith.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	CHARLES BAKER .. 5.
ERNEST WHITING .. 2.	EDWIN WHITING .. 6.
WILLIAM ROOPE .. 3.	CHARLES ROOPE .. 7.
JOHN HERROD .. 4.	FREDERICK ROOPE .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

*First peal.

EASTWOOD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Heywood's Variation of Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

HENRY FLETCHER .. Treble.	*PERCY J. POLLARD .. 5.
JOSEPH HALL .. 2.	*FREDERIC ROWLEY .. 6.
ISAAC HUTTON .. 3.	EDWARD C. GOBEY .. 7.
ALLAN HICETON .. 4.	*JOHN E. HOBBS .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

*First peal of Stedman.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE .. Treble.	GEORGE ADAMS .. 5.
WILLIAM C. HART .. 2.	PHILIP ALLFREY .. 6.
RICHARD STEDWICK .. 3.	KEITH HART .. 7.
JOHN CAPP .. 4.	WILLIAM JENNER .. Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

EDGAR SMITH .. Treble.	ALBERT LITTLE .. 5.
HERBERT KNIGHT .. 2.	BENJAMIN GOUGH .. 6.
GEORGE HUGHES .. 3.	WILLIAM FISHER .. 7.
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 4.	SAMUEL BAKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

JOHN J. MAWBY .. Treble.	WALTER PERKINS .. 5.
JAMES GARRATT .. 2.	WALTER J. GERMAN .. 6.
JAMES T. WARD .. 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON .. 7.
J. HUBERT HOEN .. 4.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

BARROWBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Southern Branch.)

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being two 720s each of Single Court and Oxford Bob, and three 720s of 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.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

Western Branch.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM NIBLETT .. Treble.	WILLIAM RANFORD .. 5.
JOHN MORRIS .. 2.	CHARLES CAMM .. 6.
FREDERICK STANTON .. 3.	EDGAR MANNING .. 7.
WILLIAM PAGE .. 4.	†ROBERT G. KNOWLES .. Tenor.

Composed by E. HORGWOOD, and Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

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

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

ALFRED J. SARGENT .. Treble.	JOHN O'NEILL .. 5.
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT .. 2.	JOHN LARTER .. 6.
WALTER E. AYERS .. 3.	HARRY BARTON .. 7.
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON .. 4.	EDWIN GOODWIN .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

Messrs. Larter and Nanton are attached to the Wrentham company; Messrs. Lambert and O'Neill to Halesworth; the rest are members of the local company.

STANDON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 17 cwt.

NATHAN PATMOSE Treble.	ARTHUR PHILLIPS 4.
FRED WILLIAMS 2.	ARTHUR WOOLSTON 5.
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. 3.	BARNARD PATMORE Tenor.

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH B. FENTON Treble.	FRED WILFORD 5.
FREDK. H. DEXTER 2.	JOSEPH A. FENTON 6.
CHARLES H. FOWLER 3.	ALFRED J. HESSIAN 7.
HARRY O. WHITE 4.	JOHN W. CHANDLER Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by JOSEPH B. FENTON.

*First peal in the method. First Surprise peal on the bells. The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking the local ringers for their kindness in entertaining them to dinner after the peal.

HORTON, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch).

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR. 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER P. CROSS Treble.	GEORGE H. GUTTRIDGE .. 4.
WILLIAM HENLEY 2.	THOMAS E. GLEANVILLE .. 5.
LEONARD STILWELL 3.	WILLIAM WELLING Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

Rang as a birthday compliment to the treble man.

FROYLE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

First peal upon the bells.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dr. A. B. Carpenter's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.

FRANK M. BUTLER Treble.	JOHN LUCKEY 5.
NATHAN J. PITSTOW 2.	THOMAS J. WATTS 6.
HENRY J. TUCKER 3.	WILLIAM WATTS 7.
WILLIAM T. PRIOR 4.	THOMAS JORDAN Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK M. BUTLER.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

ST. JOHN THE DIVINE GUILD, KENNINGTON.

KENNINGTON.—On Sunday, December 8th, for Divine Service at the Church of St. John the Divine, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 41 mins. H. Opber, A. Walton, H. J. Walton, T. W. Wyatt, A. S. Miller, Arch. T. Miller, G. W. Wild (conductor), T. W. Wellbourne. This is the quickest quarter-peal on the bells.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHESHUNT (Herts).—On Sunday, November 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Simmons, G. Andrews, W. G. Darlington, H. Cornwell, H. G. Rowe (conductor), C. Dilley, G. Maxim, D. Tucker. On Sunday, December 1st, the last 742 of Holt's Original. D. Tucker, G. Andrews, H. G. Rowe (conductor), H. Cornwell, F. Jelf, C. Dilley, G. Maxim, R. Smith. On Thursday, December 5th, for practice, several courses of Stedman Doubles. G. Thurgood, G. Maxim, H. G. Rowe, H. Cornwell, F. Jelf, H. Prior, D. Tucker, H. Simmons. On Sunday, December 8th, for morning service, 616. H. Cornwell, G. Andrews, A. W. Darlington (Fulham), F. Jelf, G. Maxim, C. Dilley, H. G. Rowe (conductor), D. Tucker. On handbells several courses of Grandsire Triples. W. G. Darlington, 1-2; F. Jelf, 3-4; H. G. Rowe, 5-6; G. Maxim, 7-8.

HERTFORD.—On Sunday, December 1st, for evening service at St. Andrew's Church, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Dore, G. Gray, H. J. Gray, H. C. Ingle, V. Neale (conductor), W. Newnham, J. Ladley, R. Rayment. On Sunday, December 8th, for service, 720 Grandsire Minor, 7-8 covering. H. F. Akers, R. Dore, G. Gray, H. J. Gray, V. Neale (conductor), A. E. Creasey, A. H. Akers, A. E. Akers. First 720 of Minor by all the band.

FINCHLEY.—On Sunday, December 8th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 25 mins. G. Webb, W. H. Tubb, W. Webb, F. Tubb, B. Tubb, F. Barker (conductor).

LONDON.—On Sunday, December 8th, for evening service at the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, Southwark, 1193 Stedman Cinques, in 37 mins. H. Springall, T. H. Taffender (composer and conductor), L. Attwatter, R. French, C. H. Hughes, A. D. Barker, C. S. Burden, R. W. Green, F. J. Hardy, T. Langdon, H. Langdon, J. Walker.

SOUTHWOLD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, December 1st, for evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples. F. Osborne, A. J. Sargent, W. E. Ayers, J. Gillings, E. Goodwin, J. Larter, H. Barton (conductor), G. Blowers.

WISBECH.—On Sunday, December 8th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Piggins, S. Andrews, T. Haines, H. Banham, G. Piggins, R. Narborough (conductor).

WEST EALING.—On Sunday, December 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. *J. Crocker, G. Spencer, W. Lawrence, E. Hancox, A. Harding, H. H. Chandler, J. J. Pratt (conductor). E. Brown. *First quarter-peal in the method.

PULHAM MARKET (Norfolk).—On Sunday, December 8th, for morning service, 168 Stedman Triples and 448 Superlative Surprise. F. Roope, E. Whiting, C. Baker, C. Roope, E. Whiting, W. Roope, F. Borrett, J. Allen. For evening service 720 Double Norwich and a course of Grandsire. F. Roope, E. Whiting, A. Smith, C. Baker, W. Roope, F. Snrridge, F. Borrett, C. Roope.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL PRACTICE AND INSTRUCTION MEETING.

The first Meeting to encourage the Art of Change-ringing held by the Northern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Change-ringers took place on Saturday, 7th December. Though many were prevented from getting to the meeting by reason of the North-Eastern Railway strike, there was a large gathering, and it was gratifying to see ringers from as far away as Darlington supporting the meeting by their presence.

A company of twenty-four were entertained to tea at Gosforth by C. L. Routledge Esq., President of the Association, and they were afterwards joined in the belfry of All Saints Church, Gosforth, (eight bells tenor 22½ cwt.) by others. During the evening much valuable instruction was given to learners, and between whiles several touches of Bob Major, Stedman, and Double Norwich were successfully brought round. St. George's, Jesmond (eight bells, tenor, 18½ cwt.), some converts to chameringing were made, and several scored their first really good touches. The afternoon was all too short for the work to be done, the attendance being large but everyone had a shot at something, and some nice Stedman was scored at intervals before leaving for Gosforth.

Letters of regret at absence were read from; Rev. E. Williams, Bamburgh, (in which he made the gratifying announcement that the two new bells would shortly be placed in the Bamburgh tower), the Rev. W. H. Ainger, (Gosforth), Messrs. C. O. Sayers, (Sunderland), and Jas. Baxter, (Darlington). An expression of regret came from Canon Boot, (St. Georges), who was unexpectedly prevented from coming, as also was Mr. T. T. Gofton, Vice President of the Northern District.

Ringling in the towers being over for the day, at 8.45 p.m. the company adjourned to the Parish Hall, where round a good fire, with a cup of coffee and a smoke, they enjoyed a programme of music provided by Dr. Paige, Churchwarden of All Saints, and Messrs. Crawford, A. Gofton, Routledge, Payne, Story, Gibson and Falconer, and others. The stories with which Dr. Paige entertained the company during the interval were full of delightful humour, and a vote of thanks was heartily accorded him for playing the accompaniments during the evening. The meeting concluded with Auld Lang Syne, and the National Anthem.

Votes of thanks were also accorded to the Vicar and Churchwardens of All Saints, Gosforth for the use of the bells and Parish Hall; and the Vicar and Churchwardens of St. Georges, Jesmond, for the use of the bells; to Mr. C. L. Routledge for providing tea; to the ringers of both churches, particularly Messrs. Crawford, Richardson and Bird, for having things in readiness; to Mr. Falconer for making the general arrangements.

A Committee Meeting was held during the evening, at which it was provisionally decided to hold the next Northern District combined practice in January, at towers to be named later, on the evenings of Wednesday 8th. prox, and Saturday 25th. prox.

NORTH AUSTON SHEFFIELD.

The Change Ringers at Auston, have been honoured with several visits from Miss D. Steel of Bedford and she has succeeded in ringing the following methods for the first time, viz:—Kent, Woodbine, London Scholars Pleasure, College Bob iv, College Exercise, and Kingston.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the above branch was held on Saturday, December 7th. at St. Mark's Glodwick. The bells were opened for ringing at 3.30 p.m. and kept going till the business meeting started at 7 o'clock. Mr. William Crabtree presided. One new member was elected and Whitworth Parish Church was selected for the next meeting. Members were present from the following towers: Glodwick, Oldham Parish, Moorside, Middleton, Balderstone, St. Albans, Todmorden Parish, Todmorden Unitarians. The bells were kept going till 9 o'clock in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major.

NEW CHIMES FOR CANADA.

FROM THE SPITALFIELDS FOUNDRY.

Mr. Robert Warner, who has just returned from Canada after a journey of over nine thousand miles, informs us that Messrs. John Warner & Sons of the Spitalfields Foundry, London, have been entrusted with the work of installing a chime of 13 bells for Fredericton Cathedral, New Brunswick, Canada. The chime will cost £2,000 which is based upon a 40 cwt. tenor, and the total weight will be about 9 tons, and is the generous gift of a former resident of Fredericton.

The installation of another chime at Winnipeg, Ontario, has also been entrusted to Messrs. John Warner & Sons. Winnipeg is situated on the prairie, and is the most important city in Western Canada. The chime will be composed of 15 bells with a total weight of about 12 tons and based on a 50 cwt. tenor. The bells which will cost nearly £2,500 are being given to the church by a lady in memory of her husband and son who perished in the sinking of the Titanic.

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IN MEMORIAM.

MR. JOHN SMITH (Clitheroe).

The death occurred on Wednesday, November 27th, of Mr. John Smith, a member of the Clitheroe Parish Church bellringers. Mr. Smith, who was in his 48th year, had been a ringer for over twenty years, and his regularity and reliability made him a valuable member of the band. He was of a cheerful disposition, and his death is sincerely mourned by all who knew him. The interment took place at the Clitheroe Cemetery on Saturday, November 30th, the cortege being headed by deceased's fellow-ringers. A muffled peal was afterwards rung on the bells as a mark of respect, the ringers taking part being: J. T. Rushton, 1; R. Wilkinson, 2; T. Robinson, 3; W. Wilkinson, 4; J. Altham, 5; John Atkinson, 6; W. Pinder, 7; L. Demain, 8.

MR. OLIVER JAMES (Bromsgrove).

We regret to record the death of this well-known ringer, for many years tower-keeper and captain of the band at

the Parish Church, Bromsgrove, at the comparatively early age of 50 years. Mr. James was a regular attendant at meetings of the Worcestershire and Districts Association. The interment took place in the Bromsgrove Cemetery, the ringers following him to the grave, and afterwards they rang several touches of Grandsire Triples with the bells muffled in memory of the departed.

Mr. Thomas Allbutt, of 15, Gas Square, Bromsgrove, has been appointed Captain, and to him all letters connected with the tower should be addressed.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

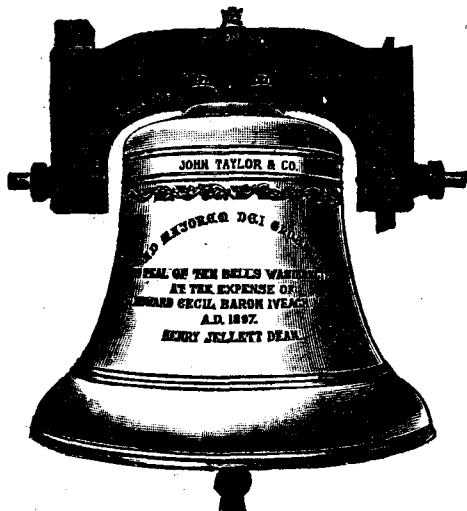
NEWCASTLE ON-TYNE.—At St. Nicholas Cathedral, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 756 Erin Caters was rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss K. Routledge (sister of the President of the Association) with Jas. Grey, Esq., of Low Fell, Gateshead. C. L. Routledge, W. H. Barber (conductor), G. T. Potter, W. Story, W. E. Baskill, B. C. Dixon, A. F. Hillier, J. E. Keen, R. Richards, J. Foreman. Tenor 37½ cwt.

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Methods	9
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Bob Major... ..	1
Bob Royal	1
Bob Minor	3
Bob Doubles†	3
Stedman Triples	2
Stedman Caters	1
Grandsire Caters	1
Grandsire Triples	4
Grandsire Doublesa	9

* including one 7,200: † including one 7,440; a including one 6,122; also 8,060. Rung in 14 towers.

Re ILKESTON (DERBYSHIRE) PERFORMANCE.

To the Editor.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to thank Mr. Dains for his congratulations on the peal of Treble Bob Major rung at Ilkeston on November 21st. Also allow me to withdraw my claim from the composition mentioned. Sorry to say I have not got "THE BELL NEWS" by me which Mr. Dains refers to, as they were printed long before I ever thought of composing, or knew what ringing was.

Yours, etc.,

E. C. GOBEY.

23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

Several items of news are unavoidably held over till next week.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of Notices under this heading is Six pence for 36 words, for the first insertion; repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 19th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 24th; all at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings. The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance is now due, and should be paid before February 28th. **WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Notice is hereby given that a motion affecting the Society's rules, will be brought forward at the meeting to be held on January 7th, 1913.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

52, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, December 21st. Tower open from 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All members and friends cordially invited. **J. CORNFORD, Hon. Sec.**

7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Chatham on Saturday, December 14th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m.

77, Bill Street Road, Frintsbury. **EDWARD A. G. ALLEN, Hon. Sec.**

Guild for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, December 14th. Ringing at the parish church. Business meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. **REV. H. B. BECKWITH, Hon. Sec.**

Ridgemoor, Shrewsbury.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 14th. Bells ready at 4. Tea at 5.30. Meeting at 6. Members intending being present, please send word to **WALTER HUGHES, Sec.**

3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

St. Peter's, Croydon.—The new ring of ten bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Croydon on Saturday, December 21st, at 3.30 p.m. The bells will be open for ringing from 4.30 to 8.30 p.m. Visiting ringers will be welcome. Will those intending to be present kindly notify John Fooks, Esq., 23, Birdhurst Rise, Croydon, not later than Tuesday, December 17th.

All Hallows, Barking, Tower Hill, E.C.—All applications with regard to ringing at the above tower must be made to the steeple-keeper, Mr. A. Joyce, 12, Anglesea Street, Bethnal Green, N.E.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**QUARTERLY MEETING.**

A quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at Coseley Staffs. on Saturday November 30th. The bells, a fine ring of eight, were at the disposal of the members from 4 o'clock. The usual Guild service was held in church at 4.30 conducted by the Rev. J. A. Price (Vicar) assisted by the Rev. S. Floyd (curate) the address being given by the Rev. A. S. Bennett of Cannock who came especially at the invitation of the Vicar. The rev. gentleman based his remarks on the words, "Our feet shall stand in thy gates O Jerusalem" laying stress on the good opportunities lost by ringers by absenting themselves from the services of the church. At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the schoolroom where a bountiful tea awaited those present upward of forty members.

During tea the Vicar rose and said how pleased he was to welcome the Guild to his church and parish, the Vicar also proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. A. T. Bennett for his address which was seconded by Mr. Floyd, the rev.

gentleman briefly replied. After tea the usual business meeting was held presided over by the Vicar. A discussion took place regarding a delegate to the Central Council when it was decided that Mr. W. R. Small should be the first delegate to represent the Guild on the Central Council Mr. Small suitably thanked his fellow members for the honour conferred upon him. At the election of new members the whole of the St. Leonards (Bilston Staffs) company were proposed and in seconding the proposition the secretary heartily welcomed them as members and fellow workers. Several peals were proposed to be rung during the ensuing quarter beside those not attempted last quarter. On the proposition of Mr. J. Smith (Tipton) seconded by Mr. B. Fullwood (Sedgley) the next meeting, the Annual, will be held at Dudley in February next. It is hoped all members will keep the date open so as to make this meeting a signal success.

A hearty vote of thanks on the proposition of the Vicar seconded by Mr. Spittle was passed to the ladies for kindly preparing and serving the tea also to the donors of the tea. The Rev. S. Floyd suitably replied.

Mr. Spittle proposed and Mr. Small seconded that the best thanks of the Guild be given to the Vicar of Coseley for the service in church for presiding at the meeting for the use of the tower, bells, and schoolroom, to the Rev. S. Floyd, the organist, the choir, the local company, especially Mr. A. E. Law and Mr. B. Gough for making the necessary arrangements and to all who had assisted in making the meeting so successful. Touches of Stedman, Grandsire, and Oxford Bob Triples also Bob Major were rung during the evening

CLAIMS TO AUTHORSHIP.

To the Editor.

SIR,—I am surprised, and I might add disappointed with Mr. Lindoff's replies to the letter published in "THE BELL NEWS" of the 9th ult. The question at issue is—Are the peals of New Cambridge Royal original compositions, or, as we allege, extracts from compositions published many years previous? We emphatically adhere to our contention, as set out in our joint letter of the 8th ult., and maintain that the peals of New Cambridge Surprise Royal referred to, are abstracts from the 6048s of Superlative Surprise Major, and not original compositions, and no quibbling or raising of irrelevant matter can get away from that fact.

Yours etc.,

N. J. PITSTOW.

Saffron Walden, December 7th, 1912.

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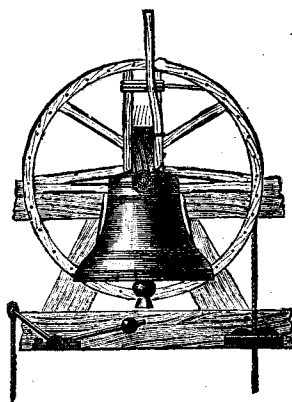
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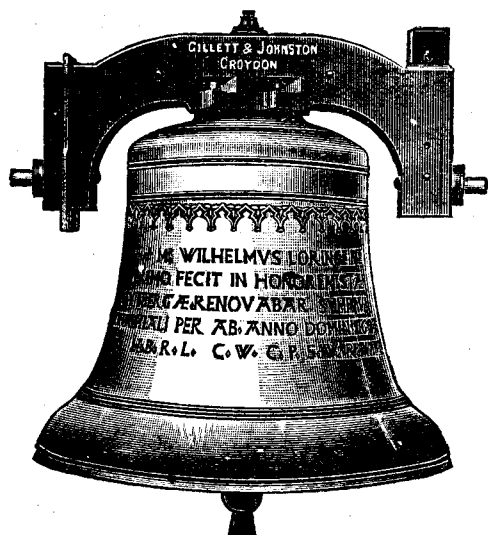
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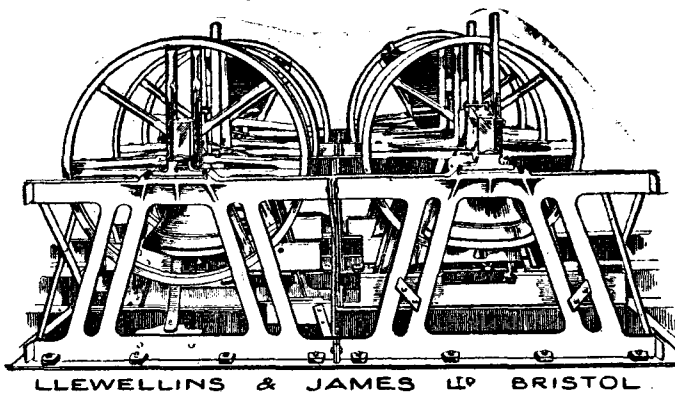
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STOKE POGES BELLS.

RE-DEDICATION OF A NEW PEAL OF SIX.

The old six bells of the famous Church of St. Giles, Stoke Poges, which have been in an unringable state for some time, have now been recast and rehung in an entire new iron and steel frame at a total cost of £244. The work was completed about the middle of last month, and the same evening the bells were rung for a short time to see that all was right.

The old bells were sadly out of tune with each other, and as it was desirable to lay the foundation for a useful and musical peal of eight, it was decided to recast the whole peal, as it would give the following important advantages. In spreading out the metal of the old bells, it enabled the bell-founders to increase the weight of the tenor; also in tuning the new bells they could be brought into perfect harmony with each other. The weight of the tenor has been increased from 12 cwt. to 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 3 lb., while the weight of the smaller bells has been slightly reduced. The bells have been tuned on the fine-tone Simpson's principle. The whole work has been most successfully carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Joenson, of Croydon, to whom great credit is due.

The re-dedication of the bells took place during the morning service on Sunday, December 8th, when a large congregation attended. The Rev. Canon Barnett, Vicar of Stoke Poges, took the first part of the service, and after the second lesson, the Rev. Canon Eliot (Rural Dean, and Rector of Slough), ascended to the belfry and re-dedicated the bells to the Glory of God. At the conclusion of the prayers, a few rounds, followed by 60 changes of Grand-sire Doubles were rung. After the hymn "The Church's one Foundation" was sung, Canon Eliot gave a very interesting and appropriate address on the uses of Church bells. While singing the hymn "When morning gilds the skies," a collection was made, which will go towards extinguishing the remaining debt of £30.

At the conclusion of the morning service six members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a favourite 720 of Oxford Bob Minor (5th observation): Messrs. J. J. Parker, G. Gutteridge, C. Garbett, F. Bateman, W. Bateman, and W. Henley (conductor). While the ringing was in progress, the Vicar, the two churchwardens, and the organist visited the belfry, and expressed their keen delight at the charming tone of the bells, and as the congregation passed through the churchyard on their way home, one heard nothing but expressions of delight on all sides; the Church standing as it does in Stoke Park, the surrounding trees add greatly to the charm of the bells.

With regard to the "go" of the bells, it would seem that nothing has been omitted that would ensure complete success. The parishioners of Stoke Poges and the whole neighbourhood owe a debt of gratitude to the churchwardens, Mr. E. H. Parry and Mr. W. A. Judd, and especially Mr. Parry, through whose energy and

perseverance the recasting of the bells has been carried through. Below are the inscriptions on the bells and their weights.

1. "T. Mears of London, Fecit 1824; James Edson, Churchwarden." 3 cwt. 2 qrs. 13 lb.
2. "John Fenimore, John Slaughter, Churchwardens; Thos. Swain Fecit 1772." 4 cwt. 2 qrs. 6 lb.
3. "A. Phelps, Fecit 1728." 5 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lb.
4. Thos Hunt, John Slaughter, Churchwardens. Thos. Swain made mee 1773." 6 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.
5. "R. Phelps Fecit 1728." 8 cwt. 2 qrs. 6 lb.
6. The Reverend Mr Tho Dolphin, Vicar; Messrs. Wm Godfrey, Joseph Hunt Ch: Wardens; R. Phelps Fecit 1728." 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 3 lb.

UPTON CHURCH, TORQUAY.

RE-DEDICATION OF THE BELLS.

After being silent for six months, for necessary repairs, the peal of beautiful bells in the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Upton, were joyously rung on Saturday. For four hours in the afternoon a series of call-changes were rung by the regular band of Upton ringers, assisted by members of the Mid-Devon Ringers' Association, the parishes represented being St. Marychurch, Babbacombe, Paignton, Newton Abbot, Highweek, Kingskerswell and Stoke-in-Teignhead. The ringers, numbering about sixty, were afterwards entertained at a bountiful tea provided by the hospitality of the Rector and Mrs. Gregg, and they then adjourned to the Church, where a short service was held, and an address on Bells was given by the Rector, who dedicated the bells to their renewed work, and asked for a blessing on the bells, the ringers, and the parish generally. Of the heavy expense of renovation, the sum of about £15 is still needed. Inasmuch as the bells are often devoted to the service of the town generally, it is hoped that many outside Upton parish will be ready to respond to the appeal of the Rector, churchwardens, and hon. treasurer (Mr. G. H. May).

The work of restoration has been ably carried out by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd., of the Spitalfields Foundry, London.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING OF NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the North Bucks. Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Newton Longville on Saturday, December 7th. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild) was supported by the Rev. J. R. Vincent (President of the Branch), the Rev. Alan Matheson and the Rev. E. P. Baverstock and ringers from Old Wolverton, Bradwell, Calverton, Shenley, Emberton, Newport Pagnell, Olney, Linslade, Bletchley and Fenny Stratford.

At the commencement of the meeting the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn presented a silver inkstand to the late Secretary

(Mr. F. W. Booth), of Emberton, and ably expressed the thanks of the Branch for the very excellent way in which Mr. Booth had carried out his duties as Secretary during the last six years. At the time of his appointment Mr. Booth found the Branch in a very sad condition, and it was owing to his untiring efforts that the Branch was now in such a flourishing condition.

The minutes of the last meeting were read over by the Secretary (Mr. T. Best, jun.), and confirmed. The Rev. F. W. Bennitt, of Bletchley, raised the question of the advisability of approaching the Committee of the Guild with a view to getting the Annual Meeting held at Oxford each year, as the cost of getting to some of the towns at which the Annual Meeting had been held had been so great that ringers generally were debarred the pleasure of attending. Some considerable discussion followed, and it was eventually decided to place the matter on the agenda for the next meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Alan Matheson for allowing the Branch to hold its meeting at Newton Longville, was unanimously passed. A vote of thanks to the Rev. E. P. Baverstock for his very excellent address concluded the meeting.

The bells were kept going to touches of Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, etc., until late in the evening.

Correspondence

Addressed to the Editor.

While gladly throwing our columns open for the discussion of subjects of interest, the Editor does not hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed by correspondents.

CLAIMS TO AUTHORSHIP.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Pitstow I say that the peals of New Cambridge Royal are new compositions. Or at least were new when I composed them some years ago. And quite as distinct from their 6048s, as those peals are from an old Bob Major peal published before they were born. This is the reason they are afraid to answer my last.

The ideas embodied in the two batches of peals are quite distinct. The 6048 mentioned by our friends, I presume (as I have not the peals in my possession I am not positive) contain the three extents, neither more nor less, of Superlative Surprise Major. My idea was to crowd the whole extent with 6th home (12 courses) into fourteen courses of New Cambridge Royal.

The extents that they used in their peals, each extent taken separately were not original. Their claim to these three extents in a collective form I should uphold. But for them to say that others may not have the same free use of any individual one of them, that they have enjoyed, is the height of selfishness.

I deny that it is so much a question of these peals, as a question of precedent. Now Mr. Pitstow is one of the very men to set up a precedent which he accuses me of following. Take, for instance, the three-part 5088 Superlative Surprise Major so often rung under his name. Did anyone ever dispute his authorship? I do not say he obtained it from Reeves' Plain Bob, or Cox's Superlative, but if we are to accept the precedent that he now sets for others, well he stands condemned. As likewise he would with regards a 60 course-end peal of Double Norwich he published.

Now, Mr. Pitstow, with regards the four peals you

published in your first letter. Allow me to tell you that your methods are so slipshod, that any novice could see that there are only two peals. No. 2 is only No. 1 started at a different course, and No. 4 is but a similar variation of No. 3. Would you kindly explain how it comes that there are four claiming two peals from me. It seems to me that if I gave them up you would then be at one another's throats to see who should have them.

You, Mr. Pitstow, ought be one of the last to accuse me of dishonest tactics. Why when you rang your 8,800 Superlative, the then record—I had the self and same composition in my pocket, composed by myself some considerable time previous. Did I attempt, as you are doing, to rob you of the smallest portion of the honour of that performance? No, I took what I consider to be the more manly course—went in and beat it with a longer length.

I am really surprised that you should sully your good name by allowing yourself to become a catspaw for others.

Yours, &c.,

G. LINDOFF.

IN MEMORIAM.

MR. WILLIAM PACKHAM, BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

We regret to announce the death of William Harry Packham, which occurred on the 9th inst. under particularly painful circumstances. The deceased was engaged as under gamekeeper on the Wykehurst Estate. He had complained at times for some weeks of not feeling well, but attributed his condition to indigestion. On Saturday, the 7th, during the afternoon, he complained of not feeling so well, and went home. On Sunday morning he felt much better, and did his usual morning rounds, and after returning home expressed to his wife his intention of going to the Church (a distance of over two miles) to assist in the ringing for evening service. During the afternoon he was taken suddenly worse, and a doctor was summoned, who, after an examination, advised his removal to the Haywards Heath Cottage Hospital the following morning, as an operation was imperative. Two doctors saw him on Monday morning and took him away to the Hospital, where an operation for gastric ulcer was performed during the day. It was found that the ulcer had caused perforation, and the patient passed away during the night from collapse. He leaves a widow and one son to mourn their loss. He had been for many years a valued member of the local band of ringers, his perfect good nature having won the respect of all. He had taken part in several peals of Grandsire Triples with the local ringers. The funeral took place at the Parish Church on Saturday, the 14th, amid every manifestation of respect and sympathy. The Vicar (the Rev. E. W. Michell) who is also a ringer, officiated, and six of his brother-ringers acted as bearers. The ringers were fully represented, and were seated, at the request of the Vicar, in the choir stalls. Hymn 165, "O God, our help in ages past," was sung during the service, Mr. C. J. Brightling (organist) presiding at the organ, who also rendered appropriate music while the congregation were assembling and on the funeral procession leaving the church.

After the funeral a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled by the following: A. Absolam, W. Wheeler, J. Newman, W. Vincent (conductor), T. Gasson, G. Lewry, W. Walder, G. Packham; followed by 504 in the same method, in which C. Starley and F. Stoner took part.

MR. F. S. PERCIVAL, PORTMADOC.

The Portmadoc ringers have sustained a very great loss through the death of their President, Mr. F. S. Percival, Bordswen, Portmadoc, who died, after a long illness, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. The deceased gentleman, who was in his 84th year, was one of the most liberal benefactors of St. John's Church, his gifts including the tower and peal of eight bells, and the vestry. He was also a great friend of the ringers, his beneficence and generosity to them at all times being unsurpassed. The burial took place on the following Wednesday, at the family vault at Llanbedrog. The bells were rung fully muffled on the day of the funeral and on the two subsequent Sundays. On Wednesday, Dec. 11th, an attempt was made to ring a memorial peal of Grandsire Triples, fully muffled, but it came to grief after a splendid ring of 2 hrs. 5 mins.

THANET.—On Thursday, December 12th, at St. Lawrence's Church, 504 Grandsire Triples. P. Petley, S. G. Twyman, F. H. Gibbs, W. G. Birch, A. E. Jarman, W. J. Jarman, H. G. Marsh, J. Jarman. Conducted by S. G. Twyman. First 504 by the ringers of treble and tenor. First away from the treble by the ringer of the 4th; also first 504 by an entirely local band. On December 17th, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Holtford, S. G. Twyman (conductor), F. H. Gibbs, M. G. Birch, A. E. Jarman, M. J. Jarman, H. G. Marsh, J. Jarman. First 504 by ringer of treble.

WANTED.—Peal of Eight Handbells, second-hand; tenor G.—Address REV. F. MOLINEUX, Colyton Vicarage, Devon.

NOTES.

To-day (Saturday), the Lord Bishop of Croydon will dedicate the new ring of bells at St. Peter's, Croydon, at 3.30 p.m. The bells will be open at 4.50. and visitors will receive a hearty welcome.

The Archdeacon of Oxford will dedicate the peal at Whitchurch, near Reading, on Monday next, the 23rd inst. Here, too, visitors will be welcome. Those going by train will find Pangbourne Station the most convenient. The service is at 6.30 p.m., and at 7.30 the bells will be available for ringing.

Both these peals are the work of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

Correspondents who have sent records of peals which do not appear in this issue will find them in our next. The numbers sent in makes it impossible to include them all, so we are publishing the earlier ones and holding the others over.

Owing to an accident we have been unable to execute several orders for peal cards. We hope to have damage repaired, and the cards despatched to-day (Saturday).

The contracts entered into in Canada by Messrs John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, are, we are pleased to find, rather more extensive than was reported last week. They include a chime of 15 bells for Fredericton, and 16 for Knox Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg.

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THE SURPRISE METHODS.

(Contributed by WILLIAM SNOWDON, Past President of the Yorkshire Association.)

CHAPTER I. (Concluded.)

The excellent properties combined with the complexities of Cambridge are so well known that it might appear unnecessary to mention them, but compare them with Primrose we must in order to accentuate the far-reaching effects of the simple transposition of the places just noticed.

Primrose's eight quick runs were cut down to four, but—grasp this—her eight paths across were only reduced by two, namely, to six, the number possessed by Oxford; the front work, executed by four bells, without any attempt at a "slow-duty," retained its four characteristic divisions of work, two of them being very neatly joined to the two new middle portions; whilst, at the back, four bells continued to make their appearance between the visits of the treble. But more than this:—Not only were the lead-ends rectified, but the nine '65 rows, that previously fell at backstroke, joined their better behaved brethren and the whole twenty-four rows of '56 fell into their proper order at backstroke.

No wonder, then, if the experimentalist—for we can hardly call him the method builder—then and there coined the term, declaring it a "Surprise"; and thus, we have no doubt, arose the name. Whilst we can easily imagine the term to have arisen thus, we cannot be sure that it may not have been left for Annable to name, in as much as the prior modest man may not have considered the whole result his—nor may Annable have done so—and in some such way as this we may look for some explanation of the curious absence of any letter of ownership in his MS.

However, this we do know, that it has become the characteristic name of a distinguished family—as exemplified by Annable's further addition of London and York—and one that now, more than ever, requires a careful ring drawing round it to keep out all unworthy examples, especially those of the "tag, rag, and bob-tail" class that are generally found trying to hang on to their betters, claiming relationship.

It may not be out of place to state that when the Glossary Committee was at work in 1900, the definition of a Surprise Method was never directly before it. The Hon. Secretary, the late Rev. H. E. Bulwer, was obliging enough to add an appendix dealing with much interesting matter, amongst which he gave his opinion—in considerable, but undiscussed detail—on Surprise matters. That which the Committee is responsible for, is the statement, page 19, that a Surprise (Treble Bob) Method, is one "highly elaborated and more or less difficult of execution." From that time however, several minds, to a considerable extent those of the Committee, have been at work on the subject, and we trust that what is herein set out will prove the official description to be perfectly correct—"highly elaborated, and more or less difficult of execution."

In correspondence with Mr. Bulwer we expressed our belief that the greater the number of bells engaged in breaking up the work in front, the more would they prove a guide in trying to solve the matter, but his reply was to the effect that "darkness covered the face of the deep." We often discussed the point—casually—with the late Mr. Snowdon, but his scrutiny had never gone beyond the information we gave Mr. Bulwer, and all his MSs. are mute on the subject, nor do we think that his attention was ever seriously called to the question.

CHAPTER II.

Having succeeded in our search for historic examples, on Six, and having secured three such perfect ones as we have in Cambridge, London, and York, we might well have passed forward to our further search for the earliest examples of Major. We think it better, however, to draw up a set of rules by way of defining a Minor example more specifically, based of course on these three earliest methods, for no short definition will suffice, so complex is the whole question. We can then more effectually continue searching for further Minors, even if in so doing we overshoot the date at which the Major begins to make history.

(a) A Minor Surprise Method, which must be capable of

producing the Extent with ordinary bobs, is based on a Treble Bob hunt.

(b) Its treble-lead must contain a full complement of places, as (i) set out and described in print for Cambridge, in 1753, in which all are right-handed (handstroke and back) or have its places made (ii) in and after the manner of London, in which wrong-handed overlapping places are also used, as first shown in the Annable MSs. about 1735 (wherein Cambridge also appears).

(c) The slow-bell work, as known in Oxford and Kent, must be obliterated by being shared amongst, at least, four bells; the work behind, between consecutive visits of the treble, must likewise be shared by not less than four bells; and no bell shall monopolise the middle, 3-4, position, as was done in Primrose of old.

(d) No fifth's place may be made except when the treble is behind; and no bell is to lie or lead full when the treble leads or lies full; or, in other words, a definite internal place shall be made at every step.

(e) Plain-bob lead-ends must be produced with the object of avoiding the unmusical '65 rows at backstroke; that is, at the end of the cadence of twelve equally spaced blows; which end is the correct position of the '56 rows before the open lead.

(f) An exception to rule (e) may be made in the case of a method, otherwise passable, which, having no visible '65 rows at back in its plain course, yet reveals them in the Extent, in which case no more than six such blemishes shall be allowed in the 720 changes.

This relaxation is only proposed to allow our six-bell brethren to secure seven Surprise Minors when wanted for 5040 changes, and it might be limited to two such inferior methods only, in a 5040; of which more later.

Having expended much care and thought over this matter of Surprises, we may, we hope, state our conviction that the conclusions herein set out are the only ones possible, and that the rules, or their substance, will alone preserve the peculiarities of this interesting class.

(To be continued.)

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

AN OLD CUSTOM ENDS THROUGH OPPOSITION.

It is interesting to note that the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Ashtead on Dec. 4th is the second peal rung by a local band since the bells were augmented to eight, in December, 1873, the first having been rung two years ago. This was conducted by the respected captain, Mr. John Wyatt, whose connection with the tower has been maintained over a great number of years. He learned to ring rounds on the old six, and takes a very keen interest in all things appertaining to bells and ringing.

A very old custom which has been in vogue here until quite recently has been ended. It has been usual to toll the tenor for five minutes at 10.30 every Sunday morning. This was known as the Sermon Bell, but now, owing to a complaint having been made, it has been stopped.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).—On Sunday, December 1st, for evening service, 720 of Norwich Surprise Minor. E. Youngs, L. Last, W. Clover, A. J. Berry, W. Rose, G. Cattermole (conductor). This is the first 720 on the bells, and the first by all the band. On Sunday, December 15th, for evening service, 720 Norwich Surprise Minor. C. Nunn, E. Youngs (first 720 inside), J. A. Berry, G. Cattermole, W. Clover, W. Rose (conductor).

WICKHAM SKEITH (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, December 11th, for practice, 720 Woodbine. A. Cattermole, E. Youngs, R. Last (first 720 inside), A. J. Berry, G. Kemp, W. Clover (first 720 as conductor).

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By W. HYDE INGLESANT.

5312.

23456	5ths & 4ths	M	W	H
42356				-
63542	x			
25463	x			
63425	x			-
46325				-
34625				-
62345		-	-	-
53246				-
25346				-

Twice repeated, omitting * three H's in last part.

SECOND PART.

25346

32546

65432

24365

65324

36524

53624

62534

45236

24536

THIRD PART.

24536

52436

64352

23564

64523

56423

45623

62453

34256

23456

This peal contains the 6th nine course-ends "Right" out of the twelve, together with three times "Wrong," including the 24365 course-end plained.

The author believes this to be the first three-part peal composed containing these properties.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL.—On Monday, December 17th, for practice at St. Nicholas church, 1332 Grandsire Caters. H. Fyles, T. Murray, G. Woodhall, E. Counce, W. Hughes, G. R. Newton (conductor), J. Turner, G. Fisher, E. Breeze, J. Martin. Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

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By W. HYDE INGLESANT.

5040

2345678	I	3	6
2437658	-	-	-
73426	-	-	-
32476	-	-	-
27436	-	-	-
34726	-	-	-
24736	S	-	-
37426	-	-	-
72436	-	-	-
34276	-	-	-
42376	-	-	-
73246	-	-	-
32746	-	-	-
37246	S	-	-
72346	-	-	-
2374658	-	-	-

Twice repeated.

SECOND PART.

2374658

2735648

53726

32756

25736

37526

27536

35726

52736

37256

*72356

†53276

32576

35276

52376

2357648

THIRD PART.

2357648

2534678

43526

32546

24536

35426

25436

34526

42536

35246

52346

43256

32456

34256

42356

2345678

This peal has the 6th and tenor undisturbed throughout the peal. *The Whittington and † the Queen's change in these leads. The 6th, 7th and tenor at "Home" in last part.

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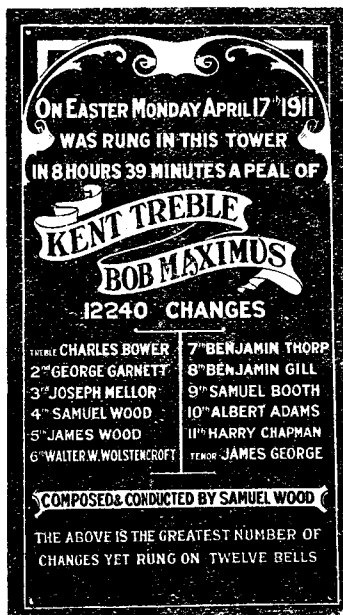
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1912.

CHRISTMAS.

This is the time when the grey old man
Leaps back to the days of youth;
When brows and eyes wear no disguise,
But flash and gleam with truth:
Oh this is the time when the soul exults,
And seems right heavenward turning;
When we love and bless the hand we press,
When the Christmas log is burning.—Cook.

ONCE again the festive season of Christmas is here, and ere we publish another issue those family gatherings for which Christmas has been specially noted will have begun and ended. As long ago as records carry us at this season, more than at any other, there was the same desire, perhaps more intense even than now, on the part of every member of a family to be under the home-roof on Christmas Eve, and to spend Christmas Day at least together. Modern facilities for travel, together with the Boxing Day holiday, have made this a much easier matter than was the case when stage coaches, or even less convenient modes of conveyance were the vogue. So the early days of next week will see a general movement towards home set in, while the later ones will bring about a move in the opposite direction.

But while we rejoice, let us give a sympathetic thought to others less fortunate, and let that sympathy take a practical form, remembering that He whose birth we are celebrating has sympathy as powerful as omnipotence, as tender as love, and so minute that it can embrace the lightest as well as the heaviest sorrow that falls on the human heart.

Ringers, will, of course, be taking their share in the general rejoicings, and from all the towers of the land will come the merry voices of the bells re-echoing the glad tidings of great joy which the angels brought to the shepherds on that glad Christmas morning more than nineteen hundred years ago. While we do this let us pray that we may in ourselves

Ring out the false, ring in the true,
and show by our lives that we are true servants of the

Christ who was born a child that He might be an example to the world of what man might be.

For our readers our wish is that they may spend a joyous and happy Christmas in every sense of the word.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, HOLBORN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT Treble.	JOHN H. B. HESSE 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	WILLIAM THEOBALD 7.
WILLIAM MILLER 3.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 8.
REUBEN SANDERS 4.	WILLIAM PYE 9.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 5.	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by WM. PYE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS Treble.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 5.
T. REGINALD DENNIS* 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7.
CHARLES T. COLES 4.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal in the method.

The Provinces.

LINCOLN.—THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Wednesday, November 20, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN W. WATSON Treble.	*CHARLES H. CHESTER 5.
ERNEST VICKERS* 2.	WILLIAM CLARKE 6.
TOM PYLE 3.	JOHN A. FREEMAN 7.
GEORGE CHESTER 4.	JAMES W. MESSON Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

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

BROMLEY, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 3, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

GEORGE DUELING Treble.	WILLIAM HEWETT 5.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
ISAAC EMERY 4.	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BURGESS HILL (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, December 15, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. G. Stringer, G. Hart, R. Walder, G. Tomsett, H. Gravett, H. Tomsetti, T. Stringer, W. Ashdown. Conducted by G. Tomsett.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES WYATT Treble.	ALBERT GOLDSMITH 5.
JOHN WYATT 2.	WILLIAM H. CORBETT 6.
JOHN HOYLE 3.	GEORGE COOK 7.
WILLIAM COOK 4.	DAVID ANSCOMBE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

Rung in honour of a Confirmation Service held by the Bishop of Guildford in the above Church that day. All the above ringers belong to the local band.

MILVERTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

H. W. WILDE'S TRANPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

WM. CHAPMAN Treble.	H. NORMAN 5.
H. J. CREED 2.	A. J. ANDREWS 6.
ROBERT SCOTT 3.	I. CREED 7.
C. R. LILLEY 4.	ROBERT CHAPMAN Tenor.

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. First peal by the band except the ringers of the 2nd and 4th. First time the above peal has been rung by the Association in the county. The ringer of the tenor passed his 74th birthday a few days ago. H. J. Creed's 50th peal, a list of which appeared in our last issue.

EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HARRY HALL Treble.	E. HOBART SMITH 4.
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER 2.	JOHN HALL 5.
WILLIAM BURGESS 3.	GEORGE E. SYMONDS Tenor.

Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

OLVESTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD, BRISTOL.**

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

In the Kent Variation.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM WHITE Treble.	FREDK. W. WADE 5.
FRED G. MAY 2.	GILBERT WILTSHIRE 6.
ALFRED E. REEVES 3.	HENRY T. HOWELL 7.
FRANK K. HOWELL 4.	ISAAC LONG Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS. and Conducted by FRED G. MAY,

First peal on the bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.**

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Old Oxford Modernised, College Bob iv., Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 25 lb.

RICHARD KILBY Treble.	WALTER G. MATTHEWS 4.
GEORGE M. KILBY 2.	THOMAS LANGDON 5.
GABRIEL CHALKLEY 3.	HARRY KILBY Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY KILBY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Langdon.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.**THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES PRICE Treble.	HARRY VAUGHAN 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS* 2.	ALFRED LEA 6.
ROBERT SPERRING 3.	RICHARD JONES 7.
HARRY MOORE, JUN. 4.	JAMES V. WRIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

*First peal. †First peal in the method, and by the Association on the bells. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and Mr. George Williams for having everything ready, and making up the band.

CHURCH LENCH, WORCESTERSHIRE.**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

(Southern Branch).

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Canterbury Pleasure, three of Plain Bob, and two of Grandsire, each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

HENRY J. PHIPPS Treble.	FREDERICK JORDAN 4.
HERBERT JORDAN 2.	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 5.
JAMES HEMMING 3.	HARRY MIDDLETON Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

First peal of Minor on the bells. This was the quarterly peal for the Southern Branch. After the peal the ringers were entertained to tea at the Rectory by Miss Smith, the Rector's daughter, a vote of thanks being passed for her kind hospitality.

PENDLETON, MANCHESTER.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

HARRY CHAPMAN Treble.	HENRY W. WILDE 5.
GEORGE A. SMITH* 2.	*JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. 6.
GEORGE G. TURNER 3.	*WALTER R. WASHBROOK .. 7.
SAMUEL GREENHALGH 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

*First peal of Superlative. Messrs. Washbrook (3) were elected members of the Association before starting.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE TWITCHEN Treble.	WILLIAM PHIPPS 5.
JAMES W. WILKINS 2.	RICHARD BUCKLAND 9.
RALPH COLES 3.	JOHN EVANS 7.
ARTHUR G. JAMES 4.	ARTHUR HOING Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN ENANS.

First peal of Stedman.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

STOKE (Coventry).—On Sunday, December 15th, for Divine Service, 576 Bristol Surprise Major. O. J. Hunt, F. E. Pervin, W. H. Brunsdon, E. H. Johnson, J. H. White, W. T. Cox, C. Freeman, A. Roberts (conductor). First touch of Bristol by all the band, and first in the method by members of the Warwickshire Guild.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. C. D. F. Davies Variation of Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
JAMES LIVERMORE, JUN. .. 2.	CHARLES TREIB 6.
WILLIAM J. THOMAS 3.	WALTER FRANKS 7.
CHARLES W. PLAYER 4.	ARCHIBALD ALLEN Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal on the bells.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.

On Sunday, December 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qrs. 9 lb.

LUKE VERRALL Treble.	ALBERT E. ANSCOMBE .. 4.
FREDERICK J. MARTIN .. 2.	ALBERT E. EDWARDS .. 5.
WILLIAM H. BANKS 3.	*JAMES H. COX Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

*First peal.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD,

On Sunday, December 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

R. HUGH RICHARDSON .. Treble.	ARTHUR I. HOLMES .. 4.
JOHN W. LAKE 2.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 5.
JAMES OSBORN 3.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

Rung in honour of the christening of the son of the ringer of the 5th

KEYNSHAM, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD, BRISTOL.

On Monday, December 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 28 cwt.

ALFRED MAGGS Treble.	ALBERT STOWELL 5.
WILLIAM LANSDOWN .. 2.	GILBERT WILTSHIRE .. 6.
FRED C. MAY 3.	ISAAC LONG 7.
ALFRED E. REEVES .. 4.	HENRY T. HOWELL .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINE, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

First peal of Major by all. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob by all.

CLANFIELD, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch).

On Monday, December 9, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE GARDNER Treble.	*ARTHUR KIRCHIN 5.
GEORGE CLACE 2.	FREDERICK MESSENGER .. 6.
RALPH PARROTT 3.	SAMUEL EYLES 7.
GEORGE PARROTT 4.	*ALBERT TOWNSEND .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL EYLES.

*First peal. First peal as conductor. All are members of the local band.

QUEENSBURY, YORKS.

THE HALIFAX AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER IDLE Treble.	WM BREARLEY 5.
ED. CROWTHER 2.	F. ROBINSON 6.
WM. CLARK 3.	J. F. CLAYTON 7.
ALBERT NORTH 4.	J. W. WIGHT Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by F. ROBINSON.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORELAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Furness and Lake District Branch).

On Wednesday, December 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lb. in D flat.

JOHN FAIRCLOUGH Treble.	WILLIAM PRICKEETT .. 5.
ALFRED NEWTON 2.	THOMAS F. HEWERTSON .. 6.
GORDON WHITAM 3.	WILLIAM ROBINSON .. 7.
ERIC L. BENNETT 4.	ROGER SATTERTHWAITE .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by WM. ROBINSON.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of John Jasper Payne, Esq., of Blunham, Bedfordshire, and Miss Elizabeth Gaddum, of Brockhole, Windermere. First peal of Triples by all except the ringers of the 2nd and 7th. First peal on the bells by a local band.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720s each of Grandsire, Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

H. WEEDON Treble.	D. CRASHLAY 4.
F. ROWLINSON 2.	J. GRANGER 5.
J. ROWLINSON 3.	A. J. ABRAMS Tenor.

Conducted by A. J. ABRAMS.

Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of the treble ringer, each ringer wishing him the usual compliment.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, December 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

PERCY O. LAFLIN Treble.	SAMUEL GROVES 5.
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY .. 2.	JOHN NEAL 6.
THOMAS H. REEVES .. 3.	A. PADDON SMITH .. 7.
JOHN CARTER 4.	THOMAS MILLER Tenor.

Composed by PAUL CASHMORE, and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

*First peal of Treble Bob Major. The ringer of the 7th is the grandson of the composer of this famous composition, and the composer is also the conductor's late employer.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday, December 15th, 1912, evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstans'. F. G. Goddard, G. A. Ransom, T. Beadle, H. W. Liddetter, C. Dell, G. Spencer, *W. New (conductor), H. Beadle. *First quarter-peal in the method as conductor. This is the first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples rung by entirely local ringers.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Evangelist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM ASHDOWN Treble.	ALFRED TOMSETT 5.
GEORGE TOMSETT 2.	THOMAS STRINGER 6.
FREDK. PROTHROUGH 3.	HERBERT TOMSETT k.
HENRY J. GRAVETT 4.	EDMUND PATCHING Tenor.

Conducted by G. TOMSETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Gravett and Stringer, ; also as a compliment to H. Tomsett, on being elected as Chief Ranger of Court 4461.

MATHON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ERNEST E. BARBER Treble.	ERNEST GIBBS 4.
CHARLES LAYTON 2.	CHARLES L. SADLER 5.
CHARLES WROBLEY 3.	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

Handbell Peals.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At GEORGE IV., BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. 1-2.	GEORGE R. PYE 7-8.
ERNEST PYE 3-4.	JAMES HUNT 9-10.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 5-6.	ALFRED W. GRIMES .. 11-12.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

This is A. W. Grimes' 100th peal this year. Mr. E. Pye has now rung each pair of bells to Triples, Caters, and Cinques. Umpires—J. Nudds and T. King.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The St. James's Society, Bury St. Edmunds).

On Friday, December 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Abbot Anselm Institute.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

FREDK. G. DEWELL .. 1-2.	FRANK J. LEVITT 5-6.
WILLIAM W. KEMP .. 3-4.	*HOBACE FOULGER 7-8.

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER, and Conducted by FRANK J. LEVITT.

Umpire—Harry A. Turner. *First peal double-handed.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The St. James's Society, Bury St. Edmunds).

On Sunday, December 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. R. Moore, Cemetery Road,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; TAYLOR'S.

FREDK. G. DEWELL .. 1-2.	T. H. BERNARD 5-6.
ARTHUR E. MOORE .. 3-4.	HARRY A. TURNER .. 7-8.

Conducted by ARTHUR E. MOORE.

Umpire—Frank J. Levitt. This peal was arranged for Mr. T. H. Bernard, of Harwich, and was his first peal of Grandsire.

HAGGERSTON, LONDON, N.E.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

At the "GEORGE THE FOURTH,"

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

J. ARMIGRE TROLLOPE .. 1-2.	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD .. 5-6.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 3-4.	ALFRED W. GRIMES .. 7-8.

Composed by J. ARMIGRE TROLLOPE, and

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpires—W. Hewett, E. E. Grimes, and T. King.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Sunday, December 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. H. F. Cross,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES.

WILLIAM A. HEMPEL .. 1-2.	GEORGE H. CROSS .. 5-6.
ALBERT G. WARNES .. 3-4.	ALBERT ROUGHT .. 7-8.
FREDERICK J. CROSS .. 9-10.	

Composed and Conducted by G. H. Cross.

First peal of Royal in hand by the ringers of 3-4, and 7-8.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

(The St. James's Society, Bury St. Edmunds).

On Wednesday, December 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

In the Belfry of the Norman Tower,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

FREDK. G. DEWELL .. 1-2.	FRANK J. LEVITT 5-6.
WILLIAM W. KEMP .. 3-4.	†CHARLES WOODCOCK .. 7-8.

Composed by G. H. Cross, and Conducted by FREDK. G. DEWELL.

Umpire—Alfred Ely. †First peal of Major in hand.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

(The St. James's Society, Bury St. Edmunds).

On Friday, December 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

At the Abbot Anselm Institute,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

WILLIAM W. KEMP .. 1-2.	FRANK J. LEVITT 5-6.
HARRY A. TURNER .. 3-4.	†ALFRED ELY 7-8.

Composed by J. P. BURTON, and Conducted by HARRY A. TURNER.

Umpire—Frederick G. Dewell. †First peal of Major in hand.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT,

A quarterly meeting of this district was held on Saturday, December 14th, at Chatham Parish Church. The bells were raised soon after 3.30 p.m. A short service was held in the small chapel at 5 p.m., conducted by the Rector, who gave a short, but instructive address. The business meeting was held in the vestry, at which the Rector presided. In opening he said that it gave him great pleasure in welcoming the Kent Association to the Parish Church, and also that he wished it prosperity. He then called on the Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting, which was confirmed. One new member was elected, belonging to the Milton-next-Gravesend band,

The next item was the place for the half-yearly meeting of the district. There were two proposals, that of Milton-next-Gravesend, and Tunstall. Tunstall was carried by 6 majority. The meeting will be held about the second Saturday in March, 1913. The meeting closed by the Secretary proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding and his address, to which the Rector suitably responded.

Mr. Mitchell, of Milton-next-Gravesend, proposed a vote of thanks to the Secretary for presiding at the organ.

The towers represented were Swanscombe, Gravesend, Milton-next-Gravesend, Meopham, Rochester, Gillingham, Upchurch, Queenborough, and the local band. Mr. A. Howell, of Ipswich, and one of his men who are at work on the Gillingham bells, came along in the evening. The methods rung were Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Double Norwich. The bells were lowered at 9.30 p.m.

LECTURE ON CHURCH BELLS.

SIR,—Some months ago a notice appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" to the effect that a lantern lecture on "Church Bells" was available. A friend of mine who lives near here used the lecture and told me it was very good. However he could not tell me to whom to apply to now, as he understood the gentleman who advertised it had gone to Canada. If you or any brother-ringer could put me on the track of the lecture, I should be much obliged.—Yours, &c.

A. W. PIKE.

[The Editor would be glad of any information respecting this or any similar lecture.]

ODDS AND ENDS.

An ancient proverb tells us that "Old customs die hard." Some of those which would be more honoured in the breach than the observance do die hard. Others, though they may be but relics of a bygone age, have become revered on account of their antiquity, and so might well be continued, but these are easily killed. The ruthless despoilers of all things that smack at all of age are at work, and to them nothing is sacred. To a complaint made the old custom of ringing the "Sermon Bell" on Sunday mornings, at Ashted, Surrey, has succumbed. What a pity!

Mr. H. G. Rowe writes to say that the quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples published by C. Jackson, on Nov. 9th has already appeared in the BELL NEWS under the name of Mr. H. Marks, of London.

REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON'S 200 PEALS.

Kent Treble Bob Maximus	...	...	...	...	1
Kent Treble Bob Royal	...	...	...	...	5
Bob Royal	...	...	...	...	1
Stedman Caters	...	...	...	...	4
London Surprise Major (treble)	...	...	...	...	1
Cambridge Surprise Major	...	...	...	...	7
Superlative Surprise Major	...	...	...	...	15
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	...	...	...	...	39
Kent Treble Bob Major	...	...	...	...	48
Oxford Treble Bob Major	...	...	...	...	18
Forward Major	...	...	...	...	1
Duffield Major	...	...	...	...	1
Bob Major	...	...	...	...	13
Stedman Triples	...	...	...	...	29
Grandsire Triples	...	...	...	...	12
In three Methods of Minor	...	...	...	...	4
In four Methods of Doubles	...	...	...	...	1

Total—200

Rung in 64 different towers in 8 different counties; and 93 of them upon the bells of his own Parish Church.

LONG STANTON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qrs. 11 lbs. in A.

REV. H. LAW JAMES	.. Treble.	T. REGINALD DENNIS	.. 5.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHREY	.. 2.	WILLIAM B. KEMPTON	.. 6.
REV. W. C. PEARSON	.. 3.	FREDERICK PITSTOW	.. 7.
WILLIAM D. JAMES	.. 4.	†REV. H. B. WOOLLEY	.. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

†First peal. First peal on the bells. This is the Rev. Wm. C. Pearson's 200th peal.

MR. J. A. LAMBERT'S 100 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples	...	...	...	...	4
Oxford Bob Triples	...	...	...	...	2
Stedman Triples*	...	...	...	...	57
Stedman Caters	...	...	...	...	2
Grandsire Caters	...	...	...	...	5
Kent Treble Bob Royal	...	...	...	...	1
Superlative Surprise Major	...	...	...	...	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	...	...	...	...	11
Oxford Treble Bob Major	...	...	...	...	2
Double Norwich Major†	...	...	...	...	8
Bob Major	...	...	...	...	3
Canterbury Major b	...	...	...	...	1
Minor in one method c	...	...	...	...	2
Minor in seven methods	...	...	...	...	1

Total, 100: conducted 26. Rung in two counties; 98 for the Surrey; and two for the Kent Association.

*conducted 21; †conducted 1; a conducted 2; b conducted 1; c conducted 1.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS (Suffolk).—For evening service at St. James's Church, 396 Grandsire Caters was rung in the Norman Tower. A. E. Moore, T. H. Bernard (Harwich), W. Radley, E. Hart, F. J. Levitt, A. Ely, C. Woodcock, F. G. Dowell, H. A. Turner, J. Sparrow.

ENQUIRIES FROM AUSTRALIA.—A REPLY.

To the Editor.

SIR, My attention has been called to an enquiry from an old friend of mine, which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of December 7th. I was pleased to see that Mr. Parker has carried to his far-off home in Western Australia the recollection of many happy hours we spent in various towers in Derbyshire and Notts, and I am glad to tell him that Mr. W. H. Brunson (late of Heanor) is still as enthusiastic as ever, and is delighted to think that one of his late colleagues should give a thought to his doings. We both sincerely hope that Mr. Parker will meet with success in his new venture, and that his help to Mr. Garner may be successful; and we shall look forward to seeing the records of their doings recorded in this paper. Mr. Brunson begs to inform Mr. Garner that it was one of his younger brothers (probably A. T. Brunson) that took part in the peal of Stedman Caters at

Painswick. Our friend Parker will be glad to learn that we rang for service this morning a touch of Bristol Surprise Major, 576 changes, this being the first in the method by all the ringers, also the first ever rung by members of the Warwickshire Guild of Change Ringers; and we are hoping to soon be able to record a peal in the method. Shall be pleased to hear from Mr. Parker at any time, and with every good wish for his success, and a hope that when he has amassed a competence and returned to the Motherland we shall be able to take part in many touches in some of the old towers, as of yore,

I am, yours &c.,

A. ROBERTS.

30, Hamilton Road, Stoke, Coventry.

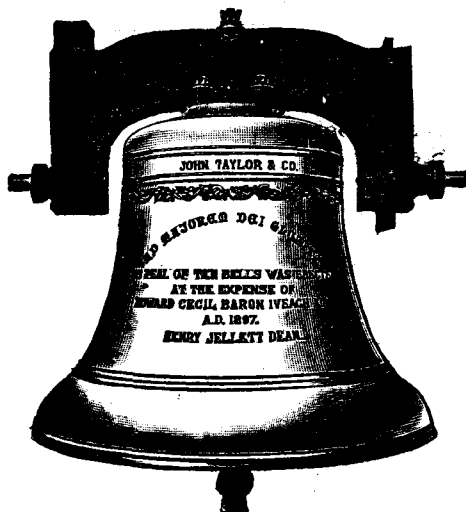
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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at Garston on Saturday, December 14th, members attending from Liverpool, Woolton, Widnes, Grassendale, Port Sunlight, and the local company. Tea was provided by the Vicar, about 25 being present. After tea (the Vicar in the chair), the minutes of the last meeting were read and passed. The monthly list of meetings was approved of, and one new member elected. A vote of thanks was tendered the Vicar for tea and the use of the bells. In replying, the Vicar welcomed the members to Garston again, and said he was glad to see so many towers represented. He was sorry to hear that the bells of St. John, Tuebrook, had ceased to ring for Sunday services. He thought that to compel the ringers to attend the services was very poor religion indeed. Methods rung during the evening included Kent Treble Bob, Bob Major, Grandsire, and Stedman Triples.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

THORNHAM MAGNA.

All being well, six members of the Norwich Diocesan Association will attempt a 10,080 of Treble Bob Minor on December 26th, starting at 9 o'clock, at St. Mary's Church, Thornham Magna.

COLESHILL (Warwickshire). — On Thursday, December 12th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 27 mins. G. H. Williams, F. Jones, T. Goldby, C. Dale, C. Davis, W. Ratcliffe. Conducted by G. H. Williams. This is the first 720 by all except the ringers of the 3rd and 4th.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of Notices under this heading is Sixpence for 38 words, for the first insertion; repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on the 24th; all at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings. The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance is now due, and should be paid before February 28th. **WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Notice is hereby given that a motion affecting the Society's rules, will be brought forward at the meeting to be held on January 7th, 1913. **WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**
52, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, December 21st. Tower open from 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All members and friends cordially invited. **J. CORNFORD, Hon. Sec.**
7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—The quarterly general meeting of the Association will take place on Monday, January 6th, 1913, at Christ Church, Blackfriars, S.E. Tower open from 7.45 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. **F. J. HARDY, Hon. Gen. Sec.**
34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held in St. John's schoolroom, Cardiff, on Thursday, December 26th, at 4 o'clock. Important business. Bells (10) available. **REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, M.A. } Hon. Secs.**
JOHN W. JONES, }

Peterborough and District Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stamford on December 26th, at the Church of St. Martin. Service at 4.30. Meeting after. Bells—St. Martin's (6), St. Michael's (6), and All Saints (6), available afternoon and evening. **J. COOKE, Hon. Sec.**
195, Gladstone Road, Peterborough.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Kempston (6 bells), on Saturday, December 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Motor buses from Bedford. **JOHN W. BARKER, Dis. Sec.**
24, St. Leonard's Avenue, Bedford.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, January 4th, 1913. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 7 p.m. Reports can be had at this meeting on payment of current subscription. Life members on application. **W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Branch Sec.**

St. Peter's, Croydon.—The new ring of ten bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Croydon on Saturday, December 21st, at 3.30 p.m. The bells will be open for ringing from 4.30 to 8.30 p.m. Visiting ringers will be welcome. Will those intending to be present kindly notify John Hooke, Esq., 23, Birdhurst Rise, Croydon, not later than Tuesday, December 17th.

Whitchurch, Oxon. (near Reading). Pangbourne Station under ½ a mile. Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin. The bells, a peal of six, which have been recast and rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be dedicated by the Venerable the Archdeacon of Oxford at a special service on Monday, December 22nd, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing will take place after the service from 7.30 to 9.0 p.m., when visitors will be able to take part.

All Hallows, Barking, Tower Hill, E.C.—All applications with regard to ringing at the above tower must be made to the steeple-keeper, Mr. A. Joyce, 12, Anglesea Street, Bethnal Green, N.E.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

A quarterly meeting was held at Wroughton on Saturday, December 7th, when 42 members were present, representing twelve towers. Service was held in the

Parish Church at 3.30 p.m. the Rector, the Rev. G. M. Ashdown, officiating and giving an address. Tea was partaken of in the Parish Room, the Master of the Association, the Rev. C. C. Parker, presiding, being supported by the Rev. G. M. Ashdown (Wroughton), J. Stagg, Esq. (Long Ashton), and others. After tea the business meeting was held. A vote of sympathy was passed with Mr. Nipper, the captain of the Wroughton band (who had that day buried his father) on the motion of the Rev. C. C. Parker, the members standing. The minutes were then read and confirmed. Eight new members were duly elected.

Ilminster was chosen as the next place of meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector of Wroughton for arranging the service, and giving the address and for the use of the bells, and to the organist and choir for assisting at the service, which was carried unanimously. The Rev. G. M. Ashdown suitably replied. This finished the business, and a move was made to the tower, where the beautiful peal of ten were soon going to Grandsire Caters. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Doubles were also rung during the evening.

THE JACOB APPEAL.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

We are asked by Mr. A. Howell to insert the following list of donations received on behalf of the widow of the late Mr. Arthur Jacob.

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Anonymous	2	2	0
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Mr. R. K. Knight	0	3	0
G.F.M.	0	2	0
	£10	5	0

Other donations will be thankfully received and acknowledged by the Rev. B. Spink, The Rectory, Hornsey: E. Robins, Esq., 12, Church Lane, Hornsey: F. Sherlock, Esq., The Ferns, Priory Road, Hornsey.

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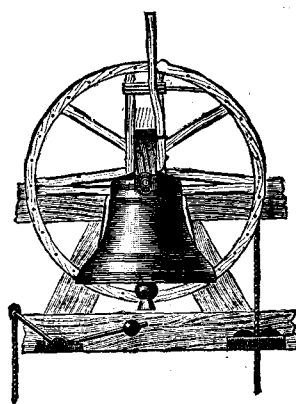
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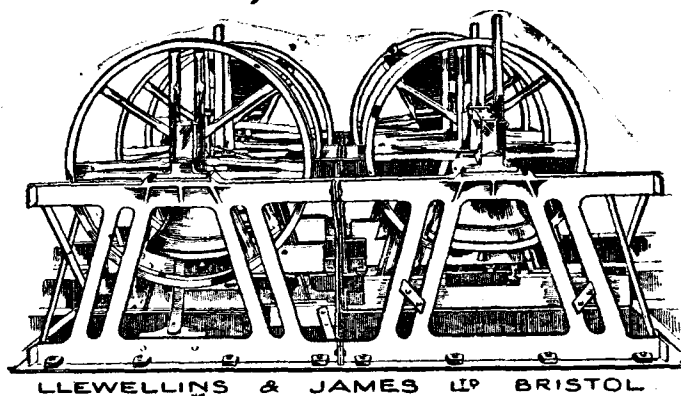
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KIRTON'S BELLS BLESSED BY BISHOP.

DEDICATION SERVICE AT THE RE-HANGING.

ANOTHER MUSICAL SERMON BY THE BISHOP.

THE HISTORY OF BELL FOUNDING.

The eight bells which since 1806 heralded the call to church at Kirton were, in the latter part of July of this year, dismantled and sent to John Warner & Son Ltd, Spitalfields Foundry, London, for the purpose of re-casting the fourth and seventh, they being cracked in the crown, and for the re-tuning of the remaining six. The cost of the operations was borne by Mr. J. Speak, the churchwarden. Last week the bells were sent back to their usual habitation, and on Tuesday the Lord Bishop of Lincoln (Dr. Hicks) solemnly dedicated them to the use of the church.

The proceedings opened with a short service in the room under the belfry, only the clergy and choir being present. The sound of the celebrations came faintly into the church, the voice of the Bishop heard in the dedicating prayers being very impressive. An interval of silence followed, and then the choir sang the 150th. Psalm to the Grand Chant, while the Bishop and the vicar (the Rev. E. S. Pasmer, M. A.) ascended to the belfry, where the former blessed and consecrated the bells. Again a silence, which was presently broken by the tolling of the fourth and seventh of the newly re-hung bells. The ringing was done by little Samuel Cyril Flatters, the son of the foreman ringer, Mr. Isaac C. Flatters, and by a workman employed by the bellfounders. The tolling was continued until the Bishop and Vicar had descended from the upper regions of the belfry, after which a procession was formed, and to the hymn "O God our help in ages past," it moved slowly up the aisle. The order was as follows:—

The Cross-bearer.

The Choir.

The Rev. Canon J. E. Griffin and the Rev. A. Lawton.

The Rev. A. W. Ballachy (Rector of Algarkirk), and the

Vicar of Kirton (The Rev. E. S. Palmer).

The Bishop's Chaplain (The Rev. W. R. Rhys)

The Lord Bishop of Lincoln.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, and the lessons were read by Canon J. E. Griffin. The hymns were "Creator of the starry height" "Praise, my soul," and "When morning gilds the sky." The organist was Mr. Francis E. Fisher L.R.A.M. L.R.C.O. and the excellent musical portion of the service was very appreciatively commented on.

THE BISHOP'S SERMON.

The Bishop of Lincoln took for his text, Psalm 81, verses 1 and 2. (1) "Sing we merrily unto God our strength; make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob. (2) Take the Psalm 'Bring hither the tabret; the merry harp with the lute.'"

During the course of his sermon he mentioned that in the East they adorned the Churches with beautiful frescoes right through from end to end, telling the story in pictures of all the Saints of the Old Testament, and of the

New. They tried to show everything as far as they could in the perspective of the Gospels; that is to show that all things in nature and revelation led up to the work and person of the Lord Jesus Christ. Presently in our own island, as well as elsewhere, other forms of beauty were brought in. The art of bell-founding was invented in Italy, that is, of the little bells that tinkle upon the necks of the sheep or oxen—they were not new. The little bells used in ancient Greece to warn the people of enemies were known, but the larger used for calling people to the house of prayer were totally unknown till the time I have spoken of. The earliest means of calling people to public assembly was the elevation of a flag or the putting up of a signal so that people could know the time had come for worship. As you know, amongst the Moslem community the man ascended the minaret of the mosque and shouted the hour for prayer, an old custom pointing to the earlier times before

BELLS HAD BEEN INVENTED.

When I was spending a Sunday some years ago on Mount Athos. I found bells in each of the monasteries—even they had modern bells. They also had the old form of wooden signal; a piece of board slung under an archway and hammered with the mallet to make a great sound and call persons to the house of prayer. I imagine that simple form of wooden bell was the earliest form of bell used by the Christian Church. When the founding of large metal bells had been discovered, very soon all the churches desired to have one or more of such bells: expensive they were, but very delightful, so that the call to prayer smote musically upon the ear. Abroad, as you know, there has been elaborated a system of chimes, chiefly by mechanical means, which are so delightful to visitors the towns of Belgium. But in England we took a different line, and we invented the art of bell-ringing—ringing of peals—and that in changes, which, I believe, is an art peculiar to our own land, or, if known elsewhere, has been borrowed from our islands. You in this beautiful church, even it is now but a remnant of its former beauty and grandeur, now have a peal, an ample peal, of bells, and you arranged to have them so hung that they may be beautifully rung in peals and in changes. I should like for our hearts and souls to be tune with the voice and beauty of those bells which will for years to come, God willing, call us to the House of God. I know that the sound of bells has different effects upon some people. I know that because I have listened to the pealing of beautiful bells many times, and I have wondered whether the sound was more a sad sound or more a joyous sound. As one who has listened "While the sweet bells are pealing. . ." I scarce can tell whether the influence for joy or sorrow is the more intense. I think very often when we are singing some grand hymn, when the glorious music wedded to immortal words swells upon our souls, tears seem to start to the eyes. We wonder whether it is more of joy or more of sorrow. That is true, that is true. But let you and I, the children of God, guided by the blessed Spirit of God, let us sing God's praises with a glad heart, and as trusting loving children. Then when sorrowful thoughts mingle

with our gladness, let us thank God to-day that the time is coming when we shall sing His praises in His presence with no doubt nor sorrow. It will be sung with our sweetest voices, no cloud shall overshadow the sunshine of the eternal love of God, of Jesus Christ.

THE BELLS.

The bells were hung in the year 1806, and consequently have been rung for 106 years. The Vicar at the time was the Rev. Frances Swan, and the Churchwardens Messrs. J. Dodds and W. Palethorpe. Several of the present ringers are descendants of the old time campanologists whose names and records of change-ringing feats hang to-day in the belfry. The inscriptions on the bells with the weights of each, are as follows:—

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Fourth (7¼ cwt.). "Here let us pause, and now with one accord salute the Church triumphant in the Lord." Recast in memory of the parents of John Speak of Kirton, 1912, John Warner & Sons, Founders, London.

Fifth (8½ cwt.). "May George long reign, he now the sceptre sways; and British valour ever rule the seas."

Sixth (10 cwt.). "May peace return to bless Britannia's shore; and faction fail to raise her head no more."

Seventh (12½ cwt.). "Mankind, alas, like us are often found; a tinkling cymbal, but in empty sound." The ring of 8 bells was rehung in memory of the parents of John Speak, of Kirton, 1912. Recast by John Warner & Sons, Founders, London.

Tenor (17 cwt.). "May all whom I shall summon to the grave, the blessing of a well-spent life receive."

Dr. Moule, the Bishop of Durham, will instal the Very Rev. Herbert Hensley Henson as Dean of Durham on January 2.

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PEAL VARIATIONS.

SIR,—In the discussion regarding Surprise Major and Royal composition, it has been stated by Mr. Dains that the abbreviation or introduction of an extraneous bob in Middleton's (1) peal of Cambridge does not affect the authorship. Probably not, but the illustration is rather unfortunate. Is the well-known peal of Cambridge, Middleton's? Your readers can see the analogy easily enough by comparing the following compositions.

5040.

BY T. HURRY.

2	3	4	5	6	W	M	H
4	3	6	5	2	-	-	-
6	3	2	5	4	-	-	-
5	6	2	3	4	-	-	-
2	3	5	6	4	-	-	-
5	2	3	6	4	-	-	-
6	5	3	2	4	-	-	-
3	2	6	5	4	-	-	-
5	3	6	2	4	-	-	-
6	2	5	3	4	-	-	-

5600.

BY G. MIDDLETON.

2	3	4	5	6	M	W	H
4	3	6	5	2	-	-	-
5	6	2	3	4	-	-	-
2	3	5	6	4	-	-	-
5	2	3	6	4	-	-	-
3	5	2	6	4	-	-	-

The first is Bob Major, page 71, Hubbard's Campanologia. The second is the famous Cambridge peal, page 96, same book. I understand both Hurry and Middleton were Norwich men. One bob home added to the Bob Major peal after 52364, produces 35264, and the peal becomes Middleton's (1) One bob has obviously dominated this peal. Can Mr. Trollope, who is the best authority on Norwich celebrities, throw any light on the authorship?

Yours, &c.

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Caters	18	11
Bob Major	2	1
Royal	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major... ..	7	4
Royal	27	1
Oxford Major	1	
Royal	5	3
Double Norwich Major	6	3
Royal	4	4
Forward Royal	1	1
Superlative Surprise Major	6	2
New Cambridge... ..	1	
Yorkshire	3	
Peterborough	1	
London	2	
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CROYDON'S NEW PEAL OF BELLS.

RE-DEDICATION BY DR. PEREIRA.

The Bishop of Croydon (Dr. H. H. Pereira), dedicated the new peal of bells at St. Peter's Church, South Croydon, on Saturday last. Four bells were given in 1865-66, and in 1887 the late Mr. J. Spurrier Wright presented another four, with a clock. As they were never properly in tune, and the gear had become defective, the bells were taken down and recast, and two trebles added. The latter the gift of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. All ten are tuned on the fine-tone Simpson principle, and are hung in a new steel and iron framework. The Bishop was assisted in the service by, among others, the Vicar (Rev. Arthur Reeve), Canon L. J. White-Thomson (Vicar and Rural Dean of Croydon), Rev. Dr. Marks, Rev. T. Bentham, Rev. E. W. French, and the churchwardens, Messrs. J. S. Smith and J. Hooke. Dr. Pereira, in his address, commented upon the appropriateness of the new bells coming into use at a time of the year when they would re-echo the refrain of the angels' song of "peace on earth and good-will toward men."

LATE NOTICE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Newchurch, on Saturday, January 11th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.
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THE SURPRISE METHODS.

Contributed by WILLIAM SNOWDON, Past President of the Yorkshire Association.)

CHAPTER II. (Continued.)

Proceeding on these lines we find ourselves searching the first edition of the "Clavis Campanalogia," 1738, where, on pages 48 to 51, we find sixteen examples for our examination. The unsuspecting would feel that they had here struck a veritable gold mine; but, alas, when we apply our rules we are soon disenchanted. For, on the application of Rule (b), seven of them, viz. Coventry, Worcester, Chichester, Bristol, Lichfield, Ely and Chelsea, fall out of the ranks, because "when she (the treble) moves in second and third places the bells in first and fourth" do NOT "lye still"; on the contrary, a bell lies behind as in ordinary Oxford Treble Bob. Next we find four, viz., Durham, Rochester, Wells and Lincoln, permitting a bell to lead full when the treble is lying behind; again as in ordinary Oxford Treble Bob; so they fall out of the family. To overlook any such departure as this would allow Durham to usurp York's correct attitude, and permit Wells to spoil London's unique complexity; in fact it would only encourage the rearing of "Campanalogical Cookoos,"—as a clever correspondent has termed it,—and these, as they grew up, would, as usual, proceed to oust the real family. A further objection, if one were required, would arise from the fact that such a proceeding would be pushing the individuality of a method to an impossible limit, if the mere change of a place at the very centre of the treble lead, were held to distinguish one method from another in a sufficiently characteristic way.

Why these eleven failures were ever admitted into the "Clavis" is somewhat of a puzzle—the more so since the collection is termed "the whole quintessence of the six-bell system"—because some five of them have not even regular, that is, Plain-bob, lead-ends; and on this point the compilers were very clever, as we shall presently find when we reach Major. Possibly the general complexity of the methods, with their "slow-work" split up amongst three or four bells, may have led to their being termed "Surprises," for want of more definite knowledge regarding the necessary place-making. Those whose lead-ends are regular might well be brought under the class of "Broken-lead" methods, as our friends in the North would now term them.

So, after all, as our three standard examples are amongst those in the Clavis, we only gain two, viz., Carlisle and Chester, and these only if their '6 5 delinquencies are overlooked.

Continuing our search through Shipway, 1816; Hubbard, 1845, etc.; Thackrah, 1852; and Bannister, 1874; we find nothing further of note, except that they nearly all agree in giving Superlative Minor. Superlative on Six undoubtedly followed the Major—the only example of downward transition—but there is no doubt in our mind that this Reverse of Cambridge on Six (which the Minor Superlative was) had previously formed the shadowed nucleus of Superlative Major. We were sorry to strike it out of the revised "Standard Methods," but its failure in its '5 6 rows, even in the plain course, were too glaring; had it only been a good and useful Reverse of Cambridge we should have been inclined to preserve it, as no one could have rung it on such a mere mention of its relationship. Thackrah's book—that of one who should have been a Surprise authority—is very disappointing; for instances it gives several so-called examples; one, "Huddersfield Surprise," being given by Annable as Colledge Youth's Pleasure, and not a single one is correct—we are alluding to Minor of course. Again, whilst it gives us Primrose—good old Primrose, we are inclined, with all its faults, to say—it does not give its transposed figures, viz., Cambridge! We were once shown a mss. book of Minor by the ever industrious Sottanstell, but we have no reason to suppose it would have anything in it new and conformable to the genuine examples, more especially as the North has hitherto been very lax in its lead-ends.

To make our subject of Minor complete, it is now necessary to turn to the pamphlet of "Legitimate Methods," issued as the pronouncement of a committee of our Central Council, in 1907, but not, of course, binding on the members of the Council as a body. Unfortunately there are committees who appear to seek

darkness rather than light, and love to have it so, whenever it suits their ideas! In this booklet, which in Minor matters is claimed to be exhaustive under the conditions laid down, there is much that is quite admirable; but, alas, in Surprise matters a great amount of poor matter has been allowed to creep in. Here the "Tag, Rag and Bob-tail" class are thoroughly well represented, to say nothing of the "Campanalogical Cookoos," who have boldly stalked in owing to a badly-conceived theory, held by this otherwise clever body of men, that Stedman practically introduced Surprises, in such examples as College Bob V, and that when these wretched things had had their lead-ends put right they became fit company, in all stages of their rickety development, to hold a candle to grand old Cambridge. They seem to forget that this splendid method took nearly a hundred years to evolve after Stedman—all honour to him—had given us his book; and, even at that time, those who first saw its many beauties pronounced it a "Surprise," and, remember, it had been left to them, and to them alone, to evolve it and give it a name.

However, as we are culling advantage from its good points, let us candidly acknowledge that with all its faults the knowledge of the Exercise has been enriched by the production of this pamphlet. It reproduces, of course, the five examples we have already before us. Further it also first puts into print a method which the revised "Standard Methods" gives as Beverley Surprise, and also another which we are naming Selby Surprise, and both of these we are glad to find, are correct in their '5 6 rows. We have taken for names those of the grandest ecclesiastical shrines in Yorkshire, because both methods are built on York, each of them using the first nine rows of that method for their start, sharing, of course, its places for their eleven closing rows.

Thus we have five correct Minor examples, Cambridge, London, York, Beverley and Selby, all true in their lead-ends and in their '5 6 behaviour.

Again we have, from the pamphlet, Canterbury Surprise—as given in "Standard Methods"—and also another, from the same source, whose first nine rows are based on this same Canterbury, so we are giving it the name of a neighbouring Cathedral town and calling it New Rochester. As neither Selby nor New Rochester have appeared in any of the Snowdon books we are giving below their four central rows, with the leading-in rows immediately above—together with their lead-ends—so that any of our readers may write out the whole lead for themselves. As both these new methods fail in their '6 5 rows, we have the following four delinquent Surprises, viz., Carlisle, Chester, Canterbury, and New Rochester. Were we making a selection for a 5040 we should omit Chester as being somewhat of a repetition of Carlisle, and also New Rochester as being less interesting than Canterbury. It is noteworthy that Canterbury is Annable's Canterbury Bob transformed into a Surprise.

As a conundrum we would ask:—Did Annable know that his Canterbury Bob would produce only a blemished Surprise? And did he therefore purposely, and preferably, pass it down to us as a Treble Bob method?

It may interest some to learn that all these delinquent Surprises arise from the bells in 3-4 lying still at hand in the go off, producing in each case a '6 3 at back in the fourth and sixth rows, which cannot, however one may vary the calling, prevent this position re-appearing as a '6 5. For the sake of our Minor friends we emphasise all this for the special reason that no writer of repute, nor any that we have heard of, has ever countenanced anything but the open lead at hand on Six equally with that on Eight, and all to the contrary ends in ding-dong monotony, without the slightest suggestion of a course-end.

YORK.	SELBY.	CANTERBURY.	ROCHESTER.
642531	642531	452361	452361
465213	465213	543216	543216
456231	462531	534261	542361
546321	645231	354621	453261
564312	642513	345612	452316
Lead-end.	Lead-end.	Lead-end.	Lead-end.
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 52643 - - -
 46253 - - -
 62453 - - -
 54263 - - -
 42563 - - -

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54236 - - -

42536 - - -

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Repeat last 12 courses, calling first 1-6.

TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

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23456 M in 5ths W H

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Twice repeated

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1260.

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462357 B3

534762 B1

573246

527634

465372 B3

734265 B1

723546

567423 S2

435267 S1

423756

472635

467523

354267 B4

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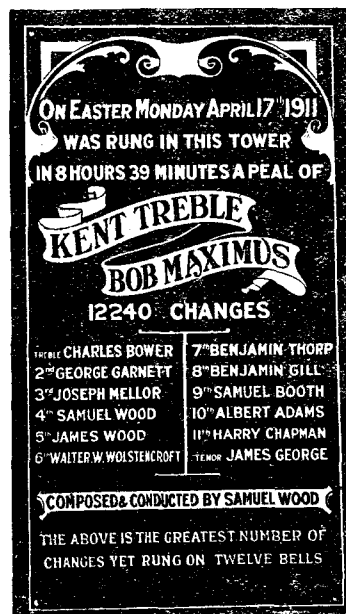
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1912.

FAREWELL TO THE YEAR.

TO-DAY we publish the last number of "THE BELL NEWS" for the current year, and looking back over that period we find much food for reflection and much left undone that might perhaps have been done. We propose, as far as we can do, with the material at our disposal, to write a review of the year. As our readers have no doubt gathered from the records, there has been a great increase in the number of peals rung during the past twelve months, as compared with the preceding like period. This shows a healthy spirit, and one which should be cultivated. Many peals of bells have been recast and rehung; others have been augmented; still others have been put in good going order where recasting was unnecessary. This has provided work for the bell founders, who have been exceptionally busy during the year, and, at the same time the new work has acted as an incentive to ringers to try their hands where previously they had not done so because the bells were not in a satisfactory state. On the other hand some bells which were available at the beginning of 1912 are not available now, being either in the hands of the founders, or held up pending the collecting of funds and making the other arrangements prior to restoration.

RECORD PEALS.

On Easter Monday a peal of Bristol Surprise Major 12,160 changes, was rung at Knebworth, Herts., conducted by Geo. N. Price. This was the longest length ever rung in the method.

On Whit Monday a band of members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 15,264 Bristol Surprise at Hornchurch, Essex, conducted by Mr. William Pye; while on June 1st, the longest peal on handbells, 14,034 Stedman Caters, was rung at Guildford by members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, conducted by Mr. A. H. Pulling.

On Aug. 21st, at Guildford, a band of the Winchester Guild, started for a peal of 22,222 Stedman Caters. Time

did not admit of a finish, so at 11-27 p.m., when 19,738 changes had been rung in 9 hrs. 32 mins., "stand" was called. This is the longest on record.

OBITUARY.

The year has been notable for the number of prominent ringers who have passed away.

On January 9th, Thomas Reynolds, a member of the St. Martin's (Birmingham) Guild, who for upwards of thirty years was a striking figure among bellringers in the neighbourhood of the Black City died. His performances included a 9238 and a 11,111 of Stedman Cinques, a 9020 of Grandsire Cinques, a 15,227 of Grandsire Caters, one peal of Duffield Maximus and two of Forward Maximus, the only peals in the latter two methods ever rung.

James Pettit, one of the old school of ringers, passed away on May 12th at the age of 78 years. He was a prominent member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the St. James's Society, and for a long series of years was looked upon as the premier conductor for the former Society. Among his peals were a 8448 Kent Treble Bob Major, at Bethnal Green, on March 3rd, 1866, and a 15,840 in the same method at the same place on April 27th, 1868. The interment of his remains was notable for the large number of ringers who assembled at the graveside.

Another well-known ringer who died during the year was Mr. Arthur Jacob, who died somewhat suddenly at Liverpool on May 25th. Mr. Jacob's ringing career extended over a period of some 28 years, several of which he served as Secretary of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

George Robinson, for 28 years a member of St. Paul's company, Burton-on-Trent, died on July 1st, at the age of 56. Altogether he had taken part in 186 peals.

On July 6th, Alfred Millis, of Leicester, died, aged 69 years. Among his notable performances he pulled a string in Lockwood's 9120, and rang 11-12 in the first and only peal of Stedman Cinques rung on handbells.

Still another veteran was called to his long rest on July 28th, in the person of Mr. Wm. Cooter, at the age of 87 years. He was a member of the St. Paul's Cathedral band up to Michaelmas 1908, but failing eyesight compelled him to retire. He claimed 216 peals, among them being the peals of Treble Bob at Spitalfields and Bethnal Green, and silent peal of Stedman Triples on handbells. He was a past Master of the St. James's Society, and had served the Ancient Society of College Youths as Steward, Master and Secretary. His remains were interred on Saturday, August 3rd, at the Manor Park Cemetery.

A month later the call came to still another veteran. This time it was "Matty" Wood, who entered into rest on August 27th, and was interred at Abney Park on August 31st. Matthew A. Wood was the doyen of the Ringing Exercise. He was born in 1827, and joined the Cumberland Youths in 1837. From then up to the time of his death he had an unbroken connection with the belfry, and placed to his credit some 360 peals in various methods. For 75 years he was steeplekeeper at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, where he is remembered so much by his unassuming generosity as by his other virtues.

Mr. Jas. E. Campin, of Sudbury, passed away at the age of 75 years, on Aug. 22nd.

The Lancashire Association lost a Vice-president in the person of Mr. G. Brierley.

Mr. Jarrold Hayward, a member of the St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, band, died on September 10th, at the early age of 38. He was a member of the Ancient Society

of College Youths and London County Association. Though not keen on peal ringing he enjoyed paying a visit to towers for practice.

We shall continue this Review next week, and conclude this instalment by wishing all our readers

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM PYE Treble.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 5.
EDWARD T. WIGG 2.	HAROLD W. CLAPE 6.
THOMAS CRANFIELD 3.	REUBEN SANDERS 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	DALBY HODGSON Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Ring as a birthday compliment to the Rector, the Rev. E. Hartley.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble.	JAMES HUNT 5.
EDWIN F. PIER 2.	FRANK I. HAIR 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
HAROLD BURTON 4.	ALFRED W. GEIMES Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and

Conducted by ALFRED W. GEIMES.

First peal in the method as conductor.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKFRIARS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble.	JOHN ARMISTONG 5.
BERTHAM PREWETT 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	ALFRED W. GEIMES 7.
CHARLES T. COLES 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Ring on St. Thomas's Day. First peal in the method on the bells

The Provinces.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE WHITING Treble.	DAVID LEGGETT 5.
WILLIAM WEDDEN 2.	GEORGE ARLITT 6.
SIDNEY W. PILGRIM 3.	ERNEST E. LANHAM 7.
WALTER WHITING 4.	WILLIAM T. LAST Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by G. WHITING.

CASTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CROSS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILFRED FISHER Treble.	JOHN MURRELL 4.
WILFRED ALLEN* 2.	EDGAR HUNT 5.
HERBERT MASON 3.	WILLIAM ADCOCK Tenor.

Conducted by W. ADCOCK.

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

SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM PAGE Treble.	ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4.
DAVID HORNE 2.	WILLIAM RAMFORD 5.
CHARLES LAYTON 3.	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

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

DANIEL JONES Treble.	JOHN BASS 5.
ALBERT LITTLE 2.	HERBERT KNIGHT 6.
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7.
CHARLES E. PERKINS 4.	WILLIAM FISHER Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM G. HALL, and Conducted by WM. FISHER.

*First peal in the method, also first in the method as conductor. Ring in honour of St. Andrew's Day.

OSPRINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN W. LANE* Treble.	*GEORGE BERRY* 5.
TOM E. EADES* 2.	SAMUEL R. GARNER 6.
FREDK. HUNT 3.	HERBERT BAKER 7.
EDWARD TRENDALL 4.	*GEORGE E. COVENEY Tenor.

Conducted by E. TRENDALL.

*First peal.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

JOHN ALDIS Treble.	FRANK R. COPEMAN 5.
ALFRED FUNNELL 2.	GEORGE POYNIZ 6.
JOHN F. WILSON 3.	WILLIAM STEELE 7.
RICHARD BALDREY 4.	JOHN ALDIS, JUN. Tenor.

Composed by E. C. GOBBY, and Conducted by WM. STEELE.

This was the conductor's 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.)

On Friday, December 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:
PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE, SEN...Treble.	JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE, JUN... 5.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 2.	ARTHUR W. G. BLAKE .. 6.
THOMAS SMITH* 3.	WILLIAM WELLING 7.
LEONARD STILWELL 4.	WILLIAM E. NAPPEE .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by W. WELLING.

*First peal away from the treble. Rang as a birthday compliment to J. Guttridge, sen., the band wishing him many happy returns. The band also congratulated Mr. T. Smith, on the 21st anniversary of his wedding day.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR;
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE EDGER, SEN.* ..Treble.	ALFRED WOODROW 5.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD.. .. 2.	*FERRIS SHEPHERD, SEN .. 6.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD .. 3.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. 7.
CHARLES J. HAMELIN* .. 4.	JOHN EMERY .. .. ..Tenor.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHEROOK, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

*First peal is the method. †First peal is the method away from the treble. This is the first peal in the method by all local men, and was rung at the first attempt.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

FREDERICK C. BURROWS ..Treble.	THOMAS FITZJOHN 5.
FREDERICK A. POULSON .. 2.	WILLIAM EVERETT 6.
FREDERICK A. SALTER .. 3.	*WILLIAM MEARE 7.
ALFRED NEWSON.. .. 4.	CHARLES CARTER .. ..Tenor.

Composed by G. CROSS, and Conducted by F. C. BURROWS.

Taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of December 31st, 1910. *First peal of Major.

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

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM.. ..Treble.	FRANK HALL 5.
JOSEPH GODDARD 2.	BENJAMIN GODDARD.. .. 6.
WILLIAM HENRY BRADLEY 3.	JOHN HARROP 7.
ROBERT WALKER 4.	THOMAS BRADDOCK .. ..Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM.

J. Goddard has now rung peals on all the bells.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, December 22nd, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. *J. Spalding, F. C. Lambert, C. Moss, J. O'Neill, H. Barton (conductor), J. Howard, A. Lee, J. Jolly. Also 168 Stedman. F. Lambert, jun., 2; the rest as before. For evening service a course each of Kent Treble Bob Major and Plain Bob Major. Miss K. Stanford, F. Lambert, jun., E. Easter, J. O'Neill, A. H. Took, J. Howard, F. C. Lambert, C. Moss. On Tuesday, December 10th, on handbells, two courses of Grandsire Caters. A. Lee, 1-2; A. H. Took, 3-4; H. Barton, 5-6; F. C. Lambert, 7-8; J. O'Neill, 9-10. Also two courses of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples.

HIGHWORTH, WILTS.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(SWINDON BRANCH.)

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs.

JOHN H. ODREY* .. ..Treble.	*GEORGE LANCASTER 3.
ALFRED LAWRENCE 2.	*HENRY W. L. WELLS .. 6.
ROBERT W. HYNER 3.	CHARLES J. GARDINER .. 7.
GEORGE W. TOWNSEND* .. 4.	ERNEST BISHOP .. ..Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by ERNEST BISHOP.

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

BRATHAY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Furness and Lake District Branch).

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Oxford, three 720s of Kent, and 720 of Plain Bob
ROGER SATTERTHWAITE ..Treble. ERIC L. BENNETT 4.
THOMAS F. HEWERTSON .. 2. JOHN HOLME 5.
GORDON WHITTAM* 3. WILLIAM ROBINSONTenor.

Conducted by ROGER SATTERTHWAITE.

*First peal in three methods.

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

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ..Treble.	ALFRED ROWLEY 6.
HERBERT SHEPPARD 2.	HARRY GOODMAN 7.
SAMUEL SPITTLE 3.	JOHN SMITH 8.
WILLIAM ROCE SMALL .. 4.	BENJAMIN GOUGH 9.
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. .. 5.	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD ..Tenor.

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

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Samuel Spittle, the esteemed Master of the above Guild, the band heartily congratulating him on attaining his 77th birthday. It is also the 50th peal for John Goodman, jun., and Ben. Gough.

MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(STROUD AND DISTRICT BRANCH).

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720s. Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST HARRIS .. ..Treble.	FRANK PONTING.. .. 4.
EDWARD JEFFERIES 2.	GEORGE PACER 5.
HARRY CLEVERLY 3.	ALBERT WRIGHT .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

First peal of Bob Minor by all except the conductor, and first peal of Minor on the bells.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday, December 8th, at the Church of St. John the Divine, 1008 Double Norwich Major. Miss H. Willson, Miss L. A. Willson, E. Vallance, Rev. C. B. Hulton, M.A., F. W. Herbert, E. Norman, H. Hardy, W. Willson, Rev. C. B. Hulton, bails from Worsley, Manchester, and was the preacher at both services on that day.

HERNHILL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF ORANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 10 cwt.

CLARENCE HADLOW Treble.	FRANK ELSEY 5.
JMO. HADLOW* 2.	SIDNEY FOX 6.
ALFRED T. W. BONES .. 3.	EDWARD TRENDALL .. 7.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 4.	PERCY J. PRICE Tenor.

Conducted by E. TRENDALL.

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

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

REV. C. CAREW COX Treble.	FRANK HALLSWORTH, JUN. 6.
THOMAS H. REEVES 2.	JOHN C. ADAMS 7.
REV. E. V. COX 3.	FREDK. J. COPE 8.
HERBERT KNIGHT 4.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. 9.
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 5.	EDGAR T. SMITH Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by the Rev. C. CAREW COX.

Rung as a birthday compliment to T. H. Reeves. This composition is No. 3 on Carter's broadsheet.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

ARTHUR FAIRY* Treble.	HORACE COPPEKWEAT .. 5.
WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. 2.	FRED STUBBS 6.
FRANK KIRK 3.	HENRY STUBBS 7.
WALTER GILBERT 4.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Composed by G. HUGHES, and Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

*First peal.

HERTFORD.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

HERBERT C. FENTIMAN .. Treble.	GEORGE H. BARKER .. 5.
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. 2.	JOSEPH LADLEY 6.
HENRY J. TUCKER 3.	BARNARD PATMORE .. 7.
HERBERT C. INGLE 4.	HENRY S. REEVES Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY J. TUCKER.

Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. H. C. Ingle, who is leaving the town for Worthing, it being his first peal.

ANSTEY, NEAR LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

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

Conducted by WM. WILLSON.

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

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE HARDY Treble.	*JAMES M. BAILEY 5.
FREDK. W. BAILEY 2.	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6.
EDGAR H. BAILEY 3.	CHARLES SAMSON 7.
WILLIAM DREW 4.	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

*100th peal. List elsewhere.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

W. TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 32 cwt.

ARTHUR DRURY* Treble.	FRED TURNER 5.
ARTHUR MACKEARS 2.	JOSEPH LORD 6.
REGINALD SCOTT* 3.	SAM BAKER 7.
ARTHUR W. WARD 4.	THOMAS H. HALL Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

*First peal in the method. Messrs. A. W. Ward and S. Baker were elected members before starting.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

REGINALD BROUGH* Treble.	FRANK HAIRS 5.
ISAAC EMERY 2.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
EDWIN F. PIKE* 3.	*EDWIN BENNETT, SEN. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by H. WHITTLE, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of New Cambridge, and on the bells.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH),

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

W. HOLBROOK Treble.	H. CHAPMAN 5.
H. ECKERSALL 2.	J. DERRYSHIRE 6.
J. RIDYARD 3.	W. H. IDLE 7.
J. T. BOTTRILL 4.	R. DAVIES Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNAELE, and Conducted by W. H. IDLE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Margaret B. Idle, daughter of the conductor.

GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR,
5040 CHANGES; Being seven 720s called differently.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRED BALL Treble.	ERNEST MORRIS 4.
GEORGE H. GEARY 2.	ARTHUR MEASEY 5.
WILLIAM SMITH 3.	JOSIAH MORRIS Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal with all Oxford Treble Bob on the bells and by all. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Victor Geary (of the local band) to Miss Ethel Barrett, the ringers wishing them the usual compliments.

**EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE,
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES.. ..Treble	FREDK. W. STOKES 6.
HARRY THORPE 2.	WILLIAM DICKINSON 7.
J. FRANK PROCTOR 3.	SIDNEY PROCTOR 8.
JOHN T. HOLMES.. .. 4.	RUPERT RICHARDSON 9.
WILLIAM G. THORPE 5.	*WALTER H. WOOD .. ..Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

*First peal of Caters. This composition, now rung for the first time, contains the 5th and 6th their extent behind the 9th in the tittms position.

EYNESBURY, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, December 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Single Court and two 720s each of Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN IRONS .. ..Treble.	SYDNEY PECK 4.
GEORGE D. COLEMAN 2.	EDMUND C. CHASTY 5.
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN 3.	HERBERT FIELDS .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE D. COLEMAN.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Division.)

On Tuesday, December 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S SIX-PART.

MISS MADD PIGOTT*.. ..Treble.	†J. HERBERT BENFIELD 5.
MISS SARAH PIGOTT 2.	WALTER PIGOTT.. .. 6.
HORACE HOWELL† 3.	GEORGE PIGOTT 7.
JOSEPH PIGOTT 4.	ALLAN J. CARTWRIGHT .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd. *First peal. †First peal in the method inside.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE DOWLING .. ..Treble.	ROBERT RODMELL 4.
CHARLES JACKSON 2.	HARRY RODMELL 5.
JAS. SWIFT CALVERT* 3.	LEONARD RODMELL .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by C. JACKSON.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr Arthur E. West, an esteemed member of the local company, on the occasion of his wedding at the above church on the same date, the ringers wishing him much happiness. *First peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Saturday evening, December 21st, at the Parish Church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1912 changes. S. Croucher, T. E. Eades, C. H. Drake, F. Hunt, E. E. Bridges, S. R. Fox, H. Baker (conductor), G. Coveney. Rung on the 21st anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Eastern Counties Branch.)

On Wednesday, December 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720s. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN B. HALIFAX .. ..Treble.	*GEORGE SIMPSON 4.
GEORGE R. TRUSS 2.	*JOHN TAYLOR 5.
ARTHUR J. FARR.. .. 3.	RUPERT RICHARDSON.. ..Tenor.

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

*First peal of Minor. This is the first peal of Minor on the bells.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

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

Conducted by ARTHUR MACKREARS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE PINCOTT .. ..Treble.	ROBERT WALLWORK 5.
FRED ABBOTT 2.	TITUS BARLOW 6.
THOMAS WORSLEY 3.	JOHN POTTER 7.
JOHN WELSEY* 4.	JOHN EDGE .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

First peal of Stedman on the bells, which were opened in 1868. Fiftieth peal for J. Welsby.

DARLEY DALE DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 18, 1912, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 17 cwt.

Hugh W. Gregory ..Treble.	James L. Wright 4.
Alfred C. Wright 2.	Edwin Blackwall 6.
Henry Gregory 3.	William Taylor 7.
Thomas White 4.	*Samuel G. Wragg ...Tenor.

Conducted by W. Taylor.

*First peal.

HOLLOWAY.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, on Sunday, December 22nd, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. J. Barry, A. Hart, A. Brooks (first quarter-peal in the method) A. Turner, H. Ranzetta, G. Charge, J. Cornford (conductor), —. Gomer.

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**PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, December 21, 1912, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
At Christ Church.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:
In the Oxford Variation. Tenor 15 cwt.

Thomas Jenniou Treble.	Thomas Murray 5.
Walter Hughes 2.	George R. Newton 6.
George Woodhall 3.	John Turner 7.
Edwin Breeze* 4.	Edward Caunce Tenor.

Composed by Arthur Knights, and
Conducted by George R. Newton.

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

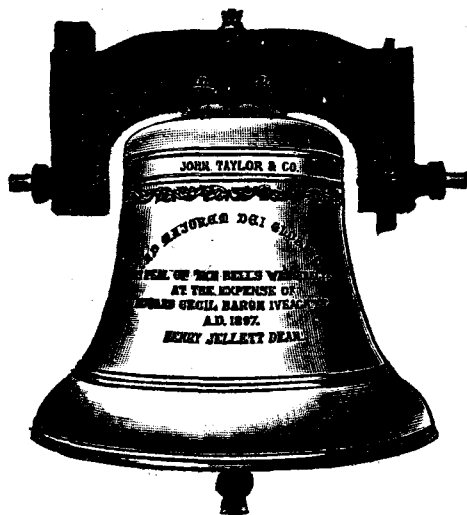
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And the peal "Grandioso" of Exeter Cathedral.

**BARTHOLMEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, December 21, 1912, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholmes.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:
Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

John Sherratt Treble.	Thomas Cartwright 5.
Richard T. Holding, Jnn. 2.	Arthur Allman 6.
William Cartwright 3.	Richard T. Holding, sen. 7.
John Brassington 4.	John Ankers Tenor.

Conducted by Richard T. Holding, sen.

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

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234567

253746

275634

462375 B3

354762 S1

375246

327654

463527 B3

754263 B1

725346

367425 S2

453267 S1

425736

472653

467325

354267 S4

Five times repeated Bob for single halfway and end.

The changes in this quarter peal and in that on page 549 are the same, but come up in different parts, but the part ends are the same in both.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

The Ashton-under-Lyne band will attempt on Saturday, January 4th, 1913, a record peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, 18,400 changes, to start at 6.30 a.m., in the tower of St. Michael's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne.

Owing to going to press early, peals which arrived on Tuesday morning are held over till next week.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of Notices under this heading is Sixpence for 36 words, for the first insertion; repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. The subscription of rs. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance is now due, and should be paid before February 28th. **WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Notice is hereby given that a motion affecting the Society's rules, will be brought forward at the meeting to be held on January 7th, 1913.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association late the **St. James's Society.**—The quarterly general meeting of the Association will take place on Monday, January 6th, 1913, at Christ Church, Blackfriars, S.E. Tower open from 7.45 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. **F. J. HARDY, Hon. Gen. Sec.**

34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Kempston (6 bells), on Saturday, December 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Motor buses from Bedford.

24, St. Leonard's Avenue, Bedford. **JOHN W. BARKER, Dis. Sec.**

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, January 4th, 1913. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 7 p.m. Reports can be had at this meeting on payment of current subscription. Life members on application. **W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Branch Sec.**

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, January 11th, 1913. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Short service with an address by the Vicar (Rev. G. H. Siddons), of St. Saviour's, at 5.30. Tea in the Parish Hall at 6 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Members are reminded that annual subscriptions for 1913 will be due on January 1st. **H. RUMENS, Hon. Dis. Sec.**

32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Whitworth parish church on Saturday, January 11th, 1913. Bells ready at 3.30. Business meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome. **J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.**

13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

All Hallows. Barking, Tower Hill, E.C.—All applications with regard to ringing at the above tower must be made to the steeple-keeper, Mr. A. Joyce, 12, Anglesea Street, Bethnal Green, N.E.

MR. W. STEELE'S 100 PEALS.

	Rung	Conducted
On six bells	8	4
Grandsire Triples	2	
Stedman Triples	1	
Bob Major	9	7
Bob Royal	1	
Bob Maximus	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major ...	22	16
Kent Treble Bob Royal ...	2	
Kent Treble Bob Maximus ...	2	
Oxford Treble Bob Major ...	17	9
Double Norwich Major ...	22	5
Duffield Major	1	1
Superlative Surprise Major	10	1
New Cambridge Surprise ...	1	
Norfolk Surprise	1	

Total—100; conducted 48. Rung in 36 towers, in the counties of Norfolk, Suffolk, and Essex.

MR. J. M. BAILEY'S 100 PEALS.

Rung

On tower bells:	
Bob Minor	1
Grandsire Triples	1
Bob Major	7
Kent Treble Bob Major*	13
Oxford Treble Bob Major ...	9
Double Oxford Major	1
Double Norwich Major†...	13
Superlative Surprise Major ...	27
Cambridge Surprise Major ...	13
New Cambridge Surprise Major ...	5
Kent Treble Bob Royal...	1
On handbells:	
Kent Treble Bob Major	4
Bob Major	5

Total—100

*Including 7008. †Including 11,040.

THE BELLS OF ST. IGNATIUS, SUNDERLAND.

The ring of six bells at St. Ignatius, Sunderland, is shortly to be increased to eight, Messrs. Taylor & Co. having two trebles in hand to complete the octave. These are the gift of Mr. S. M. Ritson, a former churchwarden, in memory of his mother.

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The first 720 (Grandsire Doubles) was scored on the bells on Dec. 12th, 1898, by three members, assisted by Messrs. T. Hudson, senr., and R. Hudson, in honour of the marriage of a member of the Guild. The 14th anniversary of this day coinciding with a practice, 720 true changes were rung to celebrate the occasion. The 720 consisted of 360 each of York and Durham Surprise, the band including Messrs. Robt. L. Patterson and Joseph W. Parker, two of the members who rang in the first 720, the third, Mr. W. H. Denteth, being now in Australia.

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and the Hazel Dell .. 1s. 6d.
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No. 320. The Mountaineers' Waltz .. 1s. 6d.
No. 321. The Rose of Allendale March .. 1s. 6d.

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Lo! He comes .. 1s. 6d.
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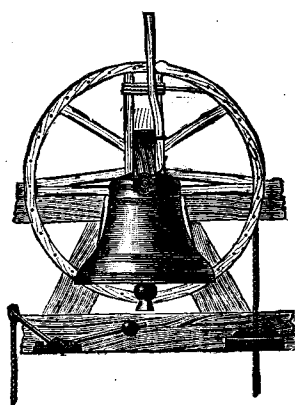
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