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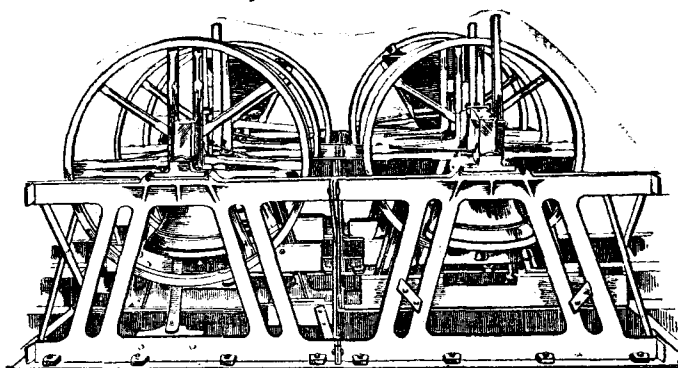
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## WHITCHURCH, OXON.

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

At the service on the 23rd, when the bells were dedicated by the Ven. Archdeacon of Oxford, a selected band rang rounds after the prayer of dedication, and at the close of the service a first-rate 360 Bob Minor. Subsequently other visiting ringers tried the bells with varying success, the easy going—as a result of the excellent workmanship of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston—puzzling some of them, who in the ordinary course are used to bells that require more exertion to ring them. The band selected to ring the opening touch was: J. Nicholls (Pangbourne), W. Lawrence (West Ealing), J. Abery (Theale), A. C. West (Pangbourne), C. F. Johnston (Croydon), J. Bower (Goring). Later in the evening the band was entertained to supper at the kind invitation of the Rector.

The first 720 (Bob Minor) was rung on the recast bells on Saturday, December 28th, by: J. Nicholls, W. Lawrence, Miss Mary Chillingworth (Bradfield), G. Parsons (Theale), J. Abery and J. Bower. Several other Minor methods and Doubles were rung, the conducting being shared by J. Abery, W. Lawrence and J. Bower. The local band, who are to receive instruction from the last named ringer, will be in good hands.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BEDFORD DISTRICT.)

The Xmas meeting held at Kempston on Saturday, December 28th, in spite of the bad weather, was a decided success.

The fine ring of six bells was started off early in the afternoon and kept going, except for a break to enable those present to partake of a tea provided by a generous donor.

The ringing was exceeding good, and ranged through a dozen or so of methods, from Plain Bob to London Surprise.

Nearly thirty members sat down to tea, and, after partaking most liberally, settled down to business under the excellent chairmanship of the Vice-president, Miss E. Steel. The spirit of Christmas was in the air; members after congratulating themselves on meeting together at such an excellent tea party, and asking the Vice-president to convey their thanks to the donors, requested the Hon. Sec. (Mr. J. W. Barker) to tender their most hearty

congratulations to one of their hon. members (H. Browning, Esq.) on attaining the high civic dignity of Mayor of Bedford.

One of the members, Mr. W. T. Lightfoot, having determined to try his luck "neath the Southern Cross," the meeting unanimously decided to tender to him its good will, and trusted that he might have the greatest prosperity among our Australian cousins. As to the next meeting place, a general desire was expressed for Cardington, and, after deciding to try there on January 25th, the bells were again started.

At the conclusion of a most delightful evening Mr. Barker, on behalf of those present, thanked Mr. Cave, the leader of the Kempston company, for making the necessary arrangements as to the bells, and for his presence with them. He gave a very hearty invite to the Kempston company to meet the members on each and every occasion a meeting was held, and sincerely hoped that the meeting would be most beneficial to the Kempston company.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held in St. John's Schoolroom, Cardiff, on December 26th, Dr. A. J. H. Boyton taking the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. J. Bullen was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year. The Rev. Connop L. Price and Mr. J. W. Jones were re-elected as Hon. Secs., and Mr. Hobbs and Mr. Morgan re-elected auditors. All Saints, Newport, was chosen as the place for the next annual meeting, and Caerphilly for the next Glamorgan quarterly meeting. The question of having an annual report printed was discussed, and eventually it was decided to have an amended balance sheet only printed in leaflet form. A monthly ringing meeting was suggested and it was decided as an experiment to hold one the last Saturday in January at Caerphilly, to which all ringers are invited.

The Hon. Secretary having explained what was suggested to be done with regard to St. Woolo's bells, Newport, which have not been rung since Easter last, five pounds were voted from the Association funds towards the rehanging.

New members were elected from Whitchurch, Pentre, Llantrissant, Newport and Bridgend. An instructor was asked for at Llantrissant tower. Mr. J. Clutterbuck offered his services which were accepted. Subscriptions were taken, and after a vote of thanks was accorded the doctor for presiding the business meeting closed.

An invitation to tea was then given by Mr. Allen on behalf of the Vicar and churchwardens of St. John's Church. An excellent meat tea was provided, and at the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded them for their hospitality. The tower was then visited and the four Standard Methods rung until 9 o'clock. Then followed a smoking concert at the Criterion Hotel, this bringing to a close a most enjoyable and successful meeting.

## Correspondence

*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.*

## RE AUTHORSHIP OF PEALS.

SIR,—I think you, Mr. Editor, and perhaps some of your readers also, will agree that I should have an opportunity of saying a few words on this subject, viz., the authorship of peals, and also in supporting my two colleagues Messrs. Pittow and Dains.

This correspondence has almost reached the verge of uselessness in prolonging the discussion, mainly brought about by Mr. Lindoff introducing irrelevant matter quite unconnected with the points at issue. With your permission, Sir, I will, in as few words as possible, refer to our letter of November 9th on the interpolating of the one solitary bob at the Wrong, which is the keynote to all this correspondence. Before doing so, however, I must take exception to one or two very vindictive statements made by Mr. Lindoff. The first is his describing the four 6048 peals as useless compositions. We know quite as well as anyone else that these peals are close relations, but there is no individual living who can say they are not distinct compositions, and most useful and musical compositions too, and in their several variations also. I may be allowed to add that there are some special manipulations to be made, and had Mr. Lindoff made use of them it is more likely than otherwise that the abstracts would never have been observed except by a much closer scrutiny, as it was only by the nearest chance that the peals No. 1 and 3 were at all suspected, and I can truly state that this deducting or abstracting process was known to us a long time before publishing our first letter. Mr. Lindoff then tells us there are only two peals in the four we published. Although this may seem so, his statement is not quite correct, as the interpolating bob at the Wrong is contrarywise in each peal. This is ocular proof that the four peals do not emanate from the same source, and further proves that each of the 6048 are distinct compositions. It should be noted that all these compositions come under one category of Superlative Surprise or New Cambridge Surprise. I think that I may also correctly state that the greater portion of the most coveted compositions of 6048s and the 5056s of Superlative with 4th and 6ths extent in 6ths place without 2nd or 3rd being there, were composed years before Mr. Lindoff produced any such peals in this method.

That being so, I trust he will give us a little credit for knowing what we are talking about. Referring again to our first letter, the most vital question to settle lies in a very small compass. Simply, did Mr. Lindoff deduct or abstract his peals from No. 1 and 3, or did he not; or, what is equal to such a course, did he reproduce the figures in composing. It must be either one or the other. Therefore the conclusions are that in either case he fails to be the original author of the peals under discussion, as there is an unwritten law, that, abstracting, splicing, and re-producing of compositions is illegitimate, and have an unworthy claim, unless indeed there were some very decided improvements in extents, etc., etc. Then again he is asking a most superfluous question. Do we claim to have invented the working of the 6th her extent by means of two portions, etc. Our answer is—We do not claim to

have invented anything of the kind. They are public property, and all composers make use of them in different forms as their ideas and brains happen to guide them. Then he says, who does rounds belong to, accompanied by such indiscreet expressions as "hands off," "we should be at one another's throats," "cat paw," etc., etc. All this to my mind is ridiculous and vulgar nonsense. Mr. Lindoff also informs us that it is nothing fresh for one bob to dominate a peal. but surely he does not mean a composition. We will take Mr. T. Day's three-part peal of 16,608 of Treble Bob to illustrate one of such points. If you call one bob at home at the first part-end, it would be round at 5568 changes. This is of course dominating a peal with one bob, but not a composition in the same method. Again, take any one of the 6048 peals of Superlative and add bob before following the course-end 26435, would eliminate four courses and reduce any one of those peals to 5056. Should any individual after such a process claim them as his own compositions I should rather think the whole Exercise would ridicule such a person for such nursing of his own stupid and bigoted folly.

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

Yours, etc.,

CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

## MEOPHAM, KENT.

On Boxing Day four members of the Milton-next-Gravesend band at the invitation of the Meopham ringers, visited this fine old country village, the object being to try and ring a peal of Minor for two of the local band. We had to abandon the idea of walking the intervening five miles that divided the two districts, owing to the drenching rain. Not to be discouraged, a conveyance was obtained, and the four were eventually landed at the Church an hour late. Starting at 11 o'clock, five parts of Grandsire was finely struck, when a change-course occurred, and another start was made. It was soon evident that a peal would not be rung, as another smash was experienced in Plain Bob. A wedding taking place in the early afternoon rendered another try impossible, so a good couple of hours were spent with the Meopham band in practising Plain Bob. This band, though a young one, are keen on change-ringing, and rendered a good account of themselves, as during the morning four of their number rang their first 720. The first was rung by P. Ashenden, H. Holden, E. A. C. Owen, and S. Brenchley, of Meopham, with the assistance of G. Ambrose and F. Hayes (conductor). Another 720 in the same method was rung by S. Brenchley, H. Holden, P. Ashenden, G. A. Jones, F. Hayes, F. Mitchell (conductor), thus enabling P. Ashenden to ring his first on a bob bell. A 360 of Grandsire concluded the ringing part of the programme. The visitors were then piloted through the rain to the residence of Mr. Holden, where they found his good lady had ready a good old English dinner, which, needless to state, was thoroughly enjoyed, and our very grateful thanks are tendered to them for their kindness.

A very amusing experience was encountered, which is worth relating. While waiting for the conveyance to drive us home, we sought shelter from the elements in a well-known hostelry, and naturally the topic of conversation was ringing. Among the company was one termed "Bill,"



and judging from his appearance had got wet outside, and was going on well to repeat it inwardly. He laid claim to be one of the finest ringers in the district; he had a "sistificate" as he termed it for the longest ring—at a certain church in the district with six bells—which lasted two and a quarter hours. With pride "Bill" spoke of his meritorious performances; of when one of the band got tired, and he tied the rope to his foot and finished his peal ringing two bells. Freddy Hayes, to whom the tale was told, could hardly keep his seat, but he managed to ask "Bill" what he was ringing, when he created roars of laughter by solemnly declaring they had rung on six bells, "There is a green hill far away" for  $2\frac{1}{4}$  hours without a stop. Bill deserved his "sistificate," but a much more suitable one will be forthcoming, admitting him to the order instituted by Ananias. In wishing him farewell "Bill" was urged to go on peal-ringing, but next time to try another tune. Thus a pleasant morning's ringing finished with a tall yarn, and as we drove away "Bill" was heard to exclaim "they know too much for me." The Milton ringers wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Holden for so kindly providing dinner, the Rev. Owen for his genial presence in the belfry, and the leader, Mr. Basil Owen and his band for such a pleasant time.

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## NOTES.

Our readers we are sure will sympathise with the party of Sydney ringer who, after journeying 583 miles to ring in Melbourne towers, met with such ungentlemanly treatment at the hands of some of the leading lights at one of the towers.

It is pleasant to record the fact when the efforts made by gentlemen to improve bells and bellringing are recognised.

In our present issue two such recognitions are chronicled—One at Machen (Mon) where Mr. J. W. Jones was the recipient of a present in recognition of his assistance in securing the completion of the octave at the Parish Church in that town. The other was at Guildford, where the services rendered by Mr. J. Hunt as conductor and instructor were recognised by a presentation on his leaving to take up a post at the Spitalfields Bell Foundry.

The ringer of the 2nd bell in the peal at Hernhill on December 13th, recorded on page 554, should be "Ivo" Hadlow, not "Juo."

**ERRATA**—In the special article "Ye Chronicles of Loughborough Bell Foundry" in our issue of December 14th, we regret that the name of Robert instead of John Taylor appears as starter of the initial establishment at Loughborough.

Dr. Earle, Bishop of Marlborough, formerly Bishop-Suffragan for West London, was eighty-five on Sunday.

The vicar of Emmanuel, Lambeth, the Rev. C. R. Lilly, has been appointed by the Bishop of Southwark rural dean of Lambeth, in succession to Canon Bromfield.

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## THE SURPRISE METHODS.

Contributed by WILLIAM SNOWDON, Past President of the Yorkshire Association.)

## CHAPTER H. (Concluded.)

Before leaving these six bell examples we may perhaps be allowed once more to review our advance in approaching the Surprise Methods.

We have all along, since Stedman's time, been familiar with our old friend Oxford T. B. (and later, with Kent) whose T. B. hunt gives us the basis of the Surprise movements. The slow-bell work; the scarcity of its places; its free movements at front and back and in the middle; together with its correct lead-ends; all tended to give it—Oxford—a simple and unique character of its own.

Next we found the Westminster Bob class; with a mongrel slow duty, performed by two bells, which blocked the work in front and caused stagnation; complete with a full complement of places; and with correct lead-ends. All these points may be said to have assisted in the formation of a new class, without however making it a favourite. By the way, we should hardly term this a true example of what is nowadays termed a "broken lead" method; although Oxford's slow bell is here departed from; to our mind a "broken lead" example would be more after the style of "Kentish Delight" as given on page 14 of "Standard Methods" revised diagrams—although this latter is possibly a very superior example.

Then, we next met Primrose, in 1702, which formed a grand example of a "broken lead" method; with a full complement of places; with great freedom of movement at the back; but with stagnation in the middle, and irregular lead-ends.

Here the advance seemed a doubtful one, because, in particular, of its irregular lead-ends which were disturbing to the music of the tenors:—

When, suddenly, the cloud is lifted and Cambridge Surprise is reached, and soon after, London, and York; all three uniting in pointing out the very fine characteristics of the new family. The absolutely new features give us, at once, the maximum of lively—that is non-stagnant—movements, interwoven with nearly everything that makes for good music, concurrent with full places and unique complexity—in fact, to once more quote "The Glossary," we gain a method "highly elaborated and more or less difficult of execution."

## CHAPTER III.

Having dealt with Six-bell Surprises at some length we turn to the interesting question of developing Minor into Major. From Annable's MS. we learn that he himself was puzzled in the process of dealing with Cambridge, for we know that he, able man that he was, produced a treble-lead with an irregular lead-end, viz., 15837246.

He seems to have been conscious that he had failed, for at the side of the figures he wrote: "This peal has the likeness of Cambridge Surprise on Six Bells as far as it is possible to prick it, therefore it 'justly may be called as it is' (Cambridge Surprise Major).

[Annable's figures will be given in our next.—ED.]

## THE FRAMLAND SOCIETY.

BOTTESFORD—On Christmas Eve a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. T. Rawdin, Rev. C. S. Sturton, A. W. Ward, J. W. Kirton, M. Bend, R. Bend, S. Baker (conductor), H. Thorlby. On Christmas morning a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. T. Rawdin, D. Gilden, W. Turner, A. W. Ward, M. Bend, R. Bend, S. Baker (conductor), H. Thorlby. In the afternoon 672 Grandsire Triples. T. Rawdin, D. Gilden, A. W. Ward, W. Turner, M. Bend, R. Bend, S. Baker (conductor), H. Thorlby.

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## SYDNEY RINGERS VISIT MELBOURNE.

## SOME UNPLEASANT EXPERIENCES.

A party of ringers from Sydney, New South Wales, paid a visit to Melbourne in the early part of November last, arriving in the latter city on Saturday, the 2nd, after a railway journey of 583 miles. Here they were welcomed by Messrs. Halisey and Barnes, two Melbourne ringers, who made the arrangements for the accommodation of the visitors. In the evening there was a meeting at St. Paul's Cathedral, where it was hoped the bells would be available for ringing. The visitors were, however, disappointed in this, and very much surprised to find that Mr. R. F. Deal (who had attended at their request) had been debarred by the Committee of the St. Paul's Society from ringing with them. Next morning (Sunday) a visit was paid to St. Patrick's, where they were heartily welcomed, and as no restrictions were in force some good touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung. In the evening the same tower was visited, and again several touches were brought round.

On Monday evening, the interdiction on Mr. Deal having been called off, a good touch of Grandsire Caters, conducted by Mr. Deal, was got home at St. Paul's.

A motor boat trip was the event of Tuesday, Mr. Guest taking the party to Flemington to see the race for the Melbourne Cup. The bookies rang the changes on them so severely that they got nothing home out of seven tries. In the evening they were entertained at a "Smoke Night," arranged by the St. Patrick's Society, and arrangements were then made to attempt a peal of Grandsire Caters on St. Paul's bells the following evening, the bells being placed at the disposal of the visitors by Mr. Guest, the captain of the St. Paul's Society. But mark the result. Efforts were made to get together the best team available, one or two ringers who were known to be safe men being specially invited to take part. Prior to starting a request was made that those who did not wish to remain in the tower during the peal would retire. Then, under the conductorship of Mr. Deal, the first attempt at a peal in the Southern Hemisphere was begun, the composition chosen being F. G. May's 5039 Grandsire Caters. Everything went smoothly for about half-an-hour, the striking being very good indeed for a band who had not practised together, and was improving with every course. Suddenly a commotion was heard on the stairs, and an official of the Society bounded across the belfry got behind the conductor, and, in a loud, raucous voice, asked who locked the door and kept the local ringers out of the tower. Now, considering that this august personage was present when the arrangements were made this seemed unnecessary. This ordeal was survived, and the interrupter having noisily departed the band continued to roll off the courses. But the try was not to succeed, for at the end of the eleventh course the 8th rope came down. Examination showed a straight break suspiciously like a cut. Needless to say the visit to St. Paul's was concluded as quickly as possible after this experience.

To the St. Patrick's Society the band wish to tender their sincere thanks for the kindness and hospitality extended to them, and regret that the bells in their tower are not in a condition to make it possible to get a peal on them.

WANTED.—Peal of Eight Handbells, second-hand; tenor G.—Address REV. F. MOLINEUX, Colyton Vicarage, Devon.

## MACHEN BELL RINGERS' GUILD.

## MEMBERS ENTERTAINED TO SUPPER.

The members of the Machen (Mon.) Parish Church Bell Ringers' Guild, together with a few friends were entertained to supper on Friday night, December 28th, at the Volland House, Lower Machen, by the President of the Guild, Mr. D. T. Newton Wade, and Mrs. Wade. After an excellent repast the company settled down to a musical evening, Mr. Newton Wade presiding.

The Chairman gave the loyal toast, and Mr. McKinnon proposed the toast of "The Clergy." The Clergy were, he said, at the present time passing through severe trials, but he believed they would come through them all right.

The Revs. S. G. Morgan and D. Dudleyke responded.

Mr. Lloyd proposed the toast of "The Bell Ringers," who, he said, were a splendid lot of young men.

Mr. Stratton, who seconded, said the bell ringers were a credit to the parish.

Mr. Newton Wade proposed the toast of "The Instructor of the band, Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport." Mr. Jones had rendered splendid service in helping the bell ringers, and had it not been for Mr. Jones the parish would not at the present time have its ring of eight bells, as when the rehanging was done it was only intended to rehang the old six; but Mr. Jones strongly advocated for a special effort to be made to complete the octave, which they were all delighted had been carried out.

An interesting function then took place. Mr. George Cousins, as Leader of the band, presented to Mr. Jones, on behalf of the ringers and friends of the Parish Church, a beautiful mounted oak tray.

Mr. Jones, in returning thanks, said he was very grateful to them for the lovely present, which he should always cherish. It was a pleasure for him to come to Machen at any time.

During the evening the ringers gave selections on the handbells, and songs were rendered by the Rev. S. G. Morgan, Messrs. Newton Wade, T. Jarman, A. McKinnon, D. C. Price, and J. W. Jones, Mrs. Wade being the accompanist.

## RE ENQUIRY FOR LANTERN SLIDES.

In answer to our enquiry of last week *re* above slides, Mr. Henry Cooper, of Chelmsford, says:—If your correspondent writes to Miss M. Simpson, 8, Mitchell Street, West Hartlepool, he will no doubt be set up with what he requires. I may say I have the slides booked for a four day's bazaar here in April next.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, December 22nd, for Evensong, at the Parish Church, 1024 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Coote, H. E. Hammond, F. Webb, G. Melbourne, P. Holmes, W. H. Hammond, F. Eley, C. H. Howard. For the Early Celebration of Holy Communion on the Nativity of our Lord, 1088 Kent Treble Bob. F. Webb, C. H. Howard, W. Grimwade, H. E. Hammond, E. Newman, F. Eley, H. Coote, H. J. Collins.

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\*From here to end three times repeated. Round at hand.

ANSTEY (near Leicester).—On Friday, December 27th, at St. Mary's Church, a half peal (2520) Stedman Triples, with bells half muffled, as a tribute of respect to R. Martin, donor. M. Atkins, W. Willson (conductor), T. H. Hardy, A. Mason, E. Jackson, E. Norman, T. W. Chapman, A. Cuffin.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, December 29th, before evensong at St. Paul's Church, 1440 Kent Royal. H. Tysoe, H. Sharp, Miss E. Steel, J. Church, H. L. Harlow, E. Tingey, W. T. Lightfoot, C. Chasty, F. Smith, F. Webb (conductor). Rung as a farewell touch to W. T. Lightfoot, who is leaving shortly for Australia.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday evening, December 29th, at St. Leonard's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1280 changes. H. Pates A. J. Perkins (conductor), G. Edser, I. J. Attwater, F. Pates, L. Attwater, C. Daniells, F. Hardy. This quarter-peal is in three courses only, with the 4th in 6ths place, and bobs at home full.

SOUTHWARK.—On Tuesday, December 24th, (midnight), at St. George-the-Martyr, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins. F. J. Hardy, T. H. Taffender (conductor), C. H. Hughes, H. G. Gowllett, R. W. Green, A. Turner, A. D. Barker, E. J. Edwards (first quarter-peal).

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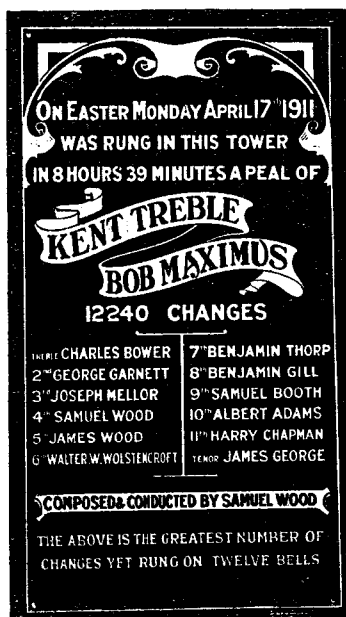
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An unfortunate breakdown of the Motive Power at our Works has caused a delay in publication which we most sincerely regret. We are all right now.

## The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 1913.

MUCH has been written recently as to the contrast in the courtesy of Englishmen to each other and that of our Colonials, to the detriment of the former. We do not agree that, as a general rule, the stay-at-home is any more discourteous than his brother who has crossed the water in search of a living. Individual cases may be met with both at home and in the Colonies to support the contention that either is better—or worse—than the other, but this does not prove anything either way. It would be extremely difficult to conceive anything a great deal more discourteous than the treatment meted out to the band of ringers from Sydney, whose doings while on a visit to the city of Melbourne are chronicled in another column. That anything at all like it could happen in England is almost, if not quite, impossible. No body of officials knowing that a band of ringers had arranged to visit their tower to ring in conjunction with the local band would sanction the use of the bells but forbid the one local man whom the visitors had asked for to ring with them. That, in all conscience, is bad enough treatment, but even worse than that followed. A day or two later, during the same visit, permission was given to attempt a peal of Grandsire Caters, the first peal attempt in the Southern Hemisphere, and the ban was removed from the local man, who was to act as conductor. With a view to being undisturbed during the attempt those who did not wish to remain in the tower were asked to retire before a start was made. They did so and the tower door was locked. But the locals evidently had no wish that the attempt should succeed, for our correspondent tells us that some of them, gathered at the foot of the tower, openly expressed a wish that the attempt would fail. In the meantime a start was made, and all went smoothly for about half-an-hour, when suddenly the serenity was broken by an official who rushed into the belfry and in a loud voice demanded the name of the individual who locked the door. This not being forthcoming, and the ringing still continuing he left. Then a rope came down, and the attempt, of course, failed. Bitterly disappointed the visitors returned to Sydney to reflect on the means some folks will adopt to frustrate schemes with which they do not agree.

## The Metropolis.

### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

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

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIDUS, SOUTHWARK,

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 50 cwt.

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

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\*First peal on twelve tower bells. †First peal on twelve bells.

## The Provinces.

### BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM C. HART .. .. Treble	GEORGE ADAMS .. .. 5.
JOHN CAPP .. .. 2.	BERT CHALLEN .. .. 6.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
PHILIP ALLFREY .. .. 4.	TRAYTON JEFFERY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

### BRISTOL.—THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5053 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

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

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

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

### LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER.

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

\*Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Freebrey, it being his first peal in the method. Wm. Trigg hails from Stanford-on-Soar; Messrs. J. Pagett, Draper, and Freebrey from Derby.

PUTNEY.—On Sunday, December 22nd, for evening service at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, 242 Stedman Triples. G. W. Honeyball, J. Herbert, B. Morris, C. Collis, jun., J. Kent, T. Bolton, A. Jones (conductor), H. Whanslaw. And for the same service 352 Bob Major. H. Whanslaw, A. Jones, W. Honeyball, J. Kent, C. Collis, jun., T. Bolton, B. Morris, J. Herbert (conductor).

## HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Conducted by KEITH HART.

## HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

LEONARD A. PYE* .. .. .	Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. .	5.
WILLIAM A. PYE* .. .. .	2.	ALFRED PYE .. .. .	6.
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN .. .. .	3.	ERNEST PYE .. .. .	7.
JOHN DALE .. .. .	4.	CHARLES BARLOW .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

\*First peal of Stedman and first attempt; age 13 and 17 years respectively. †First peal.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 27 cwt.

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

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

## EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

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

Conducted by FREDERICK BURROWS.

\*First peal on the bells.

## BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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

Conducted by W. E. WILSON.

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

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## NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

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

## BARROWBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 21, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

First peal in seven methods as conductor.

## STOKE, COVENTRY. WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRANK E. PEEVIN .. .. .	Treble.	WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON .. .. .	5.
WILLIAM PAYCE .. .. .	2.	ADOLFUS ROBERTS .. .. .	6.
OSWALD J. HUNT .. .. .	3.	JOSEPH H. WHITE .. .. .	7.
EDWARD H. JOHNSON .. .. .	4.	CHARLES FREEMAN .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH H. WHITE.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, this being his first peal in the method; also his first peal with a bob bell.

## TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ASPINWALLS'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

HARRY ALLRED* .. .. .	Treble.	PETER CROOK .. .. .	5.
JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. .	2.	ROBERT ALLRED .. .. .	6.
WILLIAM TREAY .. .. .	3.	WILLIAM PENNINGTON .. .. .	7.
JOSEPH GREGORY .. .. .	4.	HERBERT ALLRED .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PENNINGTON.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the 5th. Quickest peal on the bells.

## SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

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

Conducted by KEITH HART.



## BUSHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The Bushey Society.)

On Monday, December 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and  
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

## MONEWDEN, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford College Single, St. Clement, Oxford Bob and Bob Minor.

Tenor 6 cwt.

JAMES W. LEE* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM WIGETMAN .. .. 4.
LESLIE C. WIGETMAN .. .. 2.	GEORGE WIGETMAN .. .. 5.
GEORGE A. WIGETMAN .. .. 3.	ALFRED S. WIGETMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WIGETMAN.

\*First peal.

## ARBORFIELD, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Sonning Deanery Branch).

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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

Conducted by JOHN RANCE.

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

## HORLEY, SURREY.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21½ cwt.

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

Conducted by STEPHEN KENWARD.

This peal was rung for Early Morning Service starting at 3.35 a.m.

## HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR;  
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 9 cwt.

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

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

## HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

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

Conducted by ARTHUR R. MILES.

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

## COTGRAVE, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

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

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

## HULL, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qrs. 18 lb.

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

Composed and Conducted by C. JACKSON.

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

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

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

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

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

NEWPORT (Mon).—On Christmas morning, at 6 o'clock, at All Saints Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. A. E. Morgan, F. Morgan, J. Bullen, C. Bowen, F. Charles, J. W. Jones, V. Morgan (conductor), F. Staunbury. First quarter-peal as conductor, and first quarter-peal for F. Staunbury.

## DERBY—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

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

Composed by JOHN CABREFF, and Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

First peal of Stedman on the bells, also the quickest peal on the bells. The ringers of 3 and 5 hail from Burton; 6 from Duffield; the rest local.

## CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

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

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

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

\*First peal of Oxford.

## MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER BRANCH).

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5280 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

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

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

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

## PORTMADOC, CARNARVONSHIRE.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's 12-Part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Conducted by JOHN OWEN.

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

## GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

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

## LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

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

ON THE ROYAL MEMORIAL BELLS OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

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

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILSON.

\*First peal of Major and first attempt in the method.

## ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

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

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

\*First peal on eight bells.

## WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Friday, December 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5057 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

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

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

Rung on the Festival of St. John, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. Christopher Wallater; also as a welcome to Mr. Bert Horton, who was visiting his native town—Wednesbury. Mr. Wm. Goodman was proposed a member of the above Society previous to starting for the peal, and Mr. Bert Horton a member of the above Guild. Messrs. Peate and Smith belong to Walsall Parish Church; Messrs. Goodman to Dudley Parish Church; Mr. Wallater to Willenhall Parish Church; Mr. Small to Tipton Parish Church; Mr. Horton to St. Matthew's Church, Clapton, London; Mr. Gough to Coseley Parish Church.

## FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lb.

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

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Rung on the anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Sunday, December 29th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins. O. Sippetts, F. W. Rice, H. J. Dewes, A. E. Mitchell, A. D. Mills, J. Rico (conductor), P. Tyler, A. Thornton. This was H. J. Dewey's first quarter-peal with a bob bell, and was rung on his sixteenth birthday.

**Handbell Peals.****THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

On Sunday, December 15, 1912, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

At the George IV., Brunswick Street, Haggerston, N.E.,

**A PEAL OF STRDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; Thurstans' Four-Part.**

Cballis F. Winney ...	1-2.	Herbert Langdon ...	5-6.
Walter S. Wise...	3-4.	Alfred W. Grimes ...	7-8.

(No conductor mentioned).

Umpire—Frederick J. Hardy.

**FULHAM, LONDON, S.W.****THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.**

On Monday, December 16, 1912, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

In the Belfry of All Saints Church,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATRRS, 5003 CHANGES.**

Miss Elsie L. Bennett	1-2.	Louis Attwater...	5-6.
William Shepherd ...	3-4.	Frank I. Hairs ...	7-8.
James W. Driver ...	...	...	9-10.

Composed by the late Edgar Bennett, and  
Conducted by William Shepherd.

Umpires—A. F. Shepherd, A. W. Darlington, and W. J. Knights.

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

On Monday, December 16, 1912, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At the George IV., Brunswick Street, Haggerston,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES;**

Bertram Prewett ...	1-2.	Ernest Pye ...	5-6.
George R. Pye ...	3-4.	James Hunt ...	7-8.
Alfred W. Grimes ...	...	...	9-10.

Composed by G. Lindoff, and Conducted by George R. Pye.

Umpire—T. King.

**PETERBOROUGH.****THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION**

On Wednesday, December 25, 1912, in 2 Hours,

At St. Mary's School House,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLRS, 5040 CHANGES.**

Being forty-two 6-scores.

George Jutson ...	1-2.	John B. Hallifax ...	3-4.
John J. Jutson ..	...	...	5-6.

Conducted by George Jutson.

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

**BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.****THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(Southern Branch).

On Sunday, December 29, 1912, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. J. Osborn,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

John W. Lake ...	1-2.	Rupert Richardson ...	3-4.
James Osborn ...	...	...	5-6.

Conducted by John W. Lake.

Witness—Mrs. J. Osborn.

COLESHILL (Warwickshire).—On Christmas morning, at the Parish Church, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 29 mins. F. Jones, G. H. Williams, T. Goldby, C. Dale, C. Davies, W. Ratcliffe (conductor).

HOLLOWAY.—On Sunday, December 29th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob, in 48 mins. J. Barry, J. Cornford, H. Dains, A. Hart, R. Green, H. Ranzetta, A. Turner, G. Charge (conductor). First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 2nd and 4th.

LANGPORT.—On Sunday, December 22nd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. T. Jeanes, W. Tout, T. W. Creed, A. Wheedon, G. Lock, T. J. Lloyd (conductor). First 720 Bob Minor on the bells by a local band.

**BELL RESTORATION AT CHILHAM.****A FINE PEAL AVAILABLE AGAIN.**

On Monday, December 23rd, the fine ring of eight bells (tenor 18 cwt.) of St. Mary's Church, Chilham, near Canterbury, were re-dedicated, after being silent for some months. The 5th bell has been re-cast, and the whole ring re-tuned and re-hung in a special steel frame, with all the most modern fittings that science can devise. The old beams, which had become dangerous, have also been cleared out, and massive steel girders have been substituted, and upon these a new floor has been laid. The whole of the work has been done by Messrs John Warner & Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, London, in an able manner, and the workmanship cannot be too highly spoken of.

Before the service two leads of Grandsire Triples were rung by the following: E. Foreman (Treble), F. A. Nunn 2, — Wood 3, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (conductor) 4, E. Trendell 5, A. A. Andrews 6, G. Brett 7, G. Taylor (Tenor).

At the conclusion of the ceremony a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by F. A. Nunn, E. Trendell, — Wood, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, A. A. Andrews, E. Foreman, G. Brett, — Buesden. The ringing wound up with three leads of Kent Treble Bob by the same band.

A very enjoyable supper, provided by Mrs. Hay, of Chilham, was afterwards partaken of.

Messrs. John Warner & Sons were represented by four members of the Kent County Association: W. J. Nudds, J. Hunt, F. A. Nunn and T. Groombridge, jun.

**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, 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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## GUILDFORD.—THE ST. NICOLAS GUILD.

On Christmas Day, before ringing for morning service, Mr. Heather, the senior member, on behalf of the members of the St. Nicolas band, presented Mr. J. Hunt with a handsome case of carvers, as a slight token of their appreciation of his services during his 15 year's membership, many years of which he had acted as conductor, and was also Secretary part of the time. In a neat little speech he asked Mr. Hunt to accept the present, and spoke of the loss his departure would be to the band, and wishing him success in his new field of labour.

Mr. Hunt, in accepting the gift, thanked the members for their kindness, and was pleased to think they appreciated his services so highly.

A touch of Stedman Triples was then rung by H. Burdock, S. Radford, E. Raddon, B. Chorley, C. Willshire, jun., W. Loader, T. Radford, A. Pulling, J. Hunt (conductor), E. G. Heath. Owing to St. Nicolas' bells not being pealable, a farewell peal was not attempted, but a

quarter-peal was arranged. and brought round on Sunday evening, December 22nd, by C. Willshire, jun., A. Pulling, S. Radford, W. Maulden, C. Willshire, sen., W. Loader, M. Smithers, G. Steer, J. Hunt (conductor), E. Raddon.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL.—On Christmas Day, for morning service at Holy Trinity Church, 827 Grandsire Caters. F. Dale, A. Naylor (Leeds), G. T. Miller, G. Dowling, F. Merrison, J. Higfield, C. Jackson (conductor), T. Morton, W. Brown, G. Hare.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT.—On Sunday, for evening service at All Saints Church, 630 Erin Triples. A. V. Morgan, A. E. Morgan, J. Bullen, M. Selby, F. Charles, C. Greedy, F. Morgan (conductor), F. Stanbury. Longest length by all in the method, and on the bells.

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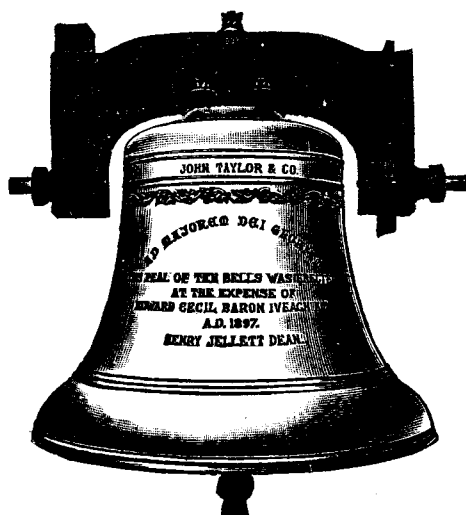
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4 Minor Methods	1		
7 Treble Bob Minor Methods	2		
Grandsire Triples	4		
Stedman Triples	13	...	3
Bob Major	7	...	3
College Single Major	1		
Kent Treble Bob Major	9	...	4
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2	...	1
Double Norwich Major	2	...	1
Superlative Major	1		
Grandsire Caters	3		
Stedman Caters	4		
Bob Royal	1		
Stedman Cinques	1		
Kent Maximus	1		

#### On handbells.

Grandsire Triples	9	...	
Stedman Triples	1		
Bob Major	19	...	5
Little Bob Major	1		
Oxford Major	1		
Grandsire Caters	13		
Bob Royal	4	...	1

Total—100; conducted 18.

(a) Includes 6208 and 11,232 conducted; (b) Includes 6591.

#### SUCCESSFUL LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

The band of Norwich Diocesan ringers who attempted the peal of Minor, 10,080 changes, in 14 methods at Thornham Magna on December 26th, succeeded in their effort, bringing the peal round in 5 hrs, 10 mins.

**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 January 7th and 21st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 16th and 30th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 7th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 21st; Southwark Cathedral on the 28th. St. Magnus 7.30 p.m., the others at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings. A district meeting will be held at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, on February 1st. Tower open for ringing at 3.30. Evensong at 5.30. Tea in the Vicarage Hall at 6.15. Will members intending to be present kindly let me know by January 28th. 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.

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 Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.**—The annual meeting will take place on Saturday, January 11th, 1913, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. Tower open at 3.30. Tea in the Vestry Hall at 5.30., at 9d. each to those who inform me by the 9th inst.

F. BENNETT, Hon. Sec.

**The London County Association** late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Northern District.—The General Meeting of this district will be held at St. Mary's, Islington, on Saturday, January 18th, 1913. The tower will be open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. at The Old King's Head. All members and friends cordially invited.

J. CORNFORD Hon. Sec.

7D Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

**The London County Association** late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 18th, 1913, at St. George's, Southwark. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow.

F. A. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

**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 11th.

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. BASROW, Branch Sec.

13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The monthly meeting will be held at Newcastle on Saturday, January 11th, 1913. Tea will be provided at 9d. each for those who notify Mr. A. Bailey, 137, Watlands View, Fonthill, not later than January 6th.

REV. J. REAY, } Hon. Secs.

J. JOHNSON, }

**The Lancashire Association**—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Darwen, on Saturday,

January 11th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7.30 p.m., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

J. WATSON, Branch Sec.

**The Kent County Association.**—Canterbury District.—Preliminary Notice.—The next meeting will be held at Selling on January 18th, 1913. Further particulars next week.

E. TENDELL, Hon. Sec.

Boughton, Faversham.

**The Kent County Association.**—The next quarterly meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at Ayloston on Saturday, January 18th, 1913. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by the usual business meeting. Subscriptions are now due.

G. MOORE, Dis. Sec.

71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

**The Warwickshire Guild.**—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, January 25th, at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those attending who let me know by January 20th. Subscriptions are now overdue, and should be paid at this meeting. Committee Meeting after tea.

REV. C. CARROW COX, Hon. Sec.

Shotton.

**IN MEMORIAM.****MR. H. WILKES, OF WORCESTER.**

On Sunday, December 15th, the death took place of one of Worcester's oldest bellringers, namely, Mr. H. Wilkes. He was 65 years of age, and had rung at the Cathedral for the past 40 years, being still a member of the Worcester Cathedral Guild at the time of his death. The funeral took place on Wednesday, December 18th, at Claines Parish Church, his remains being borne to the grave by four members of the Guild, namely, B. S. Hill, G. Hinton, W. H. Johnson, and W. C. Jones. Many other members and ringing friends were also present, including J. Perry, J. Brettell, W. Page, L. Longney, and J. Bullock. After the service at the graveside, as a last token of respect, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells, the ringers standing thus: W. C. Jones, 1-2; W. H. Johnson, 3-4; G. Hinton, 5-6; W. Page, 7-8; L. Longney, 9-10. Mr. H. Wilkes had rung many peals, and was a safe conductor, the last peal he rang and conducted being the peal of Grandsire Caters rung at the Cathedral, with the bells muffled, to the memory of our late King Edward VII. He will be missed very much by the members of the Worcester Cathedral Guild, having taken a great interest in the Guild for many years past.

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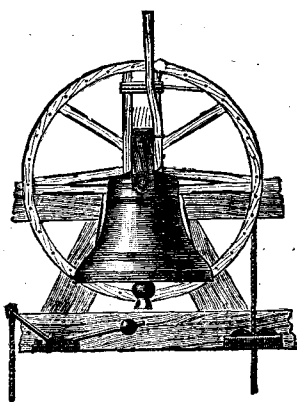
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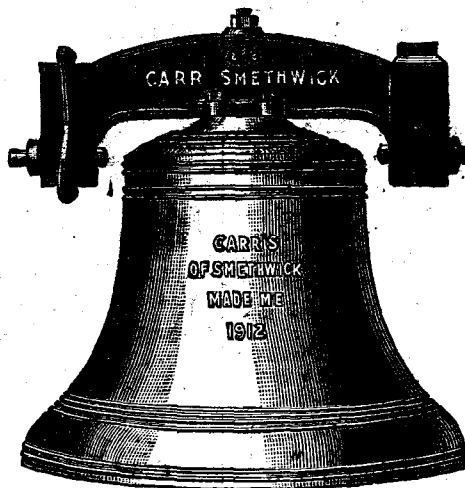
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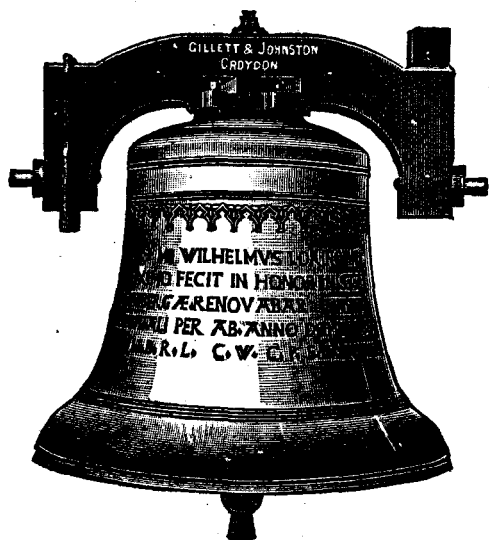
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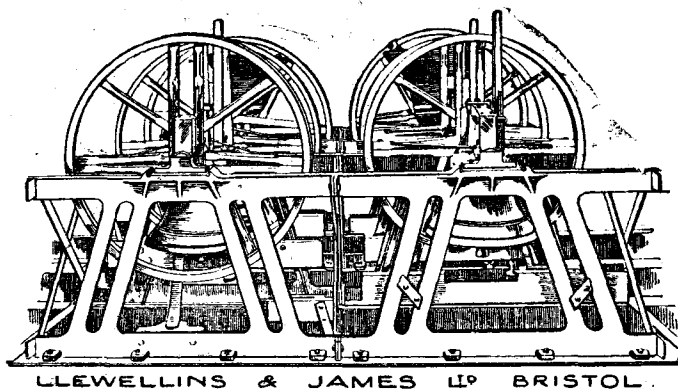
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## IN THE BELFRY AT FARNHAM.

### A PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

There was an interesting little ceremony in the belfry of the Parish Church on Tuesday evening in last week, when Mrs. Lovett, who was accompanied by the Rector and the Misses Joan and Penelope Lovett, unveiled a peal board, which has recently been hung in the belfry. The Rev. C. A. Hamilton and Miss Kate Sloman were also present, and all the ringers.

The Rector, having read a short service, Mrs. Lovett drew the curtain which had been hung in front of the new board, and having done so, said it gave her great pleasure to unveil that record. She believed it was many years since the bells were first rung in that tower, and they had been rung on many famous occasions—after the battle of Trafalgar and the battle of Waterloo—and she thought those who had rung the bells since she and the Rector had been at the Rectory were worthy descendants of those ringers. (Hear, hear). It must need perseverance and energy to make good bellringers, and she believed they had all got that. The people who lived at the Rectory sometimes found the bells a little loud, but then they lived so very near, and she never heard anyone who lived at a little distance from the church speak other than highly of Farnham bells and Farnham bellringers. (Hear, hear).

Mr. Edwards (conductor) then read the various records painted on the peal board, and commented on one or two of them. He also thanked Mrs. Lovett for sparing the time to come and unveil the board, and said the ringers appreciated her kindness very much. He would also like to thank Miss Sloman for being present, and the Rector for all the kindness and consideration shown to them during the time he had been Rector of Farnham. In conclusion he would like to point out that the number of peals recorded on the board broke the record for the number of peals achieved in the same space of time. (Applause).

### ENTHUSIASM ACKNOWLEDGED.

The Rector, in the course of a short speech, said he was just going to remark that surely such another record could hardly be found, and he attributed that to the enthusiasm of Mr. Edwards. If everyone in Farnham put the same enthusiasm into their work as he did into his work as ringer and conductor, and could enthuse other workers as he did the other ringers, there would have to be tablets all over Farnham commemorating the splendid achievements done. What they had done had been done only because of their enthusiasm, and he was proud to think that his name would go down to future generations attached to such a record as that. In some form or other that room was perhaps, with the exception of rooms at the Castle, the oldest room in Farnham, and the bells were put in that tower long ago, but he did feel that the present ringers did credit to the traditions of the post and the enthusiasm of the past. As they knew, he was one of those who valued very much the continuity of things and of handing on from generation to generation whatever was good in the past, and that was what they as ringers were

doing with the bells. No one in Farnham could deny that if everyone was as effectual, as regular, as enthusiastic as the ringers, then all would be well, and speaking to them for the last time as their Rector, he desired to thank them for the regularity, loyalty and enthusiasm which they had shown towards the bells and through the bells to the whole parish. He might have other bands of ringers, as he had had before, but he had never known, and could never know, a band that was more absolutely everything one could desire them to be. He was sorry to think he could not take them down to Southampton to ring the new bells which were to be put into St. Mary's tower. Some of them did walk a good distance every Sunday, but he was afraid that not even their enthusiasm would allow them to go to and from Southampton every Sunday. He did hope, however, that some day in the summer they would be able to go down to Southampton and that he and Mrs. Lovett would have the pleasure of entertaining them there. (Applause).

Mr. Edwards said the ringers would very much like the opportunity of ringing the first peal on the new bells.

The visitors then signed the record book, and the proceedings terminated after the band had rung one or two touches.

### THE RECORDS.

The writing on the board is as follows, the various particulars being written in panels:—

On February 27th, 1909, in 3 hours, a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes, Holt's Ten Part: 1, J. W. Russell; 2, C. Edwards; 3, F. A. Barnett; 4, W. H. Lowman; 5, E. Clapshaw; 6, A. Baigent; 7, T. Upshall; 8, W. Sheffield; conductor, T. Upshall.

On February 19th, 1910, in 3 hours 5 minutes, a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes, Parker's Twelve Part: 1, W. H. Lowman; 2, G. Upshall; 3, F. W. Elliott; 4, A. Baigent; 5, J. W. Russell; 6, T. Upshall; 7, C. Edwards; 8, W. Sheffield. Conducted by C. Edwards.

On May 20th, 1910, in 3 hours 25 minutes, a peal of Bob Major, 5,040 changes: 1, A. J. LeClercq; 2, C. Edwards; 3, G. Upshall; 4, W. H. Lowman; 5, F. A. Barnett; 6, T. Upshall; 7, J. W. Russell; 8, F. W. Elliott. Conducted by C. Edwards. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to his late Majesty King Edward VII.

On June 22nd, 1911, in 3 hours 3 minutes, a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes, Parker's Twelve Part: 1, A. Smith; 2, A. Baigent; 3, C. Edwards; 4, G. Upshall; 5, J. F. Laker; 6, E. Clapshaw; 7, T. Upshall; 8, H. Kimber. Conducted by C. Edwards. Rung in honour of the Coronation of King George V. and Queen Mary.

On December 23rd, 1911, in three hours, a peal of Steadman Triples, 5,040 changes, Thurston's Four Part: 1, A. J. LeClercq; 2, G. Upshall; 3, C. Hazleden; 4, A. H. Pulling; 5, R. Blake; 6, T. Upshall; 7, C. Edwards; 8, W. Sheffield. Conducted by C. Edwards.

On August 7th, 1912, in 3 hours 15 minutes, a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes, Parker's Twelve Part: 1, C. Edwards; 2, G. Upshall; 3, F. A. Barnett; 4, J. T.

Hensman; 5, W. Horne; 6, E. Clapshaw; 7, T. Upshall; 8, A. R. Elkins. Conducted by C. Edwards. Rung fully muffled as a token of respect to the late W. H. Lowman.

On November 30th, 1912, in 3 hours 3 minutes, a peal of Oxford Bob Triples, 5,040 changes, Parker's Ten Part: 1, W. G. Elkins; 2, H. Chaffey; 3, A. J. LeClercq; 4, C. Edwards; 5, G. Upshall; 6, E. Clapshaw; 7, T. Upshall; 8, A. R. Elkins. Conducted by C. Edwards. Rung in honour of St. Andrews' Day. Rev. Neville Lovett, Rector; W. T. Coleman, A. H. Stevens, E. Kempson, G. Elphick, churchwardens.

To this there might now be added the following: A peal of Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes, in 3 hours: 1, W. G. Elkins; 2, E. King; 3, A. J. LeClercq; 4, A. R. Elkins; 5, F. A. Barnett; 6, E. Clapshaw; 7, C. Edwards; 8, W. Sheffield. As a farewell to the Rev. Neville Lovett, Rector of Farnham.

It is interesting to note that Mr. E. Clapshaw, whose name appears several times on the board, has been a member of the Farnham band of ringers for 47 years.

### DES福德 CHURCH BELLS.

#### DEDICATION BY BISHOP OF LEICESTER.

After a silence of some ten weeks the three bells in Desford Church, which have for 300 years performed their sanctified duty without intermission, were run again on Monday night, having been re-cast and reinforced to complete a peal of six. The church of St. Martin, which has only recently been re-opened after undergoing restoration, bore its brightest appearance under the combined influences of renovated fittings and Christmas decorations, and a large congregation assembled to participate in a dedicating service which marked the completion of the scheme of renewal. The whole peal of bells was the gift of the members of the Goodacre family, who for over 100 years resided at Desford Mill, and took a prominent part in local affairs, and they are ascribed to the memory of Mr. Joseph Halford Goodacre. The additions to the previous peal consist of the tenor, fifth and first bells. The total weight of the peal is 36cwts., the largest bell measuring 3ft. 3in. in diameter and weighing 10½cwts. The supports are iron and steel frames with the latest and most approved fittings. The quaintly-worded inscriptions on the bells read as follows:—

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

3rd—"Iesvs bee ovr speed, 1658. Re-cast 1912, in memory of Joseph Halford Goodacre."

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

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

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

The bellfounders entrusted with the work were Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

Of the Goodacre family the district still possesses one member in the person of Mrs. Lacey, of Newtown Unthank, a sister of Mr. Joseph Goodacre. The deceased gentleman's brothers are the Rev. C. B. Goodacre (Thornton-Curtis, Ulceby), who assisted in the dedication service, and Mr. Thomas Goodacre, of Gorleston.

The congregation assembled during the preliminary ringing of the bells by a party consisting of Mr. Wilson

and ringers from St. John's Church, Leicester. The Bishop of Leicester (the Right Rev. Dr. Clayton), conducted the consecration service, assisted by the Rev. F. H. Joscelyn (Blaby, Rural Dean), The Rev. W. D. Thomas (Rector of Desford), and the Rev. C. B. Goodacre (Thornton-Curtis). Among the congregation were Mr. and Mrs. Lacey, Mrs. C. B. Goodacre, Mr. H. Watters and Mr. R. Orton (Churchwardens), Mrs. Watters, Mrs. Orton, Mr. and Mrs. Burdett, Mr. and Mrs. Cook, Mr. E. D. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Dilks, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dilks, Mrs. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin, &c.

The usual form of evensong was conducted by the Rector, the lessons being read by the Rural Dean and the Rev. C. B. Goodacre. Prior to the service, the clergy, choir, and churchwardens proceeded to the belfry, where Dr. Clayton offered up the dedicatory prayers, which were followed by a brief peal by the ringers, and the hymn "Lifted safe within the tower."

The Bishop of Leicester, in his address, observed that it was one of the singular charms of England that it had such a large number of interesting and beautiful Parish Churches. If one went abroad, into other European countries, one was in the habit of finding great cathedrals and large and magnificent town churches such as could equal, if they did not surpass, anything to be seen in this country, but he did not think there was any other land where the Parish Church was quite what it was in England. In their own district in the Midlands they were singularly happy in that way. As a general rule the church was by far the most beautiful building in the whole parish, and they could see at once, as soon as they looked at it, what it was intended for. There was nothing private about it; it was intended for everybody. And so, though each one had his own home, yet none the less each one felt, "After all I have my place in the church; that is my home in the highest of all senses." The parish church had, generally speaking, stood from age to age, and the affections of the people clung round it. Therefore it was not at all an uncommon thing to find in their churches all sorts of family memorials. It was only natural it should be so. Proceeding, Dr. Clayton reminded his hearers that the purpose of the present gift was (1) to give the church a voice; (2) to preach, as it were, the great truths of the Gospel far and wide by means of the bells as each great season of the Christian year went by; and (3) to invite men to come into the courts of the Lord's House to join in the services in His sanctuary.

The offertory on behalf of the general funds amounted to £2 12s. 6d.—The churchwardens received from Mr. T. W. Everard (Bradgate House) a letter regretting inability to attend, and enclosing a cheque for the renovation fund.

After the close of the Service, the first 720's of Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor were rung by Miss L. A. Willson, 1; T. H. Hardy, 2; A. Mason, 3; E. Jackson, 4; F. W. Herbert, 5; W. Willson (conductor), 6.

### GILLINGHAM, KENT.

The bells of this ancient Parish Church, originally a peal of five, were re-cast in 1700. In 1737 a treble was added to make six, and in 1811 two trebles were added to complete the octave. Many attempts have been made to have them restored, without success, until at last it became dangerous to ring them. It was then decided, after nearly two years silence, to have something done, and tenders

were invited from several firms. After due consideration, the Vicar and Churchwardens decided to place the order with Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich.

The whole of the bells and wood frame were cleared out and taken to the works. The two trebles have been recast, also the 7th, which was cracked; the other bells have been quarter turned and all canons removed, the whole tuned on the latest principle and hung in a new steel frame resting on stout steel girders with all new fittings.

Sunday evening last, the 5th inst., was the time appointed for the re-dedication. The Mayor and Corporation and members of the Ancient Court Leet were invited to attend in state, who mustered in good force. Canon Denham (from Rochester Cathedral), the special preacher, gave a splendid address to a large congregation on "The Message of the Bells."

The bells were rung during the day, before and after each service, in various methods—good touches of Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob Major and Bob Major being successfully brought round by members of the local band with friends from Chatham and Rochester.

The ringing was much admired by the inhabitants, and it is the general opinion of all that a great improvement has been made. The new bells blend beautifully, and the way they are hung and the go and workmanship redound to the credit of the firm and leaves nothing to be desired. This is the expression of all the ringers who tried them.

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## ANOTHER WORCESTER RINGER DEAD.

MR. THOMAS MALIN.

The funeral of Mr. Thomas Malin, one of Worcester's well-known bellringers, took place at Astwood Cemetery on Sunday. He was for nearly 40 years associated with campanology in the city, and for about 30 years rang the "Curfew" at St. Helen's Church, until bodily infirmity compelled his retirement. Besides members of his family attending the funeral, there were present, to pay a last farewell to a departed comrade, Messrs. B. S. Hill, B. Hill, A. Hill, J. H. Hill, W. C. Jones, H. Wilkes, W. Powell, W. Banks, G. Hinton, J. Morris, J. Perry, T. Lane, C. Gregg, T. Brown, W. H. Johnson, W. Page, G. Checketts, W. Stone, N. Wale, members of the Cathedral and other Guilds of Bellringers in Worcester. At the conclusion of the service at the grave side a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells was run, as a "Last Post," by W. H. Johnson, G. Hinton, W. Powell, W. Page, and G. Checketts. The effect was very solemn and at the same time pathetic and sweet. The Churchwardens, Mr. A. Harding and Mr. W. W. Harris (the latter having the charge of the "Curfew") of St. Helen's Church also attended. On Sunday for service at St. Helen's Church the following ringers rang a quarter peal and other touches of Bob Major with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Malin: B. S. Hill, A. Hill, J. H. Hill, G. Checketts, J. Morris, G. Hinton, L. Longney, W. Powell, W. H. Johnson, W. Edgington, W. C. Jones, W. Page.

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## SUPERLATIVE.

SIR,—In the Preface to the Collection of Legitimate Methods it states that Superlative, in common with all other Double Treble Bob Minor methods, will not produce the extent of changes. This double method I append will produce a 720 W R W three times.

123456

214365

124356

213465

231456

324156

231465

234156

324516

235461

325416

234561

325461

234516

324561

235416

325146

321564

235146

321546

312564

135246

315264

132546

135264

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## Miscellaneous.

## HOLY TRINITY GUILD, GOSPORT.

GOSPORT.—For morning service at Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday, December 22nd, 310 Grandsire Triples. \*G. Annells, R. Gardner, H. Slater, \*C. Noster, H. Ford, \*E. Brown, H. Reynolds (conductor), J. White. \*Longest touch. On Christmas day, for Evensong, 1200 Grandsire Doubles, being ten 120s, each called differently. \*E. Brown, H. Ford, R. Gardner, H. Slater, H. Reynolds (conductor), J. White. Longest touch on the bells since 1908, the Guild having been reformed in May last after a lapse of several years.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MILTON NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On Tuesday, December 3rd, 720 Plain Bob. G. Collins, H. Argent, J. Burles, F. Hayes, G. Jones, F. Mitchell (conductor). On Sunday, Dec. 8th, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Argent, F. Hayes, G. Jones, J. Burles, G. Ambrose, F. Mitchell (conductor). On Tuesday, Dec. 10th, 720 Plain Bob. G. Collins, H. Argent, G. Jones, G. Ambrose, F. Hayes, R. Smith (conductor). On Sunday, December 15th, 720 Plain Bob. G. Collins, H. Argent, F. Hayes, J. Burles, G. Jones, F. Mitchell (conductor). On Sunday morning, December 22nd, 720 Oxford Bob. H. Argent, J. Burles, G. Ambrose, G. Jones, F. Hayes, F. Mitchell (conductor). The same evening, 720 Plain Bob. On Saturday evening, December 28th, touches of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire. In addition to the local band were Messrs. Holden, Brenchley, and Ashenden from Meopham; R. Smith, Swanscombe; and F. Barton from Southwold, Suffolk, an honorary non-resident member of the above Association, who was on a visit to the district. On Sunday morning, December 29th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Collins, G. Jones, J. Burles, F. Barton (conductor), R. Smith, F. Mitchell. The same 720 Plain Bob. G. Collins, H. Argent, G. Jones, F. Hayes, J. Burles, F. Mitchell (conductor). On Tuesday evening, December 31st, with the bells half muffled, to ring out the old year, 720 each of Grandsire Minor and Plain Bob. G. Collins, G. Jones, J. Burles, F. Hayes, J. Avis, F. Mitchell conducting Grandsire, and J. Burles Plain Bob. This was the 50th 720 by J. Avis with the Milton ringers, and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. John Avis. At midnight, to ring in the new year, 720 Plain Bob. G. Collins, H. Argent, G. Jones, F. Hayes, J. Avis, F. Mitchell (conductor).

DEPTFORD.—On New Year's Eve, December 31st, 1912, at St. Nicholas, an attempt for Holt's Original collapsed at the 1694th change, owing to the sudden indisposition of one of the ringers. J. Law, T. W. Richardson, A. G. Bennington, T. Deal, T. H. Hawkins, A. J. Ford, G. H. Daynes (conductor), A. Papworth. At St. John's Church, for watch-night service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. R. Fosdike, F. W. Richardson, F. S. Bacon, J. Law, A. G. Bennington, T. Easterby, W. J. Jeffries (conductor), W. Daynes.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGH WYCOMBE (Bucks.)—On Sunday, January 5th, for evening service at the Parish Church, 1321 Stedman Caters in 56 mins. A. F. Ashman, G. White, W. Phipps, P. K. Biggs, E. Marlsham, R. Coles, J. W. Wilkins (conductor), S. T. Goodchild, B. Page, A. J. Hoing. On Monday, January 6th, for practice, 516 Stedman Cinques, being the longest touch on twelve bells by a local band. R. Coles, S. T. Goodchild, G. F. Williams (conductor), W. Phipps, J. W. Wilkins, E. Marlsham, F. K. Biggs, F. Hayes, J. Gransbury, G. White, B. Page, C. Smith.

HORNSEY (Middlesex)—At the Parish Church on December 31st, for watch-night service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (42 singles), in 28 mins. H. Smith, F. Ringrose, W. Dixon, A. Howell, M. Fensom, C. H. Ross (conductor). On January 1st, to ring in the New Year, 720 Plain Bob in 27 mins. H. Smith, F. Ringrose, W. Dixon, F. Fensom, M. Fensom, C. H. Ross (conductor).

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## PEALS OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

By FREDERICK DENCH, London.

5088.

23456	M	B	W	H
52436			-	
34625	-		-	
26543	-		-	
64235		x		
64352		x		-
24653		x	-	
45236		x		
45362		x		-
25463		x	-	
56234		x		
63542		x		
62345		x	-	-
36245			-	
23645			-	
42635			-	
36524	-		-	
52364			-	-
35264			-	
23564			-	
62534			-	
35426	-		-	
42356			-	-
34256			-	
23456			-	

4th, 5th and 6th extent in 6ths.

5056.

23456	M	B	W	H
65432	-		-	-
24536	-		-	-
43526	-	x		
32465		x		
52364		x	-	
36524			-	-
23564			-	
46532	-		-	-
25634	-		-	-
53624	-	x		
32546		x		
24365		x		
54263		x	-	
26543			-	-
52643			-	-
34625	-		-	-
23645			-	
54632	-		-	-
26435	-		-	-
63425	-	x		
32654		x		
42356		x		
35426			-	-
23456			-	-

4th, 5th and 6th extent in 6ths.

## TWO PEALS OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

By THE SAME AUTHOR.

5088.

23456	M	B	W	H
35426	-	x		
35264		x		-
54263	-	in & 5th		
32465	-			-
63425			-	
26435			-	
46532	-			
23564	-		-	-

Twice repeated; 4th, 5th and 6th extent in 6ths.

5088.

23456	M	B	W	H
54632	-		-	
36245	-		-	
42563	-		-	
36524	-		-	-
64523	-	in & 5th		
42635		x		
45236		x	-	-
34256			-	

Twice repeated.

## TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By H. PRICE.

5120.

23456	M	W	H
56342	I	2	2
65243	2		2
42563		2	2
45623		I	2
46253		I	2

Repeated; 3-6 extent in 6ths.

5120.

23456	M	W	H
62534	2	I	2
26435	2		2
34625		2	2
36245		I	2
32465		I	2

Repeated; 5-6 extent in 6ths.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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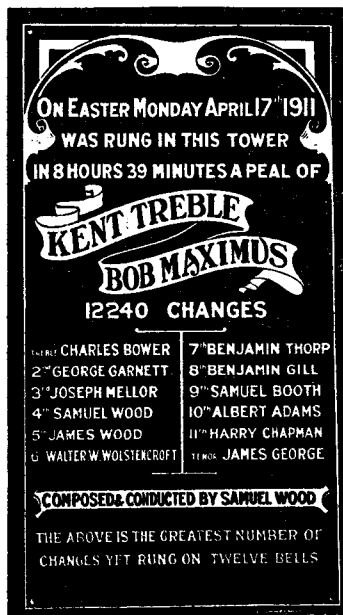
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## The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 1913.

### THE PEAL RECORD FOR 1912.

We desire to tender our congratulations to Mr. A. W. Grimes, of Haggerston, on his peal record for the year just ended. To have rung 114 peals, mostly on tower bells, is an accomplishment of no mean order, and one which must have entailed a great sacrifice of time and an expenditure of energy which few men of average physique are able to spare. The record stamps Mr. Grimes as somewhat out of the ordinary run of ringers, and gives him a position which it will be difficult to equal, much more to excel. Not so many years ago the total number of peals rung by all the bands in one year would not equal the number in which he has rung. The first year of which a record is obtainable gives a total of 156 peals, and it is quite conceivable that going back a few years from that one would find that less than 100 peals had been rung in a year. At any rate the performance of Mr. Grimes is a meritorious one, and one which shows the great improvements which have been made in the method of hanging bells, contributing as they do to their easier handling and better "go."

One other ringer, Mr. Bertram Prewett, has, we gather from a peal report published in our columns this week, reached his century, a record on which we presume he will try to improve during this year. We shall expect to see some others whose totals approach very closely to the 100, make efforts to beat the record.

FULHAM.—On December 31st, at midnight, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 50 mins. W. Worsley (first quarter-peal in the method), E. A. Arthurton, R. Harvey, H. G. Owen, L. Attwater, W. J. S. Knights (first quarter-peal with a bob bell), A. W. Darlington, W. J. Troughton, J. W. Driver, G. F. Edwards. Composed by A. Spittle, of Dudley, and conducted by J. W. Driver.

SOUTHOVER (Lewes).—On December 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. G. Richardson, E. J. Pannett, G. Piper, F. S. Sturt, A. J. Turner, R. J. Dawe (conductor), D. Turner, Composed by A. J. Perkins.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The Second Session of the Eighth Council (23rd annual meeting), will be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Whitsun Tuesday, 13th May, 1913. Reports of Committees and Notices of Motion should reach me not later than Saturday, 12th April, in order that they may be forwarded in due course for insertion in the ringing papers. Hon. Secretaries of Diocesan or County Guilds or Associations affiliated to the Council will kindly bear in mind that Affiliation Fees (2s. 6d. for each elected representative) become due on the 1st inst., and should be forwarded to me without delay. The rights of representatives whose quota has not been paid are in abeyance until payment has been made. I shall be glad if they will at the same time kindly inform me of any change in their own address since last year, or in that of any of their representatives, or of any change in the representation itself.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES,  
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

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### The Metropolis.

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

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL,  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 26½ cwt.

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal of Royal in the method.

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

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt, 3 qrs, 25 lb.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and  
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

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

### SOUTHWARK, LONDON.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in Four Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS,  
5280 CHANGES. Tenor 50 cwt.

EDWIN HORREX .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. .. 7.
HARRY R. PASMORE .. .. 2.	FREDERICK DENCH .. .. 8.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. .. 3.	FREDERICK J. HARDY .. .. 9.
THOMAS FAULKNER .. .. 4.	JOHN W. GOLDING .. .. 10.
HERBERT LANGDON .. .. 5.	ALFRED B. PECK .. .. 11.
HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 6.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

**The Provinces.****BRUTON, SOMERSET.****BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 27 cwt.

H. MILLBOURNE .. .. Treble	*T WHITE .. .. 4.
W. CANDY .. .. 2.	E. F. CREED .. .. 5.
T. G. VINCENT .. .. 3	*T. MERRIFIELD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. F. CREED.

\*First peal. First peal on the bells. The ringers of the 2nd and 4th belong to the Bruton company; 1 and 5 to the Castle Cary company; 3rd and tenor to the Ditchat company.

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

(C.E.M.S. Peal).

On Monday, December 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

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

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

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

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 21 lb.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and  
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.****THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

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

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

First peal in the method by 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and tenor men, and first peal in the method on tower bells by the 4th.

AUCKLAND (New Zealand).—On Sunday, November 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Matthew's Church. J. F. Colgrove, N. Smallwood, J. Heather, E. J. Hamblin, O. Throssell, A. J. White, S. C. Hamblin (conductor), P. Barringer.

**BARNET, HERTS****THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 26½ cwt

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

Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

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

**FULBOURN, CAMBS.****THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

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

AT THE CHURCH ON ST. VIGOR AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Conducted by BASIL D. BUTTRESS.

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

**UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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

Conducted by KEITH HART.

The above ringers represent eight towers in the Association.

**BUXTED, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.**

Tenor 16 cwt.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

**THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 10,080 CHANGES;**

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

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

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

First 10,080 in fourteen Treble Bob Minor methods by the Norwich Association.

**PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**  
**GLOUCRSTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
 (The Ancient Society of Painswick Youths.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
 At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:**  
 Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 26 cwt.

Thomas Hastings ... Treble.	William Ireland ... 5.
William Hastings ... 2.	Albert Wright ... 6.
Stanley Cole ... 3.	Frank Cole ... 7.
William Hale ... 4.	Hubert Hanks ... Tenor.

Conducted by Albert Wright.

Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters.

**NORWICH.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
 At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES.**  
 Tenor 43 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

Charles E. Borrett ... Treble.	Denison Hayward ... 7.
Georges P. Burton ... 2.	*William Rose ... 8.
John E. Burton ... 3.	Frederick Day ... 9.
Fredk. R. Borrett ... 4.	Ernest F. Poppy ... 10.
Edwin Whiting* ... 5.	John Souter ... 11.
Fredk. J. Roope* ... 6.	William Steele ... Tenor.

Composed by J. A. Trollope, and Conducted by C. E. Borrett.

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

**ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
 At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.**  
 Tenor 18 cwt.

Alfred James ... Treble.	Edwin F. Pike ... 5.
Isaac Emery ... 2.	Edwin Barnett, sen. ... 6.
George Dent ... 3.	George H. Daynes ... 7.
John Wbeadon ... 4.	James E. Davis ... Tenor.

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and  
 Conducted by James E. Davis.

**WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

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

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:**

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 1a E.

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

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

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

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

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

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**  
 Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

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

**WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.**

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

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

At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:**

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Conducted by W. SHORT.

**OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.**

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

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

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.**  
 Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

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

**BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.**

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

At the Church of St. Paul,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:**  
 PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THUESTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qrs. 9 lb.

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

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

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

**LEA, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(Northern Branch.—Gainsborough District.)

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

At the Church of St. Helen,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:**

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDK. S. W. BUTLER ... Treble.	JOHN CHARLES TINKER ... 4.
WILLIAM DICKENSON ... 2.	JOHN THOMAS LADD ... 5.
CHARLES HENRY BAKER ... 3.	*HERBERT TORR ... Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. S. W. BUTLER.

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

**BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.**

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

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

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:**

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by W. SHORT.

**SEDGELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**

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

**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

\*First peal of Bob Major. †First peal of Bob Major with a working bell. First peal of Bob Major as conductor. This peal was rung on the occasion of Holy Innocents Day.

**KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
(Sheffield District Society.)

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

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,**

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

FREDERICK PARK .. .. Treble.	GEORGE BDNHAM .. .. 4.
HARRY GRAVES .. .. 2.	W. H. TURTON .. .. 5.
T. A. HOWES-SMITH .. .. 3.	CHARLES SEVERN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. SEVERN.

First Surprise peal by the treble and 3rd ringers.

**BELGRAVE, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,**

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

G. WALDER'S VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

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

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Chas. Hubbard, who was 69 on January 1st.

**BURNHAM, BUCKS.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

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

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,**

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,**  
**5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 16 cwt.

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

Composed by JOHN CATEB, and Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

†First Surprise peal. \*First in the method away from the treble, and was the first Surprise peal on the bells.

**WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.**  
**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

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

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,**

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,**  
**5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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

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

\*First peal in the method.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**  
**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

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

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,**

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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

Conducted by KEITH HART.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**  
**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

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

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,**

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,**  
**5088 CHANGES.**

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

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

**Handbell Peals.**

**SHEFFIELD, YORKS.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*

**At 31, Burgess Street,**

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.**

John Thorpe .. .. 1-2.	George Lewis .. .. 5-6.
Clement Glenn .. .. 3-4.	Sidney F. Palmer .. .. 7-8.
R. Wilfred Collier .. .. 9-10.	

Composed and Conducted by George Lewis.

Umpire : T. O'Hara ; Witnesses : J. Evinson and T. G. Sarel.  
The conductor's and J. Thorpe's 100th peal. Also first peal on ten bells as conductor.

**FULHAM, LONDON, S.W.**  
**THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.**

*On Monday, December 30, 1912, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.*

**In the Belfry of All Saints Church,**

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.**

Miss Elsie L. Bennett 1-2.	Arthur F. Shepherd .. 5-6.
William Shepherd .. 3-4.	Frank I. Hairs .. .. 7-8.
James W. Driver .. .. 9-10.	

Composed by Frank Bennett, and  
Conducted by William Shepherd.

Umpire : W. J. S. Knights. This composition, now rung for the first time, contains the 6th twelve times wrong and the same number right.

**WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.**  
**THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION**

*On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,*

**At "York Villa," Wisbech,**

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

Arthur W. Wenlock .. .. 1.	*Thomas Haines .. .. 3-4.
Horace Banham .. .. 2.	Stanley Andrews .. .. 5.
Ralph Narborough .. .. 6.	

Conducted by Ralph Narborough.

\*First double-handed 5000 and first ever rung in Wisbech in which one man rang a pair.



## OXHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 1, 1913, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,  
At 43, Heath Road,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

George N. Price ...	1-2.	George E. Howchin	7-8.
Henry Hodgetts ...	3-4.	Hubert Eden ...	9-10.
William Hodgetts...	5-6.	Charles N. Lenman	11-12.

Composed by Charles H. Hattersley, and  
Conducted by George N. Price.

Umpire: Thomas L. Simmons. This composition has the 6th twenty-four courses in 6th place, with the bells in the tittums position throughout.

## INTERESTING CEREMONIES AT GUILDFORD.

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

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

ILKLEY (Yorks.)—On Christmas Day, for morning service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in honour of the 21st birthday of one of the local ringers. S. Rayner, A. South, W. Cook, C. Stephenson, T. W. Crawshaw, W. Stubbs, J. W. Birkin, \*C. E. Spencer. On New Year's Eve a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1913 changes, in 1 hr. 12 mins. S. Rayner, A. South, H. Verity, C. Stephenson, R. R. Richmond, W. Cook, J. W. Birkin (conductor), C. E. Spencer. Composed by C. Jackson, of Hull.

NORWICH.—St. Peter Mancroft, December 31st, for the midnight service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in the tittums, on the "Gabriel" eight, in 44 mins. G. Day, D. G. Potter, A. Hubbard (composer and conductor), H. J. Borrett, F. H. Phillips, J. Freeman, G. Mayers, C. W. Bullen. First quarter-peal of Major by the treble man.

SITUATION WANTED as Verger, where a business could be added. Carpenter and Joiner would instruct a band in change-ringing. All Standard Methods. 6, 8, or 10 bells. C. R. LILLEY, Linley House, Cheddar, near Taunton.

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## ANOTHER 10-BELL PEAL FOR LANCASHIRE.

Dalton-in-Furness, a town in Lancashire, with a population of 15,000, will shortly be in possession of a fine ring of ten bells in its Parish Church.

The new peal is to be cast in the well-known Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London, by Messrs. John Warner & Sons, who have been instructed to proceed at once with the casting of the back eight bells, the tenor of which will weigh 22 cwt., and will be in the key of E flat. It is confidently expected that there will be sufficient funds in hand to enable the authorities to place the order for the remaining two treble bells in time to be hung in position in the tower before the ceremony of dedication takes place.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On Sunday evening, December 29th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes). C. Woodward, G. Bloor, J. Woodward, E. Sandon, H. Page. S. Churton, G. F. Page (conductor), J. Simister.

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**DEATH OF AN OLD COVENTRY RINGER.****MR. WILLIAM GILBERT.**

The death of William Gilbert, which occurred on Christmas Eve after a short illness, takes away the last survivor of the old St. Michael's company of ringers, Coventry, and thus one of the few links connecting this fine peal of bells with change-ringing is severed.

He was 72 years of age, and had been a member of the St. Michael's Company from an early age to the time the tower was declared unsafe (some 27 years ago), and since then had been steeplekeeper at Trinity Church up to his death, and, assisted by his sons, used to chime the eight bells of that Church, which are in a wooden campanile, and unsafe for ringing.

He only took part in one peal, that being when he rang the tenor of St. Michael's on Easter Monday, April 17th, 1877, to 5003 Grandsire Caters, conducted by the late Henry Bastable, of Birmingham, but he took a keen interest in change-ringing, and about seven years ago rang

the tenor at Stoke Church, Coventry, to a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples.

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

**HOLY TRINITY BELLS, GUILDFORD.****DEDICATION SERVICE.**

The bells of Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, have just undergone restoration at the hands of Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have recast the treble, 4th, 7th, and tenor, and have retuned and rehung the whole peal in a heavy iron framework. A new floor has also been laid down in the belfry, and various other improvements carried out. Originally the Bishop of Winchester was to have been present to conduct the dedication service, but his lordship was prevented by illness, while the

Bishop of Guildford was also unavoidably absent. Under the circumstances the ceremony was performed by the Rector and Rural Dean (Rev. E. C. Kirwan). After the dedicatory prayers, a course of Stedman Triples was rung by Messrs. C. Willshire, J. J. Jones, H. L. Garfath, S. Radford, J. S. Goldsmith, C. Hazelden, B. Chorley, and A. H. Pulling.

In the course of a brief address the Rector after congratulating the parish on the completion of the work, gave a history of the effort made to raise the money necessary to carry out the restoration, which had cost £468. Of this £433 had been subscribed in sums varying from 1d. to £50, leaving some £35 still to be collected. Not only did the subscribers include members of their own congregation, but persons from other churches had contributed, as well as some Nonconformists. The rev. gentleman also gave a short history of Church Bells and their uses, concluding with an appeal for a generous collection to clear off the debt.

Several touches were afterwards rung, the doyen of the Winchester Guild, Mr. John Heathorn (who will shortly complete his 90th year), taking part.

**AUSTRALIAN AMENITIES.**

As a supplement to the report of a visit of Sydney ringers to Melbourne, which we published last week, Mr. R. F. Deal, a well known ringer of the latter city, writes confirming what was reported, and regrets that at St. Paul's Cathedral where is the only ringable peal in Melbourne, no encouragement is given to ringing, and says that most of the ringers have left the tower.

# **JOHN TAYLOR & CO.,**

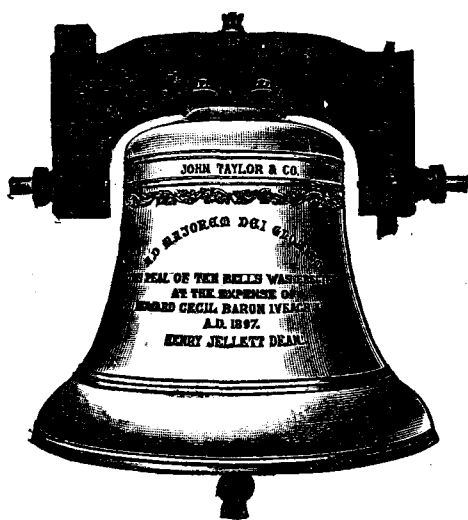
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Also the chime of bells at Ames College, Iowa, U.S.A.]  
And the recast "Grandison" of Exeter Cathedral

### 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 January 21st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 16th and 30th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 21st; Southwark Cathedral on the 28th. St. Magnus 7.30 p.m., the others at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings. A district meeting will be held at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, on February 1st. Tower open for ringing at 3.30. Evensong at 5.30. Tea in the Vicarage Hall at 6.15. Will members intending to be present kindly let me know by January 28th. 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 Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.**—The annual meeting will take place on Saturday, January 11th, 1913, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. Tower open at 3.30. Tea in the Vestry Hall at 5.30, at 9d. each to those who inform me by the 9th inst.

F. BENNETT, Hon. Sec.

**The London County Association late the St. James's Society.**—Established 1824.—Northern District.—The General Meeting of this district will be held at St. Mary's, Islington, on Saturday, January 18th, 1913. The tower will be open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. at The Old King's Head. All members and friends cordially invited.

J. CORNFORD Hon. Sec.

70 Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

**The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.**—Established 1824.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 18th, 1913, at St. George's, Southwark. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow.

F. A. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.** North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate (by kind permission of the Rcv. C. F. Peplow) on Saturday, January 25th. Bells ready at 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at The Cherry Tree at 6 o'clock, 6d. each. Members and friends cordially invited. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1913 are now due.

C. T. COLES, Hon. Sec.

49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

**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 11th.

B. 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.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The monthly meeting will be held at Newcastle on Saturday, January 11th, 1913.

REV. J. REAY, } Hon. Secs.  
J. JOHNSON, }

**The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.**—A branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Darwen, on Saturday, January 11th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

33, Langham Road, Blackburn. J. WATSON, Branch Sec.

**The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.**—A meeting will be held at Selling on Saturday, January 18th, 1913. Bells available from 3 p.m. Divine Service at 5.15 p.m. Tea, provided by S. Neame, Esq., will be taken at 5.30 p.m. Will all those members who intend being present, kindly let me know by Tuesday, January 14th. The annual subscriptions are now due, and may be paid at this meeting.

E. TRENDLELL, Hon. Sec.

Boughton, Faversham.

**The Kent County Association.**—The next quarterly meeting of

the Maidstone District will be held at Aylesford on Saturday, January 18th, 1913. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by the usual business meeting. Subscriptions are now due.

G. MOORE, Dis. Sec.

71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

**The Lancashire Association. — Liverpool Branch.**—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Saturday, January 18th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 6.30.

WALTER HUGHES, Sec.

3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—Quarterly meeting at Perry Barr, Saturday, January 18th. Bells available at 3. Service, with address at 5.30. Tea at 6. Those intending to be present please send word not later than January 14th to

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

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Northern Branch.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Oldbury on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Service in the Parish Church at 4.45 p.m. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at the Talbot Hotel at 5.30, 1s. 3d. each. Business meeting after. Will all those intending to be present at tea kindly let me know on or before January 15th. E. J. DOWLER, Hon. Br. Sec.

9, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

**Dorking and Leatherhead District.**—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at the Church Room, Dorking on Saturday, January 18th, 1913. Bells open at 4 p.m. Tea at 6, followed by general meeting.

R. H. FREEMAN, Hon. Sec.

Rectory Lane, Shere, Surrey.

**The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday, January 18th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 7.

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Branch Sec.

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Aldenham on Saturday, January 25th, 1913. Bells available at 4 p.m. Tea at The Chequers at 5.30, 9d. per head. It is hoped that members will make an effort to attend. All ringers welcome.

H. EDEN, Hon. Sec. Western Division.

43, Heath Road, Oxhey, Watford.

**The Warwickshire Guild.**—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, January 25th, at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those attending who let me know by January 20th. Subscriptions are now overdue, and should be paid at this meeting. Committee Meeting after tea.

REV. C. CAREW COX, Hon. Sec.

Shotton.

**The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.**—The next meeting will be held at Greenwich on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 6 p.m. Further particulars next week.

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

**The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—Preliminary Notice.**—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, January 25th, 1913. Further particulars next week.

W. LATIER, Hon. Dis. Sec.

26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, January 25th. Bells ready at 2.30. Committee meeting at 4. Tea (1s. each) at 4.45, both in the National School. Will those who intend taking tea kindly notify Mr. H. Pegg, Market Place, Whitwick, by the previous Thursday. The Committee request that all subscription up to end of 1912 be paid in at once.

W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Western Branch.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Malvern Link on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Service at 4 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea provided. The Branch Secretary should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous.

Madresfield, Malvern. R. G. KNOWLES, Branch Sec.

**The Hertfordshire Association.—Easton Branch.**—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on January 25th, when the bells will be open at 3.30. Further particulars next week.

W. H. LAWRENCE.

**Drayton, Berks.**—The dedication of the screen in Drayton Parish Church, erected in memory of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, is fixed to take place on Saturday, February 1st. Further particulars will be given later.

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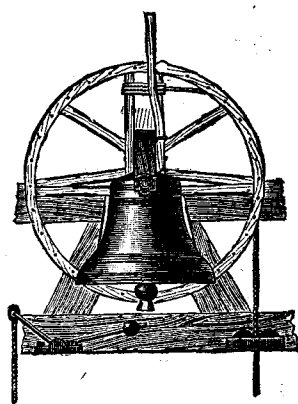
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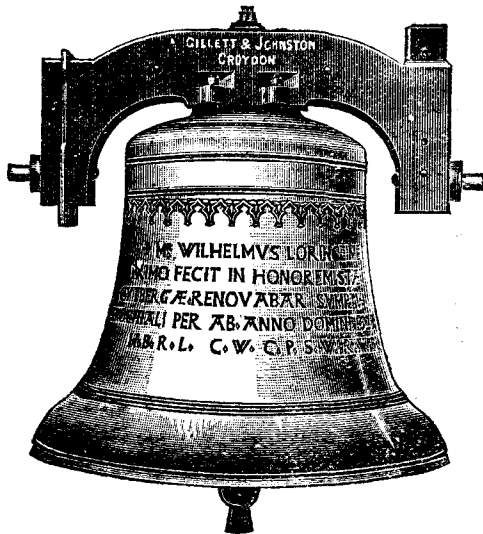
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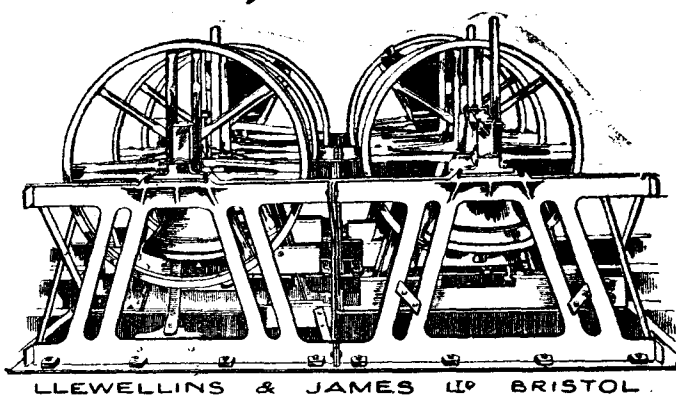
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## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting was held at Wincanton on Saturday, January 11th. Although the weather was frightfully rough and wet, between 50 and 60 were present at the meeting representing the following towers: Bruton, Castle Cary, Ditchcat, Queen Camel, Templecombe, Buckhorn Weston, North Cheriton, South Cadbury, and Wincanton. A short service was held in the Church, the Rev. H. M. Spackman, vicar of Wincanton, officiated, and delivered a very instructive address, taking his text from Psalm xxvi., "Be Thou my Judge, O Lord, for I have walked innocently." The Rev. Spackman, in the course of his address, pointed out the position which ringers held. The choir being in attendance, some fine music was heard from them, making the service as bright as possible. After the service the ringers were very kindly entertained to tea in the Sunday Schoolroom by the Rev. H. M. Spackman and his churchwardens, Mrs. Spackman and other ladies presiding at the tea tables. After tea the business meeting followed. The Rev. Spackman was heartily voted to the chair the minutes of the last meeting being read. Mr. T. G. Vincent, sen., of Ditchcat, was chosen as president to the Branch for the year 1913, and Mr. T. G. Vincent, jun., chosen as hon. secretary. Twelve new members were proposed and one tower affiliated to the Association. Marston Magna was chosen as the next place of meeting, to be held in May next. Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the Bells and arranging the service, also to him and his churchwardens for their kindness in entertaining the ringers to tea. The Vicar returned thanks, saying he was pleased to think the Castle Cary Branch had chosen Wincanton as a place of meeting, and whenever they felt inclined to arrange another meeting at Wincanton, they would be accorded the same welcome as they had been given that afternoon. This concluded the business. A move was then made for the tower, where the bells were kept going to various methods until 8.30, bringing to a close a very pleasant meeting.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The Northern District Practice, held on January 8th at North Shields, was attended by ringers from four towers. Some ringers rang their first touches in Grandsire and Treble Bob, and some good practice was put in at Stedman Triples.

One of the "objects" of the Durham and Newcastle Association is to secure the recognition of ringers as church workers; it was consequently a satisfaction and a pleasure to have a visit in the belfry from the Vicar of North Shields. He expressed his interest in the proceedings, and informed the ringers that he is connected by marriage with the late Jasper W. Snowdon, whose name is familiar to every ringer as the author of "Rope-sight."

The next practice will be held on Friday, January 24th, from 6.30 p.m. till 9 p.m., at Benwell.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday last, and, despite the wretched state of the weather, was attended by upwards of 30 members. Considerable disappointment was felt that, owing to the restrictions prevailing at St. Martin's, there could be no ringing after 5.15. An adjournment was at that hour made to the Vestry Hall, where an excellent tea was awaiting, which had been generously provided by the Vicar, Rev. L. Shelford; the reverend gentleman also personally welcoming the Society to St. Martin's.

Mr. J. Parker was chosen to fulfil the duties of Master for the present year. Messrs. Dains, Bennett, Hardy and Hairs being re-elected to their respective offices. Mr. C. Austin (Edmonton) and Messrs. H. J. and A. E. Bradley (Shoreditch) were elected members, and the elections of eleven members in various towers were confirmed. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at West Ham. The subject of erecting a headstone to the memory of the late Mr. Arthur Jacob was discussed at some length, it being eventually decided to allow the matter to stand over till the next meeting.

A pleasant evening was afterwards passed in the Hall, enlivened by songs and courses of several methods on the hand-bells.

## ORSETT RINGERS AT SUPPER.

### ENTERTAINED BY THE VICAR.

On Thursdays, January 9th, the Ringers of the Church of St. Giles and All Saints, Orsett, were entertained to their Annual Supper at the Rectory by the Rev. W. C. Bishop (Rector) and Mrs. Bishop.

After a substantial repast, the rest of the evening was spent in harmony, songs being sung by Messrs. A. Keeling, W. F. Fox, A. Merchant, B. and W. Harrod, J. C. Bridge, and T. Kimmings, and a good comic recitation by the Rev. W. Tupper (Curate). Also the ringers gave a good selection of songs, interspersed with tunes and changes on the hand-bells, accompanied on the piano by Mr. A. Merchant.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. W. F. Fox and seconded by Mr. A. Keeling (Captain of the Ringers), and a very enjoyable evening wound up with "Auld Lang Syne" about 11 o'clock.

Before the supper, the Ringers had a pull on the Tower bells, and rang several 1208 of Grandsire Doubles, also fired the bells 70 times in honour of the 70th birthday of the Countess of Shannon, who is one of their good friends, and often stays at Orsett Hall, the squire, Major Whitmore, being her nephew. Her ladyship sent a very nice letter to Mr. A. Keeling, thanking the ringers for their kindness in ringing, and also for their good wishes, and wished the ringers a Happy New Year and many more to



follow. The ringers were A. Keeling, B. Harrod, W. Harrod, H. Chinnery, H. Joslin, and T. Kimmings, all members of the Essex Association of Change Ringers, also H. Field, H. Plowright, and C. Bridge.

### THE AUTHORSHIP OF PEALS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Mr. Hattersley, in his letter, says that the 1st and 2nd peals of New Cambridge Royal, published in their first letter, are not the same. And, likewise, the 3rd and 4th peals.

Therefore, if No. 1 is not the same as No. 2, then it is absurd to say that it is the same as their 6,048 Superlative Surprise Major. The same can be said of the 3rd and 4th peals.

A little further on he asks whether I copied or reproduced his figures. "His," mind you, when he admits that twelve of the fourteen courses that I used were as much mine as his. Then take away the course that contains the key of the whole situation, which does not appear in his peal.

No, I no more reproduced Mr. Hattersley's peal than he reproduced J. Reeves', when he composed that peal of Treble Bob Maximus I had the pleasure of ringing in Sheffield some years ago.

Are we to take it that they have one "Code of Morals for themselves and a second code for other people?"

Yours, &c.,

G. LINDOFF.

10, Everton Avenue,  
N.C.R., Dublin,  
January 14th, 1913.

### DOUBLE TREBLE BOB MINOR METHODS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—The method published by Mr. Dench in your last issue, is sure to revive the interest in this form of method. Possibly some with all the requisite knowledge and experience will endeavour to supplement the initial contribution. Certainly many without such necessary qualities will essay the same task. For the benefit of the latter, I may be permitted to show the critical point in building such methods.

From 123456 to row A in the following, or any other, quarter lead, no difficulty arises. The procedure is the same as for a single method. At this point, however, it must be remembered that, whatever the nature of row A (odd or even), so must be the nature of the next row B. Why this is so is explained by the fact that that between B and C being the centre of the half lead, the pairs in front and behind must do the same thing, if the method is to be double. This being so, row C will always be of a different nature to B. Then if A and B are different, A and C will be alike, as will also be the corresponding rows in the second half lead. Thus, unless A and B are kept alike, all the rows with the treble in thirds place will be of like nature, and the extent is not available.

Finally, I would point out that my own investigations

show that, while several irregular methods will produce the extent, there are only three other regular methods which will do so. One is shown in the quarter lead already given, with seconds and fifths when treble is in front and behind respectively. The other two are seen in the following half lead, which permits of seconds and fifths, or a whole pull in sixths and at lead, when the treble is in front and behind:—

123456

214365

123465

214356

241365

423165

241356

243165

423615

246351

243615

426351

Yours, &c.,

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

### DOUBLE GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By DR. A. B. CARPENTER.

5040.

234567

235476

672453 I

762543 I

476325 5

567324 5

764325 2

365472 5

257436 I

653472 2

452673 5

456237 5

654327 5

254763 5

356742 5

752346 5

563742 2

467235 I

765234 5

674235 2

267453 5

276543 5

Each part to be five times repeated, with Holt's Bob-Single at the end of the 5th and 10th parts.

First rung at St. Mary-on-the-Hill, Chester, on January 6th, 1913, conducted by Henry W. Wilde.

### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk)—On Sunday, January 12th, for evening service, a touch of Cambridge Surprise. Also after service a 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. W. Clover, L. Last, J. A. Berry, E. F. Poppy, G. Cattermole, W. J. Nevard (conductor). Rung to oblige E. F. Poppy (Eye), and W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley, Essex), who was on a visit in this neighbourhood.

WEST EALING.—On Tuesday evening, January 7th, for a special Mission Service, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Spencer, J. Crocker, G. Harbonr, T. Beadle, F. Goddard, W. Lawrence, J. J. Pratt (conductor), C. Edwards.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale Branch of the Lancashire Association was held on Saturday last at the Parish Church, Whitworth. Members were present representing Whitworth, Rochdale Parish, Balderstone, Glodwick, Oldham Parish, Middleton, and Todmorden Unitarian. The business meeting was presided over by the Rev. J. R. Schofield, who was elected a life member of the Association. One other member was also elected, Milnrow was selected for the next meeting. Afterwards the bells were kept going to touches of Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major, etc. Among the visitors present was Mr. P. Shepherd, of Birmingham.

## THE JACOB APPEAL.

## FURTHER SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The following further subscriptions have been received by Mr. Howell:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount previously acknowledged ...	10	5	0
The Finchley Ringers (per Mr. W. Tubb)	0	3	6
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Mr. Barnard (Wood Green)...	0	2	0

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## HANDBELL PERFORMANCES.

We had the pleasure, one evening this week, of listening to a capital programme of items on handbells and tubular bells by a party of boys from the Stockwell Orphanage. There is not the least doubt that they have been well and carefully trained by their conductor, Mr. W. Partridge, and deserved all the enthusiastic applause which greeted them. The programme included tunes, chimes and changes; the time in each being well kept, and the striking good. All the music was arranged by Mr. Partridge.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

We are asked to note that Mr. Geo. R. Newton has removed to Mossley Hill Mews House, Liverpool, from 6, Aigburth Vale.

The three old bells in the tower of St. Piran's Church, Perranporth, have been recast, and three others added. The new tenor weighs 12½ cwt.

A faculty has been granted in the Winchester Consistory Court for the erection of a marble tablet in East Wellow Church to the memory of Miss Florence Nightingale.

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In doing so the following members took part: W. Miller, 61; W. Theobald, 57; H. Torble, 49; J. Moule, 38; G. Dawson, 30; G. A. Black, 27; S. Hurry, 25; F. Doran, 24; A. Fiddis, 21; W. Doran, 18; A. Prior, 12; R. Saunders, 10; H. Saffell, 8; G. Hayden, 5; A. Neale, 5; G. L. Joyce, 3; W. Smith, 3; G. Hull, 2; T. Cranfield, 2; F. Freeman, 1; J. Sykes, 1; Y. Green, 1; E. Andrews, 1; H. J. Tucker, 1; H. Gowers, 1; H. Rumens, 1; E. T. Wigg, 1.

Conducted by W. Miller, 49; J. Moule, 6; G. A. Black, 4; S. Hurry, 3; H. Torble, 3; W. Theobald, 2; R. Saunders, 1.

## TREBLE BOB ROYAL COMPOSITIONS.

To the Editor.

SIR,—Both the peals of Treble Bob Royal by Mr. Price in your last issue are old compositions. The first was composed by myself, and rung by the Royal Cumberlands at St. Barnabas, Pimlico, on the 8th of July, 1879, conducted by the late George Newson. The next given will be found on page 103 of Snowdon's Treatise, Part II., as composed by J. Shaw, and was rung at Sheffield in April 1834, conducted by its composer.

Yours &c.,

47, Richmond Road, HENRY DAINS.  
Barnsbury, N.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—On Sunday, January 5th, for morning service at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. B. Davies, G. Cross, H. Page, G. Wines, W. Page, J. Cross, T. Page (conductor), S. Weaver. First quarter-peal by the ringer of the treble. On Monday, January 6th, for practice at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 50 mins. H. Crabbe, G. Cross, H. Page (conductor), G. Wines, F. Chamberlain, W. Page, J. Cross, T. Page. First quarter-peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

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## THE SURPRISE METHODS.

Contributed by WILLIAM SNOWDON, Past President of the Yorkshire Association.)

## CHAPTER III. (Continued.)

## ANNABLE'S ATTEMPT AT CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

Turning to Monk's edition of the London Scholar's book (J D : C. M.) we find, in 1766, the same irregular figures as arranged by Annable with 15837246 as the lead-end, and it was only on the appearance of the "Clavis," in 1788, that we first meet with Cambridge Major with the correct plain-bob lead-ends of to-day. This correct attitude of the "Clavis" is both interesting and curious, for Annable had been clever enough to produce the complicated London on six with correct lead-ends, whilst the authors of the "Clavis" had shown themselves lax on this very point, by allowing several of their Minor Surprise examples to appear as failures with irregular lead-ends. Now here in Major we have Annable slanting and the "Clavis" setting him right. For these experts not only extended Cambridge and London Major correctly, but also presented us with Superlative Major, which, as we all know, was their own production, and had correct lead-ends from the first.

It may therefore be worth while noting the alterations made in Annable's Cambridge in order to bring it into true line, as therefrom we may gain a guiding rule for further extensions. The rule appears to run thus:—Reproduce the characteristic scheme and position of all the places as correctly as you can (as Annable did in his Cambridge) and then supplement these with others (as few as possible) to secure the correct lead-ends. For we find the "Clavis" inserts an extra internal place, fifth's, with the treble dodging in 3-4, besides balancing this with a whole pull behind; and in the next two rows the bell behind is brought to make sixth's. So here we have the origin of four bells lying still in a Surprise row, which many have thought barbaric, and doubtless Annable was one of them!

As the question of developing any further Majors from our correct Minors, is beyond the scope and scheme of these papers, and as most of us are happy in the possession of the three great examples of Cambridge, London and Superlative, we would have turned at once to Royal had it not been for the unyielding nature of Cambridge in the matter of peal composition. In some valuable papers contributed to "THE BELL NEWS" in 1887, Sir Arthur Heywood, now the President of our Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, pointed out a simple solution of the difficulty. The figures involved are appended in an explanatory form made to take the shape of a treble-lead-end, ending and beginning with rounds, the asterisks showing the variations which are confined to the front three bells. This was first known as the Burton (on Trent) variation. Subsequently however attention was drawn to the fact that Thackrah, of Dewsbury, had arrived at the very same solution, publishing it in his book in 1852. Following this Sir Arthur, at a meeting of the Central Council, suggested that it was hardly fair to Yorkshire to retain the title of Burton, and it was agreed to designate it New Cambridge Surprise. It was also pointed out that Superlative could be treated in a somewhat similar way, but no substantial demand has been made by our composers for a New Superlative, and it is to be hoped—seeing that this composition is not very cramped—that we shall be spared any variations that are found unnecessary.

## NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

5 2 3 8 1 7 4 6	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
* 5 2 3 1 8 7 6 4	2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7
* 2 5 1 3 7 8 4 6	1 2 4 6 3 8 5 7
5 2 3 1 7 4 8 6	2 1 6 4 8 3 7 5
2 5 1 3 4 7 6 8	2 6 1 4 3 8 5 7
2 1 5 3 7 4 8 6	6 2 4 1 8 3 7 5
1 2 3 5 4 7 6 8	* 2 6 1 4 8 7 3 5
2 1 3 4 5 6 7 8	* 6 2 4 1 7 8 5 3
1 2 4 3 6 5 8 7	6 2 4 7 1 8 3 5

## IN MEMORIAM.

MR. EDWIN ROSS TODD.

The death has occurred at his residence, Mill Road, Southtown, Great Yarmouth, of Mr. Edwin Ross Todd (one of the earliest members of the Norwich Diocesan Association) at the age of 64 years. The deceased came to Yarmouth in 1900, and was shortly after his arrival admitted to membership in St. Nicholas Belfry. He was for a time Master of the Pettistree company, and a good deal of his ringing was done at that tower, Wickham Market, Ufford and Kelsale. Altogether he had rung in twenty-eight peals, his first on ten bells being at Great Yarmouth in March, 1912, a 5040 of Grandsire Triples, in 3 hrs. 28 mins. His great interest in change-ringing caused him to be very popular with his brother ringers, by whom he will be very much missed.

The funeral took place at Gorleston-on-Sea, on Wednesday in last week, and was attended by many ringers. Among the many floral tributes was one in the shape of a bell, sent by his comrades. Both before and after the funeral service muffled peals were rung at Gorleston-on-Sea and Yarmouth.

## SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY HENRY DAINS.

5184.

23456	M	W	R	45236
43652	-			25634
56234	-	-		36452
63542		B		65324
54632		-	-	32654
64235	-			62453
32546	-	-		54326
43526		-		25346
24536		-		42356
65432	-		-	63254
34256	-	-		52436
53246		-		35426
45236		-		23456

This composition is upon a new plan, having the 6th brought up plain at six of the last seven course-ends of each of its two parts, and contains the full extent of the changes with that bell in the Home position.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, was the point to which members of this district hied on Saturday last for their annual meeting. To say that the weather was unpropitious is to use only a mild term. The rain and sleet came down in torrents all the afternoon and evening, making travelling uncomfortable in the extreme. Yet in spite of this some forty members gathered from various parts of the district, and enjoyed a good time together. The bells of St. Saviour's were available at half-past three, and were kept going till the time for

service, 5.30. At the service the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Siddans, gave an eloquent and helpful address from the words of Exodus xxix. 34. In opening the Vicar said this was the first time he had the privilege of addressing a body of ringers, and he had found a difficulty to decide what to take for a text. He had decided on the only text in the Bible which made mention of a bell. After dealing with the building of the Tabernacle, the rev. gentleman went on to describe the many ways in which bells were used in the service of the Church, quoting many saying connected with bells, the superstitions attaching to them and many other interesting facts. Among other things he mentioned the belief that the ringing of the bells quelled tempests and thunderstorms, quoting an extract from the accounts of the churchwardens of Sanwich who made a payment for the ringing of the bells during a storm. He also said that bells were originally made of iron, and were four-square. Also that in several parishes in Yorkshire the bells were tolled on Christmas Eve, to signify that the power of the devil was broken by the birth of Christ. This was known as "the Devil's knell". Mr. Siddans further emphasised the ministry of ringing. Just as the ringing of the bell on Aaron's garment announced that he was going into the holy place, so did the ringing of bells now signify that the priest was going into the Church to perform a service to God, and that the people should come up to worship.

## TEA AND BUSINESS MEETING.

These functions were held in the Parish Room, where a substantial spread was laid out on the tables and thoroughly enjoyed.

The Vicar, on the invitation of the Master of the Division, Mr. G. A. Black, presided over the business meeting, at which one ringing and two non-ringing members were elected. For the place of next meeting Hornchurch was chosen.

Mr. Black proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Saviour's for the use of the bells, for arranging the service, for the use of the Parish Room for the tea and meeting, and for presiding, a compliment which was enthusiastically accorded.

Mr. Siddans briefly replied, saying that in these stirring bustling times it was difficult to get in more than the ordinary calls on one's services. He was glad to meet a body of ringers, and to welcome them for the first time to St. Saviour's. So far as he was concerned he would be pleased to have them at St. Saviour's oftener, but people who lived in the neighbourhood objected to too much ringing, and so their fine peal of bells could not be used so often as otherwise they might be.

During the evening the officers for the year, including Mr. G. A. Black as Master, and Mr. P. Rumens as Secretary, were re-elected.

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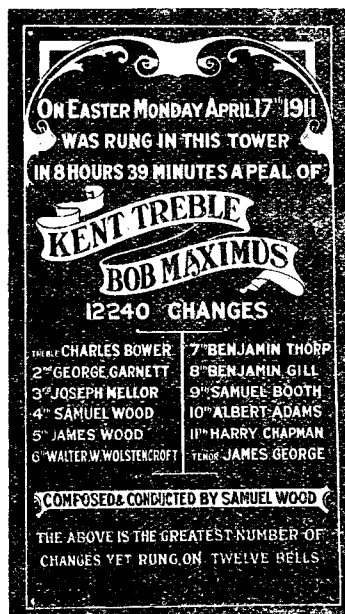
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CHARLES D. P. DAVIES,

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## The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 1913.

THE bibliography of Bell Ringing has just been added to by the publication of a work entitled "Church Bells of England," from the pen of Mr. H. B. Walters, M.A., F.S.A., well known as one of the editors of "Church Bells of Essex" and "Church Bells of Warwickshire." The book is profusely illustrated with photographs and drawings, of which there are some 170 on its 400 pages. The writer, who has had over twenty years study of Church Bells, has endeavoured to include within a convenient compass the more important aspects of his subject, which, perhaps, appeals to a more extensive class of readers than any other branch of English archaeology. Among the many branches dealt with are included an extensive Bibliography; an Historical Introduction; Technical Processes; Towers and Belfries: great Bells and Rings, their weights and sizes; Carillons and Chimes; Uses of Bells and customs connected with them, such as their Sunday use, their use at festivals and funerals, and their miscellaneous use; Founders and Foundries, London, Provincial and post-Reformation; the Dedication of Bells; Inscriptions; Loss and Destruction of Bells; and Campanology as a pursuit. Beside these it contains as an appendix a lengthy list of all the English bell founders from the earliest period, and an index of names of persons and places mentioned. This latter makes reference to any particular place or person a matter of the utmost ease. Those who are in any way interested in Church Bells, will find this work a valuable addition to the library, containing as it does a veritable mine of information on the subjects enumerated.

The work is published by the Oxford University Press at 7s. 6d. net.

SWINDON (Wilts).—On Sunday, January 12th, at Christ Church, for morning service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. H. Odey, O. W. Layng, R. W. Hyner, S. Palmer, E. Bishop, H. W. L. Wells, S. Hillier (Devizes), C. J. Gardiner (conductor). On Tuesday, January 14th, for practice, 1344 Superlative Surprise Major. J. H. Odey, R. W. Hyner, F. Looker, W. G. Lancaster, E. Bishop, G. W. Townsend, G. Lancaster, C. J. Gardiner (conductor). Longest touch in the method on the bells.

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Tenor 30 cwt.

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

### CARHAMPTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

B. STEVENS .. .. Treble.	E. PARKER .. .. 4.
J. WATTS .. .. 2.	H. MOORE .. .. 5.
J. SULLY .. .. 3.	*J. GRADDON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. MOORE;

\*First peal. This is the first peal of Stedman Doubles rung by the Association.

### HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

#### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

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

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\*First peal of Treble Bob Major. Rung on Holy Innocents' Day.

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#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qrs in D.

JOSEPH D. HARRIS .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. TUGHER .. .. 5.
LIONEL H. PAGE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. .. 6.
JOHN S. RUMMING .. .. 3.	EDWIN J. HARDING .. .. 7.
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J. COOPER .. .. 2.	†R. DARVILL .. .. 5.
V. DARVILL† .. .. 3.	†W. MORTIMORE .. .. Tenor.

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

## HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

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

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by A. SYMONDS.

First peal in the method by the 2nd, 3rd, 6th and 7th men. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

## SEALE, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

W. Marshall hails from Lamberhurst, and was proposed a member previous to starting.

## HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Delight, two of Woodbine, and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

CHARLES ABLETT .. .. Treble.	GEORGE ABLETT .. .. 4.
HENRY BRICH .. .. 2.	WILLIAM KING .. .. 5.
DAVID LEGGETT .. .. 3.	CHARLES KING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES KING.

## OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Monday, December 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,  
At the Parish Church;

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

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

Conducted by JOSEPH FIGOTT.

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

## DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS WORSLEY .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. 5.
FRED ABBOTT .. .. 2.	JOHN POTTER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM TERRY .. .. 3.	TITUS BARLOW .. .. 7.
GEORGE FIGOTT .. .. 4.	WILLIAM MORT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by TITUS BARLOW.

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

## STOKE, COVENTRY. WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, December 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. COX .. .. 5.
JOSEPH H. WHITE .. .. 2.	CHARLES FREEMAN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON .. 3.	FRANK E. PERVIN .. .. 7.
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM MAUND .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

\*First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the memory of Wm. Gilbert, who was interred in Coventry Cemetery on the above date.

## HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

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

Conducted by SYDNEY CARTER.

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

## BRISTOL.—THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
At Christ Church (City),

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

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

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

\*First peal of Grandsire Caters.

## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield District Society.)

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

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

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

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

**SITUATION WANTED** as Verger, where a business could be added. Carpenter and Joiner would instruct a band in change-ringing. All Standard Methods. 6, 8, or 10 bells. C. R. LILLEY, Linley House, Cheddar, near Taunton.



HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(The All Saints Society, High Wycombe).  
(East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch).

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5004 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

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

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

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

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH ON ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

FREDK. BORRETT .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. 5.
ALFRED SMITH .. .. 2.	FREDE. SUREIDGE .. .. 6.
ERNEST WHITING .. .. 3.	CHARLES ROOPE .. .. 7.
CHARLES BAKER .. .. 4.	FREDE. ROOPE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the Rev. H. E. BULWER, and  
Conducted by F. BORRETT.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(The St. Martin's Society, Leicester.)

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5141 CHANGES.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

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

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

\*Proposed members before starting, and their first peal in any method.

FOXEARH. ESSX.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 17 lb.

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

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

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

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

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

†First peal of Oxford.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

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

Composed by G. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

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

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

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

LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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

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

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

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION,

(The Essex Association)

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

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

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

First peal by the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd bells, who are aged 17 and 15 years respectively.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, January 5th, for evening service at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, E., a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. H. Springall, T. H. Taffender (conductor), A. D. Barker, W. Truss, J. Scholes, R. W. Green, C. W. R. Grimwood, F. J. Hardy, E. Hall, G. Barrell. Composed by J. P. Bradley. On Sunday January 12th, for evening service at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 672 Grandsire Triples. Miss C. Playle (longest length on eight bells), A. Playle, C. H. Hughes, T. H. Taffender, G. Playle, W. H. Taffender, F. J. Hardy, T. Walker. The Messrs. Playle are from Dagenham, Essex.

FARNHAM, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM G. ELKINS .. .. Treble.	FREDK. A. BARNETT .. .. 5.
ERNEST J. KING .. .. 2.	EDWARD CLAPHAM .. .. 6.
ALFRED J. LE CLERCQ .. .. 3.	CHARLES EDWARDS .. .. 7.
ALFRED R. ELKINS .. .. 4.	WALTER SHERFIELD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

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

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The St. Margaret's Society.)

On Wednesday, January 1, 1913, in Four Hours,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

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

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

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

GREENWICH, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Alvege,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES,  
Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED W. GRIMES .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM FOREMAN .. .. 6.
HARRY HOSEINS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHIMMANS .. .. 7.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. .. 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 8.
WILLIAM HEWETT .. .. 4.	THOMAS JAKEMAN .. .. 9.
I. GEORGE SHADE .. .. 5.	WILLIAM BERRY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHIMMANS.  
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

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

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

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

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

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to Miss Nowill, Superintendent of the Girl's Sunday School for many years, who died a few days previously. R.I.P.

**WANTED** at once. General hand for Country Ironmonger's Workshop. Used to Hot and Cold Water, Tinwork, Plumbing, etc. Permanency to good man. Must be a Change-ringer. Apply stating wages, references, etc., to F. MORGAN, Ironmongers, Bell Street, Talgarth, Brecon.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation of Thurstans'.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

Charles Cottrell .. Treble	George Garrison .. 5
Thomas Russam .. 2	John Sanders .. 6
William J. Meers .. 3	George F. Swann .. 7
Jonathan Preston .. 4	John E. Pywell .. Tenor

Conducted by Geo. F. Swann.

First peal in the method for the ringers of treble and tenor.  
First peal in the method away from the tenor for the ringer of the 4th.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE AND TREBLE BOB MINOR,  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt.

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

Rowland O. Pollard .. Treble	Walter J. Horton .. 4
Geoffrey J. Stoneley .. 2	Thomas W. Chapman .. 5
Thomas H. Vallance .. 3	E. Harry Stoneley .. Tenor

Conducted by E. Harry Stoneley.

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

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

On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in Two Hours and 51 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being forty-two 6-scores, called in fifteen different ways.

Tenor 12 cwt.

Herbert Hurdman .. Treble	Joseph T. Dyke .. 4
Harry Wakley .. .. 2	Albert P. Wakley .. 5
Charles Sanders .. .. 3	Philip Sudale .. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. P. Wakley.

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

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES,  
Tenor 22 cwt.

Gilbert Guest .. .. Treble	William Goodman .. 6
William Mills .. .. 2	John Goodman, Sen. .. 7
Samuel Spittle .. .. 3	Christopher Wallater .. 8
John Goodman, Jun. .. 4	Benjamin Gough .. 9
Herbert Sheppard .. .. 5	Charles Faulks .. .. Tenor

Composed by the late William Micklewright, and  
Conducted by John Goodman, Jun.

The above peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. John Goodman, sen., Harry Goodman and Charles Faulks, who, at its conclusion, received the congratulations of their fellow-ringers.

**EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.**  
**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**  
 (Southern Branch.)

On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
 At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGE;**

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.  
 Frank Witts\* ... Treble. | \*Harvey Streets ... 4.  
 Thomas Middleton† ... 2. | †William Gisborne ... 5.  
 John Hampton† ... 3. | James Hemming ... Tenor.

Conducted by James Hemming.

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

**ROLVENDEN, KENT.**  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
 (The Romney Marsh and District Guild).

On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
 At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

Cyril Wenham ... Treble | William H. Lambert ... 5  
 Alfred Johnson ... 2 | George Billenness ... 6  
 Fredk G. Berden ... 3 | Charles Tribe ... 7  
 Alfred Daw ... 4 | Alfred Blackman ... Tenor

Conducted by George Billenness

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

**CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**GEDDINGTON (Northants).—**On Friday, January 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, 1260 changes, each 120 called differently. C. Cooper, G. Black, E. Reid, R. Black (conductor), C. Moore (first quarter-peal). First quarter-peal as 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. 1d. 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."

We can also supply Records of Peals printed on large Cards, tinted and with grandly illuminated borders, suitable for framing and hanging in your Ringing Chamber, at 3s. 6d. each.

A customer writes:—"I must thank you for the beautifully printed peal-board of 'Newton peal.' It was indeed past my expectations, and we are delighted with it."

"BELL NEWS" OFFICE,  
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**DOUBLE WORCESTER BOB MAJOR.**

By J. PIGOTT, Smethwick.

**PLAIN LEAD.**

12345678

21436587

24135678

42316587

24361857

42638175

46283715

64827351

46283751

64827315

46287135

64821753

68412735

86147253

81674523

18765432

18674523

BOB.

17864523

SINGLE.

18764523

5088

23456 W M H

45236 - -

24536 - -

52436 - -

52364 B - -

43265 - - -

64235 - - -

36245 - - -

64352 B - -

34256 - - -

Five times repeated. Single for Bobs on 2-3 in corresponding parts.

The above method, which is musical and lends itself well to composition, may be interesting to Double Norwich ringers. A peal has been rung at Selly Oak, and will remain in abeyance two weeks after publication of this, pending any claim, &c. Failing such it will then be published, under the above title, by

J. PIGOTT.

**HORLEY (Surrey).—**On Sunday, January 5th, for evening service at St. Bartholomew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. F. Voice, J. Kenward, H. J. Dewey, A. Bashford, G. Illman, S. Kenward (conductor), P. Etheridge, A. Songhurst.

A Parish Church is to be built for Durrington, Sussex, from plans by Messrs. R. Singer Hyde and Son, M.M.S.A., Eriswell Road, Worthing, at the estimated cost of £2,500.

## NOTICES (Continued).

**Guild for the Archdeaconry of Salop.**—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Malins Lane on Saturday, February 1st, 1913. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.0 p.m.  
Ridgemount, Shrewsbury. H. B. Beckwith, Hon. Sec.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—At Bishop Ryder's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, January 12th, 629 Grandsire Triples. S. Coley, J. Porter, A. T. Scrivens, J. T. Perry (conductor), G. A. Taylor, E. Mullins, J. B. Collett, G. Rastal (Aunsby, Lincs.)

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The bells will be available for ringing between 2 and 4, and possibly later in the evening. Tea will be provided, after the service, free for all those who send in their names by Wednesday, February 5th. Drayton is two miles from Abingdon Station, and the same distance from Steventon.

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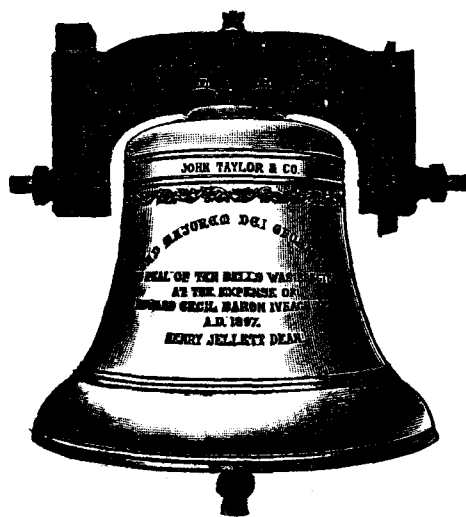
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### Notices.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on January 21st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 30th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 21st; Southwark Cathedral on the 28th. St. Magnus 7.30 p.m., the others at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings. A district meeting will be held at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, on February 1st. Tower open for ringing at 3.30. Evensong at 5.30. Tea in the Vicarage Hall at 6.15. Will members intending to be present kindly let me know by January 28th. 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 London County Association late the St. James's Society.**—Established 1824.—Northern District.—The General Meeting of this district will be held at St. Mary's, Islington, on Saturday, January 18th, 1913. The tower will be open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. at The Old King's Head. All members and friends cordially invited.

J. CORNFORD Hon. Sec.

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**The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.**—Established 1824.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 18th, 1913, at St. George's, Southwark. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow.

F. A. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.** North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate (by kind permission of the Rcv. C. F. Peplow) on Saturday, January 25th. Bells ready at 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at The Cherry Tree at 6 o'clock, 6d. each. Members and friends cordially invited. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1913 are now due.

C. T. COLLS, Hon. Sec.

49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

**The Kent County Association.**—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Selling on Saturday, January 18th, 1913. Bells available from 3 p.m. Divine Service at 5.15 p.m. Tea, provided by S. Neame, Esq., will be taken at 5.30 p.m. The annual subscriptions are now due, and may be paid at this meeting.

Boughton, Faversham.

E. TRENDELL, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**The Kent County Association.**—The next quarterly meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at Aylesford on Saturday, January 18th, 1913. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by the usual business meeting. Subscriptions are now due.

G. MOORE, Dis. Sec.

71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Saturday, January 18th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 6.30. WALTER HUGHES, Sec.

3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—Quarterly meeting at Perry Barr, Saturday, January 18th. Bells available at 3. Service, with address at 5.30. Tea at 6.

H. KNIGHT, Hon. Sec.

15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Oldbury on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Service in the Parish Church at 4.45 p.m. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at the Talbot Hotel at 5.30, 1s. 3d. each. Business meeting after.

E. J. DOWLER, Hon. Br. Sec.

9, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

**Dorking and Leatherhead District.**—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at the Church Room, Dorking on Saturday January 18th, 1913. Bells open at 4 p.m. Tea at 6, followed by general meeting.

R. H. FREEMAN, Hon. Sec.

Rectory Lane, Sbere, Surrey.

**The Lancashire Association—Manchester Branch.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday, January 18th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 7.

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Branch Sec.

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Aldenham on Saturday, January 25th, 1913. Bells available at 4 p.m. Tea at The Chequers at 5.30, 9d. per head. It is hoped that members will make an effort to attend. All ringers welcome.

H. EDEN, Hon. Sec. Western Division.

43, Heath Road, Oxhey, Watford.

**The Warwickshire Guild.**—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, January 25th, at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those attending who let me know by January 20th. Subscriptions are now overdue, and should be paid at this meeting. Committee Meeting after tea.

REV. C. CAREW COX, Hon. Sec.

Shuttery.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, January 25th. Bells ready at 2.30. Committee meeting at 4. Tea (1s. each) at 4.45, both in the National School. Will those who intend taking tea kindly notify Mr. H. Pegg, Market Place, Whitwick, by the previous Thursday. The Committee request that all subscription up to end of 1912 be paid in at once.

W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Malvern Link on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Service at 4 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea provided. The Branch Secretary should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous.

Madresfield, Malvern.

R. G. KNOWLES, Branch Sec.

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at Greenwich on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. in the Church Room, followed by business meeting. Service at 6 p.m., with address by the Rev. T. R. H. Sturgess. Those intending to be at the tea must notify me not later than Tuesday, January 21st. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid at this meeting.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

34, Adelade Road, Chislehurst.

**The Kent County Association.**—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, Jan. 25th, 1913. Tower open at 3. Committee Meeting at 4. Service in Church at 5. Tea in the Oddfellows Hall at 5.45, followed by the general meeting. All members intending to be present at tea are requested to notify the District Secretary not later than Tuesday, Jan. 21st. 6d. per head will be charged towards cost of the tea.

W. LATTER, Hon. Dis. Sec.

26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—Eastern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on Sat., Jan. 25, when the bells will be available at 3.30. Tea at The Green Dragon, Church Gate, at 5.45. Members 6d., others 9d. Business meeting after.

W. H. LAWRENCE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Cardington on Saturday, January 25th. Eight bells; Motor buses. Tea 5 p.m., 6d. each.

JOHN W. BARNER, Dis. Sec.

24, St. Leonard's Avenue, Bedford.

**Thu Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Portsmouth District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Portsea on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at Parish Institute at 5.30. Meeting after. Short service at Parish Church 7.30. Members requiring tea kindly inform me by 21st.

Fareham.

**The Essex Association.**—South-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, February 1st, 1913. Bells at 4. Tea and meeting at The King's Head 5.30 p.m., 8d. each. Kindly give notice by Wednesday, 29th inst.

County Offices, Chelmsford.

HENRY F. COOPER, Dis. Sec.

**Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—Pre-Lent meeting will be held at Tanfield on Saturday, February 1st. Bells available afternoon and evening. Committee Meeting at The Pack Horse Inn at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Members 1s.; non-members 1s. 6d. Those intending to be present please notify.

CHAS. TODD, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

Bracken Road, Darlington.

**The Surrey Association.**—The annual meeting will take place at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Saturday, February 1st. Parish church bells (8) open at 2.30; St. Peter's (10), at 3.30 p.m. Service at St. Peter's at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 at St. Peter's Hall. Business meeting after.

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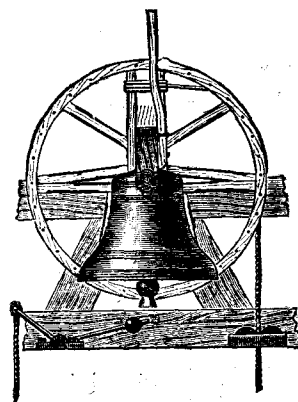
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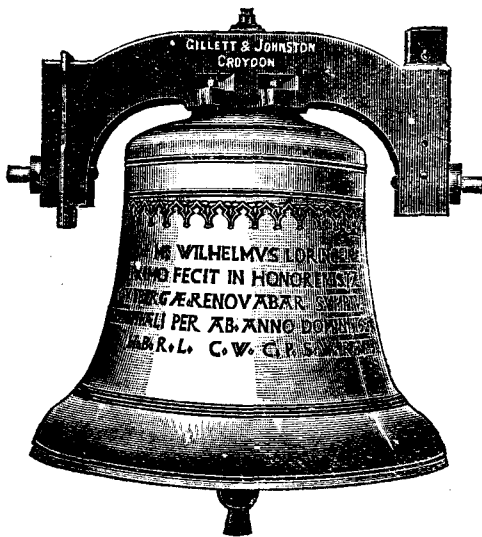
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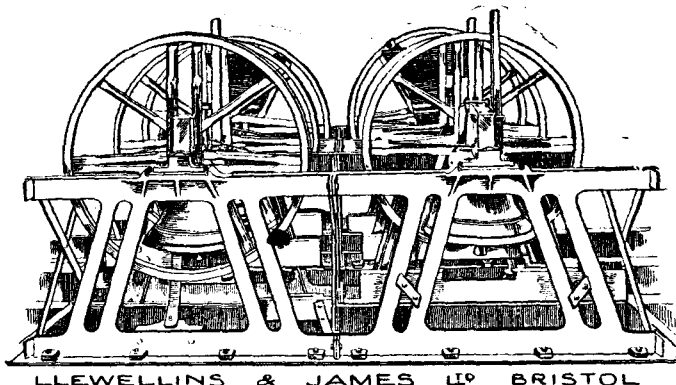
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## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting took place at St. George's, Southwark, on Saturday last, and there was some good ringing in the various standard methods, and many notable ringing members being present. At 8 p.m. an adjournment was made to the meeting room at the Southwark Tavern, when the Master, Mr. H. S. Ellis presided. It was decided to hold the next meeting the third Saturday in April at Battersea, failing that, Hammersmith. After new members had been made and the balance sheet read and passed the next was the election of officers, when a contest took place for the Mastership between Mr. E. A. Reeves and Mr. H. S. Ellis, in which the latter was duly re-elected; the Secretary, Mr. F. A. Smith, and the Treasurer, Mr. H. Mance, were unanimously re-elected. There was also a contest for Stewardship, in which Mr. C. H. Hughes was re-elected. A pleasant evening was afterwards spent, with touches on the hand-bells, etc., brought the meeting to a close.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held on Thursday last at Ufford, where the bells of the Parish Church, and also those at Wickham Market and Pettistree were at the disposal of visiting members throughout the day. Dinner was served in the Church Room by Mr. A. Ward of the "Lion Hotel." The Rector (the Rev. W. J. Wyon) presided, supported by Mr. William Ward (churchwarden), Messrs. F. R. Borrett, W. L. Duffield, J. Motts, and C. E. Borrett (secretary), and representatives from a good many towers in the neighbourhood. After the loyal toast, the chairman gave a very cordial welcome to the visitors, expressing the hope that they would make the best use of the time and bells at their disposal. The Secretary gave a brief account of the position of the Association, and the business meeting terminated with the election of new members. Various touches were afterwards brought round on both tower and handbells.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The last quarterly meeting of the Society's year was held at Perry Barr on Saturday last, when a fair number arrived from Birmingham, Coseley, Lichfield, Perry Barr, Rushall, Smethwick, Tipton, Wallsall, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, Wordsley, Wolverhampton, and Wood Green.

During the afternoon the bells were kept going in various methods. At the Committee meeting, four new members were enrolled. A short service was held in church, when the Vicar gave a helpful address. The Rev. E. V. Cox assisted by reading the lesson. A substantial tea was provided in Christ Church Schools, after which a vote of thanks to the Vicar (proposed by the Rev.

E. V. Cox, and seconded by Mr. W. R. Small) for the use of the bells and room, as well as for his kindly address, and to the Rev. — Knight for presiding at the organ. The Vicar, in reply, expressed the pleasure it gave him to welcome those present, with the hope that he would meet them again ere long.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.

### SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.

A successful and well-attended annual meeting was held at St. Paul's, Wokingham, on Saturday. At Evensong, the Rev. H. C. Wilder, Rector of Sulham, preached an appropriate sermon from St. Matthew v., 16, to a large congregation of ringers.

After high tea, held in the Parish Room, the Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, in the unavoidable absence of the Branch chairman, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, from illness, presided over the annual business meeting. The General Secretary of the Diocesan Guild, Mr. E. A. Reeves, the Rev. E. E. Broome (Hon. Secretary of the Branch), and several other Clergy were present. The Hon. Secretary reported a balance in hand of some £5. The membership stood at 113 change ringers, 10 life subscribers, 16 probationers, with 5 life members and 30 honorary members, an increase of 6 on the last year. Ten peals were reported as having been rung during the year, while "combined practices"—a great help to the members—had numbered twelve.

The annual meeting of the Diocesan Guild was to be held at Wokingham (Sonning Deanery) in July.

The report and balance sheet were adopted. A vote of sympathy with the Rev. R. H. Davis was unanimously carried.

The chairman and hon. secretary were unanimously re-elected, as were the usual committees.

Mr. Reeves gave some interesting details of the Guild report for the past year—a balance in hand of £4. Three new towers, Simpson, Beechampton, and Shinfield had been admitted, while one, Wood-Eaton, had dropped out. One hundred and twenty peals had been rung during the year, fifteen of them in the Surprise method, which showed advancement all round the Guild.

The chairman then announced that the Memorial Screen to the memory of their late Guild Master, the Rev. Francis Edward Robinson, had been completed at Drayton Church, and that the dedication ceremony was fixed for February 8th.

Archdeacon Ducat (of Berks) had consented to perform the ceremony and to preach. A tablet to their late Master's memory had, in the last week, been affixed in the cloisters at Christ Church (Oxford), recording that it was "erected to the memory of Francis Edward Robinson, sometime Vicar of Drayton, and Master of the Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers."

Sonning had re-hung their bells (eight-peal), while Twyford expected by Easter to have a peal of eight.

The Rev. B. Long, Rector of All Saints', Wokingham, gave a cordial welcome to the Guild in advance for the July meeting.

Votes of thanks to the Rector of St. Paul's, the Rev. H. M. Walter, represented by the Rev. S. J. Richards, to the organist, workers and ladies of St. Paul's for their kindness, concluded a very successful meeting.

#### THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

##### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF NORTHERN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of this District was held on Saturday last, January 18th. The tower of St. Mary's, Islington, was open for ringing from 4 p.m. to 5.30 (when an adjournment was made for tea), and again from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Some good touches in various methods were rung.

The business meeting was held at "The Olde King's Head," at 8.15 p.m., and was very well attended.

Mr. A. Barker was again chosen as Master for the present year; and Messrs. Cornford, Walker and Porter were appointed to the offices of Secretary, Treasurer and Steward respectively.

The progress of the District for the past year was very encouraging, both as to finance and membership, but it is hoped this year to do decidedly better.

A very pleasant time was spent at the close of the meeting, enlivened by handbells, songs, and recitations.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

##### NORTHERN BRANCH.

The first quarterly meeting for the year, in connection with the above, was held at Oldbury, on Saturday, January 18th. The attendance was not so large as expected, but it was full of enthusiasm. The members were very pleased to see amongst them once again Mr. William Painter, after his long and severe illness. The following towers were represented, viz., Oldswinford, Stourbridge, Rowley, Smethwick, Netherton, Clent, Wolaston, Kidderminster, Northfield, Edgbaston, Birmingham, Old Hill, Halesowen, Wordsley, Selly Oak, King's Norton, and Oldbury.

Service was held in the Church, the Vicar, the Rev. P. H. Birley officiating. He gave a very instructive and practical address. Mr. Johnson, of Old Hill, presided at the organ, a service which was very much appreciated.

The business meeting, which was held at the "Talbot Hotel," was presided over by Mr. H. Mason, in the absence of the Vicar, who regretted that, owing to a pressing engagement, he could not attend.—Bromsgrove was selected for the next quarterly meeting in June.—The quarterly peal is to be attempted at Oldbury.—Four new members were elected.—Mr. H. Smith, of Kidderminster, suggested that it would be a great advantage to the Association if it could be arranged to have two or three ringing practices during the year. After discussion, it was resolved to bring the matter before the annual meeting at Stourbridge on Easter Monday.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for arranging the Service and for the use of the bells, and to Mr. H. Mason for presiding.—This concluded the meeting.

A return was made to the tower, where the bells were kept going in various methods, including attempts in London and Bristol Surprise Major. This brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

#### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. NORTHERN BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Gainsborough District was held at that place on Saturday, January 18th, but was poorly attended, only four visitors, three from Scunthorpe, and one from West Stockwith, putting in an appearance in addition to the local company. However, various touches were brought round during the afternoon and evening in the following methods: Kent Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major. Shortened Evensong was held in the Parish Church at 4.30, and an address given by the Rev. A. C. P. Burles. Tea was provided at the Coffee Tavern, and followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. J. C. Tinker presided. The whole of the District officers were re-elected, and the following places selected at which to hold District meetings during the ensuing year:—March, Owston Ferry; May, Stow; July, Brigg; September, Birton Lindsey; November, Upton; January, 1914 (Annual), Gainsborough. A hearty welcome was given to the Scunthorpe visitors, and duly responded to. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells, the Rev. A. C. P. Burles, Mr. Montgomery (organist), and the Choir boys for assisting at the service; also to Mr. J. C. Tinker for presiding at the meeting.

#### RINGERS AT THE FEAST. FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

The annual dinner of the Fressingfield Society of Church Bell Ringers took place at the "Fox and Goose" on Monday, when over 40 members and friends partook of an excellent repast, provided by Mrs. Matten. The Rev. H. Raven-Hart (Vicar) occupied the chair, supported by Messrs. J. Fisher and J. Ingate (Churchwardens), F. Day (Eye), J. Motts (Ipswich), J. Soutar (Diss), F. C. Lambert (Halesworth)—District Secretaries of the Norwich Association of Ringers,—H. Berry (Vice-Chairman), J. Whatling, etc. Ringers attended from Great Bentley (Essex), Ipswich, Diss, Eye, Halesworth, Southwold, Wingfield, and Mendham, besides the local company. Change ringing, both on the tower and handbells, continued throughout the day, several well-struck touches being brought round in the following methods: Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Major on the tower bells, and courses of Bob Major and Grandsire Caters and Triples on the handbells. The evening was varied by capital songs and recitations from Messrs. Lambert, Took, Tawn, Davy, Gibson, Barber, Ingate, and others, and one verse of the National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne" concluded a most enjoyable day.

Oxton, Birkenhead (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, January 14th 504 Grandsire Triples: C. Owens, H. Brocklebank, J. Owens, R. Birchall, W. Hughes, J. Evans, H. Martin (conductor), S. Mostyn. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Caine to Miss Hall.

## THE SOCIETY OF NORWICH SCHOLARS,

The Society of Norwich Scholars spent a very enjoyable evening at their meeting-house, "The Walnut Tree Shades," on the occasion of their annual social gathering. The company included ringers, their wives and a few friends, and the thanks of all are due to Mr. F. Knights for the arrangements he made. The programme was well sustained by Mr. Knights and his family, who delighted everyone with their clever handball ringing and comic songs. Messrs. Swain and Larder also rendered yeoman service, their first-class singing being greatly appreciated. Mr. R. Knights at the piano was not the least of the evening's successes. This social evening has been an annual event for 300 years, but last year, owing to a variety of circumstances, was allowed to lapse. This year, the outlook being brighter, it was resolved to continue the old custom.

There is pretty general knowledge of the trouble that arose a few years ago between the authorities of St. Peter Mancroft and the society, since when the latter has had no tower for its headquarters, and it says much for the remaining members that they have kept the society afloat. There is a probability of the eight at St. Michael's, Cosland, being rehung shortly. That and the infusion of some fresh blood offers a fair prospect for the success of the famous old society in the future.

Whatever were the rights and wrongs of the trouble at Mancroft it must be deplored that the renowned twelve are so seldom heard, and then invariably handled by visiting bands. It is to be hoped some steps will be taken to bring about an amicable settlement. If this be done, the Art is

once more bound to flourish in the city which has played not a small part in the history of the Exercise.

It is interesting to note that the Sick Benefit Club run in connection with the Society is doubly solvent, a fact which Mr. S. Smith and his colleagues can congratulate themselves upon.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

## SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

In our report of the meeting of this District last week, we inadvertently fell into error. We stated that one ringing and two non-ringing members were elected; instead of which it should have been one ringing member, one non-resident ringing and one non-ringing member were elected. It was not the annual meeting so the officers were not elected at this meeting.

A correspondent asks where he can obtain a composition of St. Clement's Triples. Can any of our readers supply the information?

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## RANDOM NOTES.

By G. F. M.

One or two readers of "THE BELL NEWS," who I have the honour of esteeming friends, have expressed a desire see me in print again. This request might be very flattering to a writer thoroughly in love with himself and his lucubrations. But the fact is I am trying to gradually wean myself of vanities, and the love of scribbling having been described by the poet as "the last infirmity of a noble mind," I always feel a reluctance to impart to others my innermost thoughts.

Most readers I know require news and not history—something active and alive—something of the present moment, though perhaps the same thing has happened a thousand times. The same peals, the same methods, the same persons are constantly appearing, yet such is called "news." A "record" dazzles the whole world. Why, here at the "Sparrows' Nest," Owls' Corner, Chigwell Row, we trouble not of news. Nobody seems to require the latest news. The fact that the sun has risen is enough news for us to know that we must put away dreams for realities and earn another night's repose.

The latest news concerning bell-ringing, is that the ringers of this parish were entertained to a most enjoyable supper at the expense of our Rector last Wednesday. Everything that cheers the heart of man was there to be found, and when the Rector dismissed us at near midnight, I gave a sigh to think that some of the ringers would only spend two or three hours in bed after such a sumptuous repast. Music enlivened the proceeding. We brought forth the handbells, violins, and an Erard piano. The ladies danced with their gardeners, the bell ringers and the choir boys, which latter also played "leap frog." Too old was I to join in either, though I now and then felt an inclination to try my best at "leap frog." As to the dancing, like Pascal, I can see very little in life to make me dance for joy of it. It appears to be a vestige of the old uncivilized days we read of, when men were in their intellectual infancy.

Reading lately the report of the College Youths' dinner, I could not but admire the Rev. G. Coleridge's opinion of who was the best ringer—the man who gave his evenings to the teaching of the village yokels. He must be a very good man who sacrifices himself so far, even though he be unable to ring all the Surprise methods. Of course the rev. gentleman was speaking in a moral sense, and, in my present capacity of instructor, I could not but pat myself on the back for being a good ringer, though not one of the best. It is a most difficult task to undertake single-handed. Where there are other ringers beside the instructor, and other towers to be found for practice, progress is possible and satisfactory. But in a country village, miles away from any other tower, with men tired after a heavy and long day's work, no wonder is it that so little headway is made in our intricate art.

Certainly there are to be found villages where a good band has been established, but seldom where a new peal of bells has been hung. The pupils of our parish, all chosen by the Rector, had never handled the bell-ropes previously, and were men much past boyhood, some married, and well on in years. One or two fell out of the

ranks after one or two nights practices, others stayed away because the instructor didn't "speak respectable enough" though I generally did my best under the circumstances to be respectful of their failures. Others were absent owing to a love engagement on the practice night, for courting seems to take precedence of bell-ringing in all places. It seems more desirable to be loved than to be admired, and who can truthfully assert the principle to be wrong?

I cannot close these few notes without a somewhat unpleasant reference to the ringers of St. Mary's, Chigwell, neighbours of ours in the adjoining parish. Here, though they verbally belong to the Essex Association, are reluctant to co-operate with us in the art of change-ringing. As handbell ringers they are perhaps justly held to be par excellence, but their practices in the tower are infrequent and feigned. The whole secret is they prefer the more social element connected with their handbells. The question is how are we to implant in their constitutions the preference for change-ringing? Perhaps someone with the eloquence and persuasive powers of St. Paul, might achieve such a beneficial result, and here would be good news indeed, and a record beyond all that has yet been accomplished in the field of campanology.

## DOUBLE WORCESTER BOB MAJOR.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—The figures published in this week's "BELL NEWS," and called Double Worcester Bob Major, are not a legitimate method; the lead given is not a plain lead, because it breaks the rule of method construction that "a plain lead must be symmetrical"; secondly, it is not double.

If Mr. Pigott will get "Rules and Decisions of the Central Council," published in 1904, and study the legitimate methods' report, on pages 16, 17, and 18, and the figures on page 24, he will see where his figures fail, and if he wants any further explanation, and likes to write to me, I shall be pleased to answer any questions.

Yours, &amp;c.,

H. LAW JAMES.

Surfleet, Spalding.

January 21, 1913.

## DOUBLE SURPRISE MINOR.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Shortly after the "Collection of Minor Methods" was published, a member of the Midland Counties Association, whose name I have forgotten, sent me the "Double Surprise Minor Methods" (one of which Mr. Dench has recently published), so that he is really entitled to claim them. They are certainly interesting on paper, but from a practical point of view they all suffer from one defect, they bring the tenors up the wrong way at the back.

Yours, etc.,

H. LAW JAMES.

Surfleet Vicarage, Spalding.

January 21, 1913.

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THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
SILVER WEDDING CELEBRATION AT  
DUNSTABLE.

On Saturday, January 18th, the occasion of the silver wedding of the highly-esteemed Rector of Dunstable, the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, who is an ardent campanologist and President of the Beds Association, a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1,312 changes, was rung in 51 minutes.

W. Payne, 1; G. Healey, 2; G. Baldock, 3; J. Simms, 4; B. Wilson, 5; F. Hunt, 6; S. Dobbie, 7; A. King (conductor), 8. First quarter peal in the method by ringers 2, 3, and 4.

The ringers of 1, 5, 6, and 8 belong to Luton, and 2, 3, 4, and 7 to the Dunstable Band.

After tea at the Marchant Restaurant, the health of the Rev. and Mrs. Baker was drunk with musical honours.

THE SURPRISE METHODS.

(Contributed by WILLIAM SNOWDON, Past President of the Yorkshire Association.)

CHAPTER III. (Continued.)

Before leaving Major we may add that Annable composed a peal, for his attempted Cambridge, which will be found in his ms. book; so we may gather that to some extent he was contented with his experiment!

We are not here reproducing Superlative and London Major, as their treble-leads are given in "Standard Methods," row for row, exactly as they first appeared in the "Clavis."

ROYAL.

Dealing now with Royal we find that, just as Cambridge was first rung in the Minor, so it was the first to be rung in Royal—in 1822—and this, notwithstanding that Shipway had given us a treble lead of Superlative in his book in 1816. One is inclined to ask: Why this selection, seeing that Superlative led the way in Major?

The answer will come quite clearly to anyone who carefully endeavours to extend the two methods; for Cambridge lends itself to the work in the most obliging way possible: whereas Superlative, as we shall presently see, sets up some nasty difficulties. Amongst those who took part in the Wakefield peal was Joseph Tebbs, of Leeds, and he may have influenced the choice of Cambridge. Tebbs was a man of ability, who had sent Shipway several peals for his book, and would in all probability have a copy of the work. This being so we can quite believe that he was not unduly impressed with Shipway's figura. Anyhow Cambridge Royal was first rung in Wakefield in 1822, but no record has been left, that we know of, of the treble-lead used. The earliest figures known to us are annexed in the shape of a half lead, together with its lead-end. They are from an ms. note-book in the possession of our friend Mr. Chas. H. Hattersley, bearing date 1831, which had formerly belonged to his maternal grandfather, the late Wm. Booth, of Sheffield. The figures are very interesting, for they agree exactly with those sent us by our Cheltenham friends in 1898, and again with those recently published by our friend Mr. Henry Dains, of the Cumberland Youths, in writing on Superlative Royal; hence in every way they may be taken as the standard figures of to-day. Bearing in mind what has been stated in regard to the adaptability of Cambridge, we think it quite clear that these figures are the same as those used in the Wakefield peal in 1822.

If the student will draw parallelograms round the places in Cambridge Major, Royal, and Maximus, on his copies, he will find that the treble, in its journey from the front to the back, is conducted through a perfect avenue of these places, without a break except only when the treble dodges previous to going behind, and this break he will find essential in Minor, and common to all. Further he will find that the whole-pulls before and be-

hind allow themselves to be placed with perfect regularity according to the requirements of the method.

We are glad to find our old and much analysed friend Cambridge doing so well in Royal and Maximus, as it has been severely handled for its want of adaptability to peal composition in the Major. A clever writer of to-day has pointed out the ludicrous inconsistency of hewing in pieces everything that has a disappointing side, especially when the hewing is accompanied with the remark—"I'll teach you to be a toad."

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.

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CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

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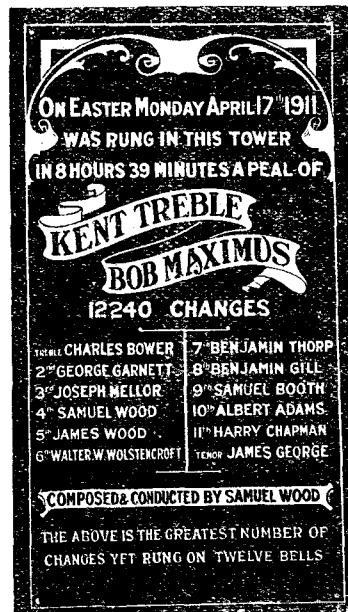
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 1913.

### The Metropolis.

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

(THE ST. ANN'S GUILD.)

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ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Neale and Sanders. It is also A. J. Neale's 150th peal, and the 25th anniversary of his marriage.

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

On Saturday, January 11, 1913, in Four Hours and Two Minutes,

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

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 53 cwt.

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES.

Tenor 36½ cwt. in C.

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

Composed by FREDK. DENG, and Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

Rung on the occasion of the 85th birthday of the Rector, the Rev. Prebendary Albert Barff, M.A., the ringers heartily wishing him many happy returns. Great credit is due to the tower-keeper, Mr. Charles H. Ward, for the exceedingly clean and well-kept state of the whole belfry. Robert W. Green's first peal on twelve bells.

### The Provinces.

#### THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ARTHUR BAILEY .. .. Treble.	ALPHAEUS J. BERRY .. .. 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. 5.
GEORGE BAILEY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ROSE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. ROSE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Martin Stockings, who has been Parish Clerk at the above Church for the last 31 years.

#### WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 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, Burton, London Scholars Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

CHARLES NUNN .. .. Treble.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. .. 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. 5.
ALPHAEUS J. BERRY .. .. 3.	LEONARD E. LAST .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by L. E. LAST.

This is L. E. Last's first peal of Treble Bob Minor as conductor; also E. Youngs 100th peal.

#### NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 26 lb.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Ryder's Church, for Divine Service, on Sunday evening, January 19th, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples. S. Coley, G. A. Taylor, J. Porter, J. T. Perry, J. B. Collett, W. H. Carrod, A. T. Scrivens (conductor), T. Pearce.

## CRONDALL, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of College Single, and two each of Canterbury, Oxford Single, and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

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

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

First peal upon the bells.

## CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Chester Branch.)

On Monday, January 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-ON-THE-HILL,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Composed by DR. A. B. CARPENTER, and  
Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

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

## LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, GARSTON,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Conducted by WALTER HUGHES.

First peal by the ringers of the treble and tenor.

## SANDHURST, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Woodbine and Oxford, and three 720s of Kent Treble Bob.

ADGUSTUS COLLINS* .. Treble.	CHARLES DOE .. .. 4.
ARTHUR PAYNE .. .. 2.	BARZILLI HAWKINS .. .. 5.
MARK GODDARD .. .. 3.	JOHN MOTH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MOTH.

\*First peal. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 4th, who is leaving the neighbourhood for Elstree, Herts.

## GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars Pleasure, Westminster, Cambridge Surprise, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

ARTHUR CROFT .. .. Treble.	JOHN HARE .. .. 4.
CHARLES V. HARE .. .. 2.	GEORGE T. CROFT .. .. 5.
GEORGE WOLFE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. CROFT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. CROFT.

## STREATHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 7, 1913 in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY PATES .. .. Treble.	ISAAC J. ATTWATER .. .. 5.
GEORGE BARRINGTON .. .. 2.	ABRAHAM G. FREEMAN .. .. 6.
JOHN S. DANIELS .. .. 3.	LOUIS ATTWATER .. .. 7.
JOHN LEE .. .. 4.	CALEB DANIEL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and  
Conducted by LOUIS ATTWATER.

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal in the method by all except the conductor. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. Greenwood on his 88th birthday, who has been a ringer since 1851, and is still a regular ringer at both the Streatham Churches.

## NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 26 lbs. in G.

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

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS, and Conducted by W. T. TUCKER.

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

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, January 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AN ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL, BATH STREET,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. C. D. P. Davies's Five-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN CARTER .. .. Treble.	ALBERT WALKER .. .. 5.
THOMAS J. BRATTON .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVES .. .. 6.
JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 3.	THOMAS MILLER .. .. 7.
HARRY WITHERS .. .. 4.	WALTER GOSSAGE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. J. BRATTON.

Rung for the conductor's 50th birthday, which took place on the 7th inst. First peal as conductor since 1898, and who wishes through the medium of this paper to thank those eminent practitioners who so kindly consented to take part in the peal.

## FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

(Eastern Branch.)

On Thursday, January 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM YOUNG .. .. Treble.	GEORGE COLEMAN .. .. 4.
FRED LEGGOTT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM BARKER .. .. 6.
HERBERT TAYLOR .. .. 3.	FRED TAYLOR .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BARKER.

First peal by the treble and 2nd ringers. First peal of Minor by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and tenor. First peal on the bells, and first ever rung in Frampton. The ringer of the 2nd (aged 16), has learned change-ringing since the bells were augmented from five to six on October 7th, 1912, by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Bellfounders, Loughborough, the "go" being excellent.

Stratton St. Margaret (Wilts).—On January 20th, at St. Margaret's Church, 720 York Surprise Minor. A. J. Gilbert, R. W. Hyner, F. Looker, W. G. Lancaster, G. Lancaster (conductor), C. J. Gardiner. First 720 in the method on the bells.

## BARNET, HERTS.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, January 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

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

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

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

## HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 10, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

SYDNEY CARTER* .. .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 5.
HENRY W. COWLEY* .. .. 2.	ALFRED W. GRIMES .. .. 6.
HENRY C. CHANDLER* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WELLING .. .. 7.
CHARLES S. BIRD* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

[\*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. C. Chandler, the Hon. Sec. of the South and West District of the above Association. First peal in the method on the bells.

## HEAVITREE, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(The Heavitree Society.)

On Saturday, January 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

RICHARD HAMILTON .. .. Treble.	THOMAS LAYER .. .. 5.
HERBERT V. RICHARDS† .. .. 2.	CHARLES G. GLASS .. .. 6.
FREDK. W. RICHARDS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM R. BOURDY .. .. 7.
JOHN R. SANDOVER .. .. 4.	*SGT.-MAJOR C. WARNER .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT V. RICHARDS.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Ninth peal by the society.

## ALDERSHOT, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Canterbury, two of Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM FISHER, SEN. .. Treble.	ALFRED CROUCHER .. .. 4.
CHARLES EDWARDS .. .. 2.	GEORGE FISHER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM FISHER, JUN.* .. 3.	HUGH T. CHAFFEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

The ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th, and 5th are local men. \*First peal with a bob bell. First peal by Mr. Fisher, sen., aged 54, he having commenced change-ringing in 1911. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Chaffey.

Aldershot.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sunday, January 19th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor by all local men, as a farewell to Private J. Hall, who is leaving for Egypt, his brother-ringers wishing him every success. W. Fisher, A. Croucher, G. Fisher, A. Croucher, W. Fisher, jun., J. Hall (conductor).

## COLNE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1913 in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED BROOK .. .. Treble.	HARRY FOULDS .. .. 5.
SYDNEY LANE .. .. 2.	ROBERT FOULDS .. .. 6.
JAMES E. FOULDS .. .. 3.	EDWARD MALLINSON .. .. 7.
CHARLES MALLINSON .. 4.	JOHN P. FOULDS .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by JOHN P. FOULDS.

First peal by the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th; also first peal as conductor by John P. Foulds.

## PUDSEY, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.)

On Saturday, January 11, 1913, in 3 Hours,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

In the Kent Variation.

Pratt Cordingley .. Treble	John B. Jackson .. .. 5
William Birks .. .. 2	William B. Smith .. .. 6
Fred W. Thorpe .. .. 3	Edwin Wheeler .. .. 7
Sidney Keighley .. .. 4	John Perfect .. Tenor

Composed by Obadiah Lang, and Conducted by E. Wheeler.

## ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

## CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1913, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

Rex T. Buswell .. Treble	George A. Blaxley .. .. 4
William C. Lewis .. .. 2	*Joseph Farby .. .. 5
Albert E. Foust* .. .. 3	E. Maurice Atkins .. Tenor

Conducted by E. M. Atkins.

\*First peal in seven methods.

## NEWPORT, MON.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 13, 1913, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation.

Tenor 15 cwt.

John Thomas .. Treble	John Butler .. .. 5
Arthur E. Morgan .. .. 2	Francis E. B. Charles .. 6
Victor Morgan .. .. 3	John W. Jones .. .. 7
Charles Greedy .. .. 4	John Goddard .. Tenor

Conducted by John Thomas.

Arranged for J. Thomas, of Edmonton, who was here on a visit.

ELSTOW (Beds).—On Christmas morning, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. V. Cooper, Miss Dora Steel, J. W. Barker, F. Benson, A. Steele, H. Cooper (conductor).

South Hackney.—On Sunday, January 19th, for Evensong, at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, 1280 Superlative Surprise Major. E. T. Wigg, C. T. Coles (conductor), A. J. Neale, E. F. Pike, W. Pye, W. H. Theobald (first quarter-peal in the method), R. Sanders, H. Torble.

## OXHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 14, 1913, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

**A PEAL OF NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE MAJOR,**  
5184 CHANGES Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.

Thomas L. Simmons ... Treble	George N. Price ... 5
Charles N. Leman ... 2	William Hodgetts ... 6
Frank T. Martin ... 3	Hubert Eden ... 7
Henry Hodgetts ... 4	Frederick W. Brinklow Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett, and  
Conducted by George N. Price.First peal in the method in the county, by the Association, and  
by all the band.

## BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 15, 1913, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;**  
Parker's 12-Part. Tenor 15 cwt.

Thomas Gasson ... Treble	George Lewry ... 5
William Vincent ... 2	*Ernest Attwater ... 6
Arthur Absalom ... 3	Frank Attwater ... 7
George Apps ... 4	George Woods ... Tenor

Conducted by Ernest Attwater.

\*First peal as conductor. Messrs. Apps, Woods and the  
brothers Attwater hail from Cuckfield; the rest belong to the  
local band.

## READING, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Reading Branch.)

On Wednesday, January 15, 1913, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;**  
Thurstans' 4-Part. Tenor 15 cwt.

Leonard Osborne ... Treble	*Charles Higgs ... 5
Miss Ethel M. Goodship* 2	†Frank Griffin ... 6
Arthur E. Bailey ... 3	Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn... 7
Ambrose W. Osborne ... 4	*Leonard Smith ... Tenor

Conducted by Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn.

\*First peal. †First peal of Stedman Triples. Miss E. M.  
Goodship is the first young lady in Reading to ring in a peal.

## BENHILTON, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 15, 1913, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,**  
5120 CHANGES.

Leonard F. Taylor* Treble	Cyril F. Johnston ... 5
Walter S. Wise... 2	*Edwin L. Miles ... 6
Dr. A. B. Carpenter ... 3	David Wright ... 7
Charles Dean ... 4	T. Groombridge, sen. Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett, and Conducted by D. Wright.

\*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment  
to Mrs. Wright, wife of the conductor.London.—On Sunday morning, January 19th, at All Hallows.  
Barking, City, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. T.  
Cranfield, A. Scambler, J. Scholes, W. Theobald, R. Sanders,  
T. Langdon (conductor), H. Torble, T. Joyce. Rang as a birth-  
day compliment to T. Joyce.

## NEWICK, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 15, 1913, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;**

Being seven 720s, called differently. Tenor 5 cwt. in C.

George Richardson* ... Treble	John Feist ... 4
Ernest E. Bish ... 2	Alfred J. Turner ... 5
George H. Sturt ... 3	Albert E. Edwards ... Tenor

Conducted by Albert E. Edwards.

\*First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells, which are the  
lightest peal in Sussex, and were augmented to a peal of six in  
1867.

## 5040 BOB ROYAL.

By H. PRICE.

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Repeated. 6-7 undisturbed.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, January 21st, for  
practice at the parish church, 1008 Stedman Triples. H.  
Barton (conductor), J. Larter, C. Moss, A. Lee, J. O'Neill  
J. Howard, F. C. Lambert, J. Jolly. Also 336 Stedman  
Triples. F. Lambert, jun., J. Larter; others as before.

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**"CHURCH BELLS OF ENGLAND,"**

By H. B. WALTERS.

Continuing our article on this subject it is well-known that the Church bell of the larger type with which we are familiar, was not introduced until some centuries after Christianity was established. Smaller bells date back to more ancient times, and have been a notable feature of the worship and ceremonial of most creeds and races, one of the most notable exceptions being the Mohammedans. Thus much we learn from Mr. Walters's book. Among other things he tells us that the large bells we know came into use some time during the Saxon period. No towers now existing in England are older than the 10th century; but certainly bells large enough to be heard thirteen miles away at Hackness, were in use at Whitby when Hilda died there in 680; and in the succeeding century large bells were presumably common enough in the churches of both provinces to evoke specific instructions from both Primates as to their use. Soon after the Norman Conquest we find constant reference to the casting of bells of increasing size and number, and by the reign of Henry III. great advances in the skill of the makers is evident, and in the library of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, there is a manuscript treatise of that reign by Walter de Odyngton, a monk of Evesham, on the whole process of casting and tuning. The bell bearing the earliest date in England, 1206, is at Claughton, Lancashire; but one at Caversfield, Oxfordshire, must be nearly a century older, judging from the rude Roman or Saxon letters of its inscription.

We also get an interesting summary of the technical processes of Bell-casting; of uses and customs; of the founders and foundries of all periods; and a lengthy list of the English bell founders, in which many eminent names occur. The ancient founders were modest folk. Occasionally we find one of them styled "campanarius" or "brasiarius" but far oftener "ollarius," which, without offence, Englished is "tinker." The word evidently had no reproach in their ears, for so, with one or two exceptions, every London bell founder styled himself till quite late in the 14th century. In London the founders mostly inhabited the district between St. Andrew Under-shaft and St. Botolph, Aldgate, where Billiter, or "Bellyetre," street still reminds us of their craft. In many provincial town records—at Lynn, Bristol, Gloucester, Worcester, and elsewhere, we find bell founders mentioned by their Christian names, with Bellyeter added as their surname, or descriptive appellation down to the 15th century. Of the eminent modern founders, the last mentioned is that of the well-known firm of Warner & Sons, whose reputation is unrivalled, and has steadily grown since 1780, when "Old John Warner" started the foundry in Fleet Street, which has long since disappeared. Specimens of their work are illustrated, as are also those of Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, whose existence dates from 1570, and whose bells are to be found in all parts of the world. Favourable mention is also made of Messrs. John Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, and Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, of Croydon.

There is also a chapter on "Towers and Belfries," of more interest, perhaps to architects than to ringers. Many of the early churches, both pre-Conquest and Norman, had central towers for bells, like Barton-on-Humber, and South Topham. But it was not till long after that the majority of parish churches became possessed of bell-towers. Few are earlier than the 14th century. In Somerset and Devon and Cornwall the great period of

tower-building is close round about 1500. In some cases the church bell hung in the churchyard, in a frame, or even on a tree.

Quarley, in Hampshire, and at Shenley, Herts., the bells hang to this day in frames in the churchyard. At King's College, Cambridge, the five bells hung in a temporary bell-house till they were sold in 1755. The next provision was the bell-cote, usually for one bell only, but sometimes for two. At Radipole, in Dorset, there is provision for three. Some times one can detect, as in some of the Northamptonshire churches, the primitive bell-cote built up in the east wall of a later western tower.

In many of the greater churches the campanile was often detached, lest the safety of the central tower should be jeopardised. Salisbury had a fine detached campanile with a picturesque wooden top. That went the way of much else, during Wyatt's restoration in 1780. St. Paul's had a campanile containing the Jesus bells, which was pulled down at the Reformation. Sir Miles Partridge, gambling with that pious "Defender of the Faith," Henry VIII., won from him the bells in the clochard of Old St. Paul's and had them broken up and sold for old metal. The finest detached campanile, and the only one belonging to a cathedral that remains, is that at Chichester.

Some of the ornamentation on bells especially the older ones (examples of which are illustrated in Mr. Walters's book), is very elaborate, and show that the bell-founder is an artist of no mean order, and ranks as such on the same plane as the designer of stained glass windows and the mason. The book is exceedingly interesting right through, and no section more so than the one which deals with ornamentation and inscriptions.

Altogether Mr. Walters has succeeded in gathering together a vast amount of information about Church Bells, and presents it in a very readable form.

GAINSBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).—On Wednesday, January 8th, at All Saints Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. F. S. W. Butler (conductor), R. Dawson, A. H. Wheeler, J. C. Tinker, J. T. Ladd, W. Dickenson, H. Torr, S. Wilson. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Alfred Betts, formerly a ringer at the above Church, who passed away at Sherton-le-Steeple, Notts, the home of his parents, on Sunday, January 5th, after a very brief illness, which only commenced the Friday previous. He was interred at that place on the Wednesday. The whole pull and stand was rung at the finish of the quarter-peal.

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The bells will be available for ringing between 2 and 4, and possibly later in the evening. Tea will be provided, after the service, free for all those who send in their names by Wednesday, February 5th. Drayton is two miles from Abingdon Station, and the same distance from Stevenage.

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## THE LEEDS SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Pudsey on Saturday week. The attendance was not as large as usual, owing to the wretched state of the weather. The following towers were represented: Bolton, Bradford, Calverley, Guiseley, Holbeck, Headingley, Mirfield, Shipley, Tong and the local ringers. A peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in the afternoon by a mixed company, and touches were also rung in the evening by visitors.

The business meeting was held at the Golden Lion Hotel, Mr. J. Broadley presiding. Mr. F. Robinson, of Mirfield, was elected a member of the Society. The arrangements for a peal attempt at Armley, on February 8th, were left to the Secretary. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Pudsey and local ringers was proposed by Mr. J. B. Jackson, seconded by Mr. W. B. Smith, and carried amidst applause. Mr. E. Hoyle responded, offering a hearty welcome to all ringers and remarking that the bells were always available. Mr. T. Maude, in a brief speech, said he always enjoyed coming to Pudsey, and hoped that before long they would have ten bells instead of eight.

The remainder of the evening was spent in handbell ringing. The nomination meeting will be held at Armley on February 8th, when a good attendance is requested.

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 St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 30th; St. Magnus 7.30 p.m., the others at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings. A district meeting will be held at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington on February 1st. Tower open for ringing at 3.30. Evensong at 5.30. Tea in the Vicarage Hall at 6.15. Will members intending to be present kindly let me know by January 28th. 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 Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.** North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate (by kind permission of the Rev. C. F. Peplow) on Saturday, January 25th. Bells ready at 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at The Cherry Tree at 6 o'clock, 6d. each. Members and friends cordially invited. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1913 are now due.

C. T. COLES, Hon. Sec.

49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

**The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.**—The Annual General Meeting and election of officers will take place on February 8th. The towers of St. Sepulchre's and St. Andrew's, Holborn, E.C., will be open from 4 to 6 p.m. Tea at 6.30 at The King of Denmark, 7d. per head. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.

F. J. HARDY, Hon. Gen. Sec.

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

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Aldenham on Saturday, January 25th, 1913. Bells available at 4 p.m. Tea at The Chequers at 5.30., 9d. per head. It is hoped that members will make an effort to attend. All ringers welcome.

H. EDEN, Hon. Sec. Western Division.

43, Heath Road, Oxhey, Watford.

**The Warwickshire Guild.**—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, January 25th, at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now overdue, and should be paid at this meeting. Committee Meeting after tea. Shottery.

REV. C. CAREW COX, Hon. Sec.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, January 25th. Bells ready at 2.30. Committee meeting at 4. Tea (1s. each) at 4.45, both in the National School. The Committee request that all subscription up to end of 1912 be paid in at once.

W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Malvern Link on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Service at 4 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea provided.

Madresfield, Malvern.

R. G. KNOWLES, Branch Sec.

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at Greenwich on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. in the Church Room, followed by business meeting. Service at 6 p.m., with address by the Rev. T. R. H. Sturgess. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid at this meeting.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

34, Adelride Road, Chislehurst.

**The Kent County Association.**—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, Jan. 25th, 1913. Tower open at 3. Committee Meeting at 4. Service in Church at 5. Tea in the Oddfellows Hall at 5.45, followed by the general meeting. 6d. per head will be charged towards cost of the tea.

W. LATIER, Hon. Dis. Sec.

26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—Eastern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt, on Sat., Jan. 25, when the bells will be available at 3.30. Tea at The Green Dragon, Church Gate, at 5.45. Members 6d., others 9d. Business meeting after.

W. H. LAWRENCE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Cardington on Saturday, January 25th. Eight bells; Motor buses. Tea 5 p.m., 6d. each.

JOHN W. BARKER, Dis. Sec.

24, St. Leonard's Avenue, Bedford.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Portsmouth District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Portsea on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at Parish Institute at 5.30. Meeting after. Short service at Parish Church 7.30.

Fareham.

J. W. WHITING, Dis. Sec.

**The Essex Association.**—South-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, February 1st, 1913. Bells at 4. Tea and meeting at The King's Head 5.30 p.m., 8d. each. Kindly give notice by Wednesday, 29th inst.

County Offices, Chelmsford.

HENRY F. COOPER, Dis. Sec.

**Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—Pre-Lent meeting will be held at Tanfield on Saturday, February 1st. Bells available afternoon and evening. Committee Meeting at The Pack Horse Inn at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Members 1s.; non-members 1s. 6d. Those intending to be present please notify.

CHAS. TODD, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

Bracken Road, Darlington.

**The Surrey Association.**—The annual meeting will take place at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Saturday, February 1st. Parish Church bells (8) open at 2.30; St. Peter's (10), at 3.30 p.m. Service at St. Peter's at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 at St. Peter's Hall. Business meeting after.

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**Guild for the Archdeaconry of Salop.**—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Malins Lee on Saturday, February 1st, 1913. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.0 p.m.

Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

H. B. BACKWITH, Hon. Sec.

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, February 1st. Tea and meeting at The White Lion at 5.30 p.m. Will those coming kindly inform Mr. J. Cawdell, White Horse Street, before January 30th.

B. H. T. DRAKE, Dis. Sec.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, February 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 5. The annual meeting of the district for the election of officers, etc., will be held in St. Modwen's belfry on Tuesday, February 4th. Bells ready at 7 p.m. Meeting at 8.

HARRY WAXLEY, Local Hon. Sec.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alresford and Bishop Sutton on Saturday, February 1st. Bells of both towers available from 2.30. Tea in Alresford Church Room at 5.30. Old Alresford bells not available. Winchester Cathedral tower will be open from 7.30 to 9.0 p.m.

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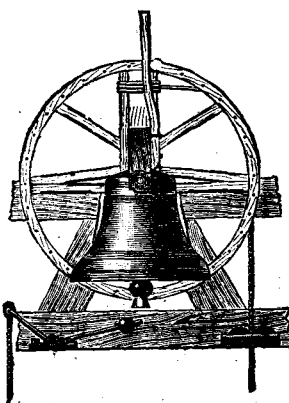
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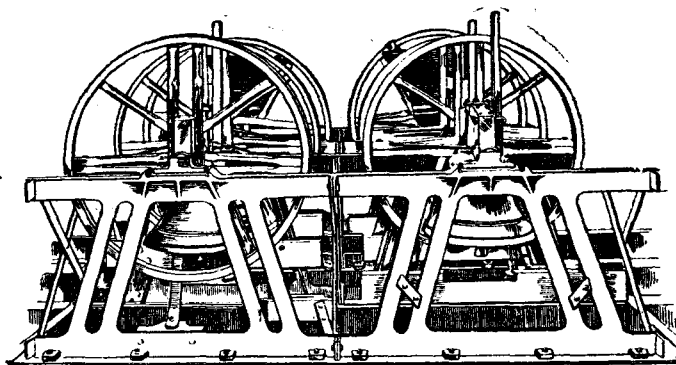
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## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

A very representative meeting was held at Selling on January 18th, attended by 53 members. Ringers appeared early and rang various methods before 5.15 p.m. When the Vicar (Rev. C. Whitmore Ford) conducted a very impressive service following the form prepared for the Association. At 5.30 the members adjourned to the "White Lion" for tea, very kindly provided by S. Neame, Esq., who was also present.

Subsequently, with the Vicar in the chair, the Rev. C. Whitmore Ford, Rev. T. Harrison, and S. Neame, Esq., hon. members, and 19 new practising members were duly elected, and Chilham and Littlebourne Towers were accepted into Union. Mr. E. G. Buesden was appointed instructor to Chilham.

Mr. C. H. Drake proposed and Mr. E. E. Foreham seconded a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the Service and the use of the bells, and Mr. W. E. Pitman proposed and Mr. A. H. Sasby seconded a vote of thanks for the tea; both gentlemen suitably responded.

At the conclusion of the business Grandsire and Stedman were rung on handbells.

Further touches on the tower bells and refreshments afterwards brought a very successful meeting to a close.

### LEWISHAM DISTRICT MEETING AT GREENWICH.

#### TESTIMONIAL TO THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

The quarterly meeting was held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, S.E., on Saturday, January 25th. The bells were available from 3 p.m. About 80 members assembled in the Church Room at 4.45 for tea and business, the company including Miss Christabel Airey and the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore. The Rev. Sturgess occupied the chair. The Secretary and District Representative having read their reports, and several new members elected, Chiselhurst was decided as the place for the next quarterly meeting on the last Saturday in April. The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, who had come up from Canterbury, then rose and addressed the meeting, saying he had a most pleasant duty to perform, viz., to ask Mr. Groombridge to accept an address and purse as a token of appreciation of his ten years' work as Secretary. Mr. Helmore then gave a short history of the District's progress, and having read aloud the address itself, presented it to Mr. Groombridge. Mr. Groombridge, on rising, was received most enthusiastically, and began by saying that "we had taken the wind completely out of his sails," and in a few words thanked the members for what they had done. The usual votes of thanks were passed, and the company then walked into church to evensong. After service the belfry was again visited, and ringing continued until 8.30 p.m. At 9.0 p.m. a convivial hour was spent in the "Globe Hotel," with Mr. W. J. Jeffries in the chair, and Mr. F. W. Richardson at the pianoforte. Songs were sung by Messrs. Thornton, Walker, Wright, Davis, Jeffries, Smith, and Richardson.

The Address, which is framed, read as follows:—"The Kent County Association of Change Ringers—To Thomas John Groombridge, Honorary Secretary Lewisham District. On behalf of the Lewisham District of the above Association, we, the undersigned, desire to express our sincere thanks for the unfailing energy and enthusiasm you have shown in the execution of your duties as Hon. Secretary of the District during the past ten years. During that period the number of members has been almost doubled, the standard of the ringing has been raised, the spirit of association has ripened, and we gladly recognise the fact that this conspicuous improvement has been effected to a very great extent through your untiring efforts. We know that it has been with you a labour of love; and we hope and trust that the Association may continue to enjoy the benefit of your help and guidance for many years to come.—E. Barnett, I. Emery, C. H. Walker, H. Warnett, J. Wheadon, S. H. Keech, G. H. Daynes (Committee); W. J. Jeffries, Honorary District Representative; F. J. O. Helmore, Honorary General Secretary."

Mr. Thomas Groombridge writes:—"The Kent County Association—To the members of the Lewisham District.—Gentlemen,—Being taken so by surprise at the very kind remarks of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore at our meeting on Saturday, and the handsome present I received from his hands through your kind generosity, I found it impossible to thank you in a way I should like to have done, and therefore take this opportunity of sincerely thanking you all for the handsome appreciation you have shown me for the services I have rendered you as your District Secretary. The rev. gentleman's account of the doings and growth of the district was good recompense to me for what I have done, but the handsome address will keep in my mind as long as I live the many happy hours we have spent together. Again, I most sincerely thank you all, and particularly those gentlemen whose names appear on the address for their exertions, also the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, who made the journey from Canterbury especially for the occasion, thus conferring another great honour upon me. I trust this district, also the Association, may continue to prosper. Yours sincerely, T. Groombridge, Sen., Hon. District Secretary."

### WARWICKSHIRE GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.

For the first time in its history a quarterly meeting of the above Guild was held in Birmingham City last Saturday, Bishop Ryder's Church being the tower selected. Although so central, the number of members attending was not up to the average, indeed, was rather disappointing. Albeit, a pleasant meeting resulted, and ringers turned up in greater force after 7 o'clock. The places represented were Coventry, Tamworth, Polesworth, Birmingham, Rugby, Fenny Compton, Sutton Coldfield, Erdington, King's Norton, and Stratford-on-Avon. Tea was partaken of at Treadwell's Restaurant in Corporation

Street, and the business meeting followed, Mr. Jas. George (Master) presiding, supported by the Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, and Mr. C. F. Johnston, of Croydon. Places proposed for the April meeting were Sutton Coldfield, Solihull, and Erdington, and the last-named was finally decided upon. Four new members were elected, including Mr. C. F. Johnston as a life member, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of Bishop Ryder's for the use of the tower. The bells, a light ring of eight, tenor 12 cwt., were kept going during the afternoon and evening in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Superlative Surprise Major. By the kindness of Mr. W. Frank Webb, Steeple-keeper of St. John's Deritend, that tower was also thrown open to the members after tea, and Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, and Double Norwich were rung upon the bells.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

##### AXBRIDGE DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the above was held at Congresbury on Saturday, January 18th, and some 25 members were present. The following towers were represented: Burnham, Cheddar, Congresbury, Weston-super-Mare, Worle, Winscombe, and others. Service was held in the Parish Church at 4.30, a capital address being given by the Vicar, the Rev. Maunsell Eyre. Tea was partaken in the Schoolroom, followed by the business meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed as read. Two new honorary and twenty-nine new members were duly elected. It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Berrow, and the intermediate meeting at Banwell. The balance sheet was accepted as correct, and showed a balance of £4 8s. The Secretary's report showed that the Branch has made steady progress during the year, three new towers having been added—Loxton, Cheddar and Bleadon. Five new honorary and twenty-six performing members were elected during the year. The Rev. G. H. Lewis was re-elected president for the ensuing year; Mr. G. H. Pruen was elected vice-president; Mr. J. Harris was re-elected hon. secretary; and Mr. G. Chamberlain re-elected representative. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. Maunsell Eyre for the use of the bells, arranging service, his able address, and presiding at the meeting. The rev. gentleman suitably responded. The organist and choir were thanked for attending. During the afternoon and evening several good touches of Grandsire were rung on the fine peal of bells.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

##### BEDFORD DISTRICT.

At Cardington, a village still fragrant with the memory of that great prison reformer—John Howard—a meeting of the above District was held.

The weather on that date, January 25th, was not of the best, but notwithstanding, there attended a number of ringers, representing eleven towers, and the beautiful ring of eight bells was kept going to Plain Bob, Grandsire, Kent, Stedman, Norwich, and Cambridge. It was a very instructive meeting, and a number who attended derived a great advantage for so doing.

A tea, arranged at one of the local inns, was partaken in the most fraternal and jovial spirit.

A short meeting followed, at which the District Secre-

tary, Mr. J. W. Barker, read a letter of thanks from the Mayor of Bedford; he read also an invitation from the Sharnbrook ringers. Following a discussion, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Sharnbrook, and at the desire of the District Secretary, it was decided to make it the General Business Meeting for the ensuing year.

It having come to the knowledge of the members that the President, the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, had recently celebrated his silver wedding, the Secretary was requested to convey the hearty congratulations of the meeting to the Rev. W. W. C. Baker.

Considering that the members so thoroughly enjoyed themselves, it need hardly be recorded that a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, the Rev. W. S. C. Secombe, for giving facilities for the meeting to be held, and for granting the use of the bells.

The Rev. Tyrwhitt-Drake then addressed the meeting on a scheme of his for the recognition of those companies who make the best average attendance and progress during the year, and was promised the hearty support of those present.

N.B.—To antiquarians who visit the district, it may be interesting to add there is in south wall of the tower the face of a very old sundial. It was discovered when the Church was being rebuilt in 1898, and, though the writer has been unable to verify the statement, he was and is assured by a local authority that it is the only known specimen of a Saxon sundial with a whole face.

#### WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

##### PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

A very successful meeting of the above was held at Portsea on Saturday last. The bells of St. Mary's were raised soon after 3 o'clock, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung at 5.30. The ringers adjourned to the Institute for tea, over 40 being present, the following towers being represented: Titchfield, Portsea, Farnham, Swanmore, Curdridge, Havant, Bishops Walton, Brading, Ryde (Isle of Wight), and Gosport. Visitors also from Lee-on-Solent, Twyford, and North Stoneham.

After tea the business transacted and balance sheet and yearly report and election of officers. The Rev. C. E. Mathews was again elected chairman; Mr. J. Whiting, secretary; Messrs. G. Chappel and E. J. Harding, representatives; and Mr. J. Symonds, auditor. One honorary, two performing and nine probationers were elected, also the whole of the Gosport Band, numbering 18 members. Much satisfaction was expressed at the Gosport Band again becoming members of the Guild. Votes of thanks were accorded to officers for so successfully transacting the business of the district; also to the Rev. C. F. Garbett for the use of the bells and Institute. It was then announced that the bells of St. Thomas would be available, so a band was arranged to pay a visit to that tower, where some Stedman and Grandsires were rung. The rest of the company attended evensong at St. Mary's, where a part of the ringers' service was used. After service the ringers kept the bells going till 9.30 to Grandsire and Bob Minor.

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## DOUBLE WORCESTER BOB MAJOR.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Since the publication of the above, it has been pointed out by Mr. Carter that this method is given in one of the old books (Hubbard's, I think) as Double Yorkshire Court Bob Major, and, in his opinion, possessing musical qualities superior to Double Norwich. I have not this book by me for reference, but have compared it with the Yorkshire Court as given in standard methods, and find that if doubled this is without the least doubt what it is. It is therefore only fair to withdraw any claim to the design, so I am publishing the peal under what I think will be admitted to be its proper title.

Turning to Mr. Law James' letter in last week's issue. I have not Rules and Decisions of the C.C., 1904, by me, so cannot refer to what he intimates. However, I have the C.C. Glossary of the same date, which I find gives the following interesting information on page 8:—Lead (b).—The series of rows or changes beginning from and ending with a whole pull right by the Treble in its natural position at the commencement of the row or change, this bell having meanwhile occupied every place in the rows or changes the full number of times required by any given mode of producing permutations, etc., and ending with.—The whole series is usually called a Treble lead. Would this term have met Mr. James' requirements? If so, and we turn to page 13, we find—Plain.—Devoid of calls, unaltered by a call, etc. Again, page 14 gives: Plain Lead (a).—A lead introduced without a call. (b) The first Treble lead of the Plain Course, etc.

Now, as to the method as a whole, if we proceed to page 20, we find the term Double (a) A descriptive adjective attached to the name of a method in which half the plain course work of the bells in one direction is exactly repeated in the opposite direction to form the other half. Surely the other C.C. publication does not contradict this! If so, which may we take as correct?

Finally, I do not propose to enter into any argument on this subject, but just give the facts as they appear to me. It is one thing to have "ideas" and another thing to get other people to accept them. The Stedman argument of some little time ago should be convincing proof of this. I feel I can leave this to the judgment of the ringing fraternity in general, and can only add that "the result is the thing!" and whether this method is legitimate or not, it is generally agreed by the band that rang it, as far superior, both from a musical and a ringing point of view, than many of the so-called legitimate methods.

Yours, etc.,

JOSEPH PIGOTT.

Cemetery Road,  
Smethwick.

NORWICH.—On Sunday, January 26th, for morning service at St. Peter Mancroft, 720 Bob Royal, in 30 mins. G. Day, E. Lubuck, F. H. Phillips, A. Potter, J. Freeman, G. P. Burton, H. J. Borrett, C. W. Bullen, J. E. Burton (conductor), G. Mayers. Also before Evensong 592 Bob Major on the back eight. A. Potter, J. Freeman, E. Lubuck, G. P. Burton, H. J. Borrett, F. H. Phillips (conductor) J. E. Burton, C. W. Bullen. Tenor 41 cwt.

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# WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS. WESTERN BRANCH.

A good number of members attended the quarterly meeting of Malvern Link on Saturday last, being rightly chosen for the winter as being easily accessible by rail.

Early in the afternoon the bells were set going to Grandsire, Stedman Triples and Bob Major. Service was well attended at 4 o'clock, the Vicar of Malvern Link, the Rev. A. Day, giving a very practical and interesting address.

Tea at the "Bakery" followed, 42 members sitting down. The Vicar presided at the meeting. Minutes were read and signed. The Vicar gave consent for the quarterly peal to be attempted at Malvern Link after Easter, R. G. Knowles being chosen as conductor.

Ombersley was selected for the next quarterly meeting, to be held June 21st. The Vicar was proposed and unanimously accepted an hon. member.

After the usual votes of thanks, the meeting, which included members of the Cathedral and St. John's, Worcester, Powick, Leigh, Ombersley, Suckley, Hallow, Upton, Madresfield, and Malvern Link companies, closed.

A move was made back to the Church, when Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were rung, thus ending a very successful meeting.

## ST. PETER MANCROFT GUILD.

At the sixth annual meeting of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild, Norwich, the Vicar (the Rev. F. J. Meyrick) presided, and the Hon. Secretary, in his report, referred to the splendid work done by the Guild throughout the year past. They had regularly rung the bells for the Sunday services, as well as on the early mornings of all the great festivals of the Church. At present there were fourteen performing members on the books, but as this was somewhat below the average, the Guild was training six very promising recruits, who were making good progress.

The Treasurer (Mr. D. O. Holme) submitted the balance sheet, which showed a balance of £6 10s. on the right side. This sum was earmarked for renovating the peal boards in the belfry, some of which are the oldest in existence. Mr. H. J. Borrett was elected Ringing Master for the ensuing year; Mr. F. H. Phillips, Hon. Secretary; and Mr. D. O. Holme, Treasurer.

At the close of the business, the chairman thanked the members, who are all volunteers, for the ringing they had done during the year. It gave him great satisfaction to know that he could count on the bells of St. Peter Mancroft being rung, not only on Sundays, but also on any special occasions he might ask for.

## UNVEILING OF PEAL TABLETS AT KENSINGTON.

The ringing of a peal in the Metropolis nowadays is such a frequent occurrence that one seldom hears of a peal tablet being erected thereabouts to commemorate such a performance.

However, two occasions on which the St. Mary Abbots Guild of Kensington rang peals were considered of such historical interest that it was decided to have permanent records of them in the belfry.

Consequently, the Vicar, the Rev. Prebendary Pennefather, accompanied by Frederick Leach, Esq., I.S.O., Churchwarden, and the Rev. H. W. Brown, Chaplain to the Guild, together with some twenty-five members, assembled in the tower for the purpose of unveiling two magnificent tablets, recording peals rung by members of the Guild on the Coronation Days respectively of their Majesties King Edward VII. and King George V.

After having unveiled the tablets, the Vicar congratulated the ringers in their performance on two such historical occasions, and expressed admiration, which was shared by those present, at the design and workmanship of the boards.

Mr. W. E. Garrard, in thanking the Vicar for his presence, remarked that the peals were both first-class performances and were well struck, providing examples to the younger members of the Guild of what could be accomplished through perseverance and regular practice. It was also observed that our dear old friend, J. Hayward, the ringer of the treble in the King George peal, whose cheery good nature is sadly missed, was the designer of the Tablets, which are made of "Wainscott," polished moulded bases and caps, and fluted pilasters and elliptical arched top with panels of mahogany. The work is by the author of both the compositions, H. Dains; and both the performances were conducted by William E. Garrard—Stedman Catons and Treble Bob Royal respectively.

The arched part of each tablet is adorned with the royal coat of arms painted in colours, picked out in gold.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

### RE-OPENING AT ST. PAUL'S, WHITLEY BAY.

On Saturday, January 25th (the Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul), the new ring of eight bells at Whitley Bay were dedicated and opened in the presence of a numerous gathering. The service was conducted by the Rev. Canon Gough, of the Cathedral, Newcastle-on-Tyne, assisted by the Rev. E. Smith (Vicar) and local clergy. The bells are by Taylors', as under:—

Treble.—Weight, 4cwt. 3qrs. 13lbs. Inscription: "Gift of T. T. Gofton and Alice; his wife. 1912."

Second.—Weight, 5cwt. 1qr. 12lbs. Inscription: "Gift of T. T. Gofton, 1912, in memory of his father, who died 25th December, 1891."

Third.—Weight, 5cwt. 3qrs. 4lbs. Inscription: "Robertus F. Wheeler, M.A., Presbyter Hujus Ecclesiae. Recast, 1912, in grateful memory of Robert Spencer Story, 22 years President of the Newcastle and Durham Diocesan Association of Ringers."

Fourth.—Weight, 6cwt. 2qrs. 25lbs. Inscription: "Donum. Alfredi Molineux Palmer. Recast, 1912, by the local ringers—T. T. Gofton, Master; J. A. Gofton, Secretary; R. Gofton; T. R. Percival; R. A. Gofton; Arthur Payne; J. E. Gofton; T. M. Whitfield."

Fifth.—Weight, 7cwt. 2qrs. 22lbs. Inscription: "Donum. Carolii Palmer. Recast, 1912, by the local ringers."

Sixth.—Weight, 9cwt. 1qr. 16lbs. Inscription: "Donum. Georgii Robson Palmer. Recast, 1912, by the local ringers."

Seventh.—Weight, 12cwt. 1qr. 4lbs. Inscription: "Donum. Johanna Palmer, 1865. Recast, 1912, in memory of Hannah Relton Stobbs, daughter of Dodds Edward and Isabella Stobbs, who died April 8th, 1901, aged 8 years."

Tenor.—Weight, 17cwt. 1qr. Inscription: "Donum."



Caroli Marci Palmer. Recast, 1912, in commemoration of King George V., 22nd June, 1911. Edward Smith, M.A., Vicar; Robert Mason, J.P. (Chairman), Augustus Whitehorn (Clerk), Urban District Council."

Immediately at the conclusion of the service, the following members of the Durham and Newcastle Association rang a 1,260 of Stedman Triples in 47½ minutes:—Treble, C. Dodd; 2nd, T. T. Gofton (conductor); 3rd, W. Story; 4th, Jas. Gofton; 5th, A. F. Hillier; 6th, R. A. Gofton; 7th, T. Metcalfe; Tenor, J. A. Gofton.

During the evening the bells were kept merrily going in Stedman, Kent, Bob Major, &c., great satisfaction being expressed at their tone and go.

At 6 p.m. a special service for the ringers was held in the Church by the Rev. E. Smith, M.A., during the course of which the Tablet erected by members of the Association and friends in memory of the late Mr. R. S. Story, who was connected with this tower for 30 years, was unveiled.

### THE SURPRISE METHODS.

(Contributed by WILLIAM SNOWDON, Past President of the Yorkshire Association.)

#### CHAPTER HI. (Continued.)

The next example of Royal is Superlative, undertaken by the same clever Wakefield band, in 1826. As the figures of the treble-lead were in existence some thirty years ago we wrote to Wakefield hoping to glean some information, but only met with disappointment. We then wrote to Birmingham, where the late Mr. Snowdon had seen them, again only to be disappointed. This shows how transient is all information not carefully jotted down, or, better, sent to the Ringing Papers. This failure caused us once more to search the Snowdon papers, this time with success, for we found the following in one of the ms. note books.

"Superlative Royal. In 1875 I visited Mr. Henry Johnson, at 56, Newall Street, Birmingham, and amongst several interesting papers he showed me a Wakefield circular." We need not quote further, as the circular is dealt with later in the historical section. Fortunately we found the treble-lead had been copied, half of which is annexed, together with its lead-end. Those who have Shipway's book will find that these are his figures.

We confess to some little disappointment, as these figures never came up to our expectations—indeed we thought them quite out of keeping with the Major. In order to probe the matter further we drew up the accompanying Royal which we have marked "our own." Now, on examination, this will be found to agree with the Major in a far greater degree than Shipway's does, especially in regard to the interior places, and the partial avenue of their parallelograms, if such be drawn. But it will not pass muster, for, even if the curious mark-time places of the 2nd be overlooked, when we come to the adjacent full-leads of the 6th and 4th we are compelled to admit it to be something inferior to our friend the toad who is so often hewn in pieces undeservingly in his case, but who might be deservedly in such an attempt as ours. There are other variations to be bad, but all have fatal defects, and our readers must understand please that the figures are merely introduced for the sake of showing this method's want of adaptability. Turning to Shipway's figures, our own conviction is this: After he examined the places, and found them impossibly awkward, he gave them up in their relationship to Major, and turned his whole attention to using them just when and where he wanted them to turn his bells to the lead, etc., after the manner of Major. This he did exceedingly well, but that is not extending a method; so, alas, this relic of Shipway's must go and join the toads, properly condemned however in this case.

Fortunately no one to our knowledge has expended energy on Superlative Royal since 1826, and may we hope this cautious position will be maintained. Annexed are the two unsatisfactory examples of Superlative.

#### SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

##### SHIPWAY'S ROYAL.

###### Condemned.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
2	1	4	3	6	5	8	7	0	9
1	2	4	6	3	5	7	8	9	0
2	1	6	4	5	3	8	7	0	9
2	6	1	5	4	3	7	8	9	0
6	2	5	1	3	4	8	7	0	9
2	6	1	5	3	8	4	0	7	9
6	2	5	1	8	3	0	4	9	7
2	6	5	8	1	0	3	4	7	9
6	2	8	5	0	1	4	3	9	7
6	8	2	5	1	0	4	9	3	7
8	6	5	2	0	1	9	4	7	3
6	8	5	0	2	9	1	4	3	7
8	6	0	5	9	2	4	1	7	3
8	0	6	9	5	2	1	4	3	7
0	8	9	6	2	5	4	1	7	3
8	0	6	9	2	4	5	7	1	3
0	8	9	6	4	2	7	5	3	1
8	0	6	9	4	7	2	5	1	3
0	8	9	6	7	4	5	2	3	1
8	0	6	9	4	7	2	5	3	1

###### Lead-end.

1	5	3	7	2	9	4	0	6	8
1	5	7	3	9	2	0	4	8	6

#### SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

##### OUR OWN ROYAL.

###### Rejected.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
2	1	4	3	6	5	8	7	0	9
1	2	4	6	3	5	7	8	9	0
2	1	6	4	5	3	8	7	0	9
2	6	1	4	3	5	7	8	9	0
6	2	4	1	5	3	8	7	0	9
2	6	1	4	5	8	3	0	7	9
6	2	4	1	8	5	0	3	9	7
6	4	2	8	1	5	3	0	7	9
4	6	8	2	5	1	0	3	9	7
4	8	6	2	1	5	3	0	7	9
8	4	2	6	5	1	0	3	9	7
4	8	6	2	5	0	1	9	3	7
8	4	2	6	0	5	9	1	7	3
4	8	2	0	6	5	1	9	3	7
8	4	0	2	5	6	9	1	7	3
8	0	4	2	6	5	9	7	1	3
0	8	2	4	5	6	7	9	3	1
8	0	2	5	4	7	6	9	1	3
0	8	5	2	7	4	9	6	3	1
8	0	2	5	4	7	6	9	3	1

###### Lead-end.

1	5	3	7	2	9	4	0	6	8
1	5	7	3	9	2	0	4	8	6

Wm. Woodhead, who conducted both of the Wakefield peals—composing that of Cambridge—seems to have been a man of many parts, for we find him in 1814 bent on a successful jaunt to Otley to secure Shipway's longest length (at that time) of Treble Bob, 12,320 (stated to be the longest length of the times in any method). In this he rang his bell throughout, but it was not a single-handed peal. See "Treble Bob, I." second edition. Our friend Joseph Tebbs, of Leeds, was another who joined in this Otley jaunt: but afterwards, he does not seem to have helped Wakefield, except in their Cambridge, until they got into trouble over their first false peal of Superlative, whereupon he composed them a true one. Tebbs was a composer of some reputation, a composition of his in Stedman being framed in the Leeds (Yorks.) Tower.

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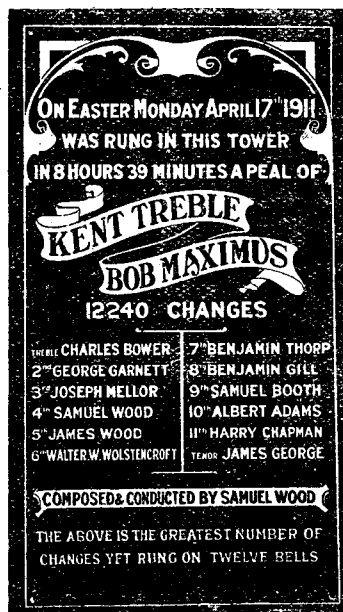
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CHARLES D. P. DAVIES,

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

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## The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1913.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, January 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

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

ARTHUR N. HARDY .. .. Treble.	ARMIGER J. TROLLOPE .. 5.
HAROLD BURTON .. .. 2.	FRANK HAIRS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM HEWETT .. .. 3.	ALFRED W. GRIMES .. 7.
EDWIN F. PIKE .. .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Trollope, with the usual compliments.

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

On Thursday, January 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Sir A. Heywood's Variation of Thurstons' Four-Part. Tenor 25 cwt.

NORMAN A. TOMLINSON .. Treble.	ERNEST BRETT .. .. 5.
MISS EDITH K. PARKER .. 2.	JOHN E. MILLER .. .. 6.
HERBERT ARMSTRONG .. 3.	JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 7.
JOHN W. CORNFORD .. .. 4.	ALFRED G. CRANE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

The company wish to thank Miss Parker for taking part in the peal at so short a notice, and so preventing a disappointment.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, January 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY, E.,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt. in D.

HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. Treble.	*ROBERT W. GREEN .. .. 6.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2.	†CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 7.
ARTHUR D. BARBER .. .. 3.	†FREDK. J. HARDY .. .. 8.
WILLIAM TRUSS .. .. 4.	EMMANUEL HALL .. .. 9.
JAMES SCHOLES .. .. 5.	GEORGE BARRELL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\*First peal of Caters. †First peal of Stedman Caters with an inside bell. ‡Fiftieth peal.

### The Provinces.

#### ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

#### THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 6, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qrs.

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

Conducted by JAMES R. PAER.

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

#### HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch)

On Wednesday, January 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

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

#### SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch.)

On Monday, January 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE PIGOTT .. .. Treble.	MORRIS J. MORRIS .. .. 5.
MISS SARAH PIGOTT .. .. 2.	WALTER PIGOTT .. .. 6.
HORACE HOWELL .. .. 3.	GEORGE F. WANN .. .. 7.
JOHN BASS .. .. 4.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOSEPH PIGOTT, and Conducted SAMUEL GROVE.

First peal in the method by all except the ringers of the treble, 4th and tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. George Pigott.

#### NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(St. Nicholas Cathedral Guild.)

On Wednesday, January 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 37½ cwt.

WILLIAM W. SINCLAIR .. Treble.	ARTHUR F. HILLIER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM STORY .. .. 2.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. .. 6.
ERNEST E. FREY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 7.
BENJAMIN C. DIXON .. .. 4.	ROBERT RICHARDS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

First peal in the method on the bells; also by all except the ringers of the 3rd, 6th, and 7th. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Story, and was rung after meeting short for Erin Caters.

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## LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, GRESSENDALE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob,

WALTER HUGHES* .. .. Treble.	EDWARD CADNCE .. .. 4.
THOMAS JENNION .. .. 2.	JOHN TURNER .. .. 5.
GEORGE R. NEWTON .. .. 3.	JOHN ALLEN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

\*First peal on six bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Turner.

## HULME, MANCHESTER.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 16 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 1 2½ cwt.

WALTER BROWN .. .. Treble.	JOHN W. WASHEROOK .. .. 5.
THOMAS BOTTEILL .. .. 2.	WILLIAM COOPER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM HOLBROOK .. .. 3.	ROBERT DAVIES .. .. 7.
RICHARD NEWTON .. .. 4.	HARRY CHERPMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. DAVIES.

First peal is the method as conductor, and first attempt. First in the method by the ringer of the 3rd.

## HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF ORANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. PYE .. .. Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 5.
JOHN DALE .. .. 2.	HARRY F. DAWKINS .. .. 6.
EDWARD H. HAWKINS* .. .. 3.	ALFRED PYE .. .. 7.
ERNEST J. BUTLER .. .. 4.	CHARLES BAWLOW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED PYE.

\*First peal of Grandsire Triples.

## LEAMINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, January 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER MALINS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. COX .. .. 5.
FRANK E. PERVIN .. .. 2.	CHARLES W. WHISLER .. .. 6.
ALFRED J. HEDDERLEY .. .. 3.	JOSEPH A. FENTON .. .. 7.
REV. C. CAREW COX .. .. 4.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDR. PRISTOW, and  
Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

## NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 20 lbs.

WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. .. 5.
HENRY W. WILKES .. .. 2.	CHARLES J. PRAY .. .. 6.
JOHN S. RUMMAGE .. .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 7.
CHARLES H. RUSSELL .. .. 4.	OWEN H. GILES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

## SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

SYDNEY HOWELL .. .. Treble.	WALTER GOODY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HEARD .. .. 2.	WILLIAM C. LEE .. .. 6.
GEORGE TATDM .. .. 3.	CHARLES CLARKE .. .. 7.
ALFRED PERRY .. .. 4.	WILLIAM CROSS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by S. HOWELL.

First peal by the 4th, 5th, 6th, and tenor men. W. Goody hails from Great Waldingfield; S. Howell belongs to All Saints, the other six belong to St. Peter's. Messrs. Goody and Lee were elected members previous to starting.

## GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.

## BOROUGH OF GLOSSOP ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, WHITFIELD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES BOCKLEY .. .. Treble.	ELI GARSIDE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HOLBROOK* .. .. 2.	JOHN LAWTON .. .. 6.
HERBERT BRADLEY .. .. 3.	RICHARD NEWTON .. .. 7.
THOMAS JACKSON .. .. 4.	*ROBERT DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, of Ashton, and  
Conducted by ROBERT DAVIS.

Messrs. Newton, Holbrook, and Davis hail from the Manchester district. \*Proposed members previous to starting.

## BIRLING, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(The St. John's Deptford, Society.)

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12 cwt.

ROBERT FOSDIKE .. .. Treble.	FREDR. WM. RICHARDSON .. .. 5.
FREDR. S. BACON* .. .. 2.	JOSEPH LAW .. .. 6.
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON .. .. 3.	WM. T. JEFFRIES W .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. DAVIES* .. .. 4.	CHARLES H. MACKLIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDR. WILLIAM RICHARDSON.

First peal on the bells, which were augmented from six to eight in 1891. \*First peal with a bob bell. These bells go the opposite way to the sun. This peal was rung on the 20th anniversary of the death of Canon Money, first Vicar of St. John's, Deptford, who was Vicar of Birling at the time of his death, and is buried in Birling churchyard. All the ringers are members of St. John's band.

## BENTLEY, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt. 3 qrs 18 lbs. in E.

CHARLES EDWARDS .. .. Treble.	HUBERT CHAFFY .. .. 4.
PRIVATE J. HALL .. .. 2.	GEORGE UPDEHALL .. .. 5.
ALFRED CROUCHER .. .. 3.	THOMAS UPDEHALL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal in seven methods by the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, and 6th bells. Rung as a farewell peal to Private J. Hall, who to the regret of all, left with his regiment (and Suffolk), for Egypt on the 22nd inst.

## EPSOM, SURREY.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
TRUSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	JOHN WYATT .. .. 5.
JOHN HOYLE .. .. 2.	CHARLES S. BORDEN .. 6.
EDWARD F. GROVE .. .. 3.	ALFRED B. PECK .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. CORBETT .. 4.	CHARLES E. READ .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED B. PECK.

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

## WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ASHTON-  
UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6048 CHANGES  
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

HERBERT STANSFIELD .. Treble.	GEORGE GARNETT .. .. 5.
THOMAS JAEEMAN .. .. 2.	BENJAMIN GILL .. .. 6.
CHAS. BOWER .. .. 3.	SAMUEL BOOTH .. .. 7.
SAMUEL WOOD .. .. 4.	BENJAMIN THORP .. Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, and Conducted by SAMUEL BOOTH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Benjamin Gill.

## SHARNFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## A PEAL OF PLAIN MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz.: Double Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

The ringer of the treble was made a member of the above Association in the tower, and this is his first peal.

## BROMHAM, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 changes in each of the following methods:  
Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Woodbine,  
Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Tenor 25 cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW .. Treble.	JOHN W. BARKER .. .. 4.
MISS EVELYN STEEL .. .. 2.	REGINALD GARDNER .. 5.
HARRY TYSON .. .. 3.	HERBERT SHARP .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

## LAMBERHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob,  
College Single, two 720s of Plain Bob, and one of Canterbury  
Pleasure:

JOHN BAILEY .. .. Treble.	ANDREW MARSHALL .. .. 4.
HARRY PRICE .. .. 2.	ALBERT HENLEY .. .. 5.
GEORGE FULLER .. .. 3.	EDWIN LAMBERT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

## BBISTOL.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1912, in Four Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS,  
5280 CHANGES Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

HENRY PORCH .. .. Treble.	HENRY PRING .. .. 7.
RAYMOND JOHN WILKINS .. 21	WILLIAM KNIGHT .. .. 8.
HENRY BROWNJOHN .. .. 3.	GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. 9.
ALBERT STOWELL .. .. 4.	WILLIAM STOWELL .. .. 10.
RICHARD CLARE .. .. 5.	JOHN A. BURFORD .. .. 11.
ALFRED E. REEVES .. .. 6.	WILLIAM A. CAVE .. Tenor.

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

Rung as a welcome home to the Vicar, the Rev. J. N. and Mrs. Bateman Champain, daughter of the Bishop of Kensington, who were married at Christ Church, Lancaster Gate, on December 28th, 1912.

## DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION:

(Derby Branch.)

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE TANDY .. .. Treble.	JOHN FLOWER .. .. 5.
GEORGE FREEBERRY .. .. 2.	GEORGE BASSON .. .. 6.
ERNEST H. CLARKE .. .. 3.	CHARLES DRAPE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BATES .. .. 4.	BART MITCHELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE FREEBERRY.

\*First peal in any method. †First peal as conductor. ‡Fiftieth peal, a list of which appeared last week.

## CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES Tenor 15½ cwt.

Oswald J. Hunt .. Treble	Charles Freeman .. .. 5
Joseph H. White .. .. 2	William T. Cox .. .. 6
William H. Brunson .. 3	Walter Mallis .. .. 7
Adolphus Roberts .. 4	Frank E. Fervin .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley, and  
Conducted by William H. Brunson.

First peal in the method as conductor.

## WILTON, TAUNTON.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s. Tenor 12 cwt.

Walter Fudge .. .. Treble	Henry J. Creed .. .. 4
Thomas J. Lloyd .. .. 2	*Arthur Wheadon .. 5
Tom W. Creed .. .. 3	Isaac Creed .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Isaac Creed.

\*First peal of Minor. The hand wish, through "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the Vicar for granting the use of the bells; Mr. Mockridge for getting permission; and Mr. Wright for having everything ready.

GARDENERS.—Wanted at once two men for private place; age 18 for Greenhouses, 25 for Lawns, &amp;c. Churchmen and Change-Ringers. For particulars apply: C. EDWARDS, Ridgway Road, Farnham, Surrey.

## MIDSOMER NORTON.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

Holt's 12-Part.

Tenor 25 cwt.

Walter Farley ...	...Treble	John Hambleton ...	5
Isaac B. Holmyard ...	2	William J. Prescott ...	6
Gilbert H. Harding ...	3	Thomas F. King ...	7
Frederick Speed* ...	4	Robert Jones ...	...Tenor

Conducted by Wm. J. Prescott.

\*First peal with a bob bell.

## MALDON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(Maldon and District Guild.)

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in 2 Hours and 52 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 Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 13 cwt.

Ebenezer W. Finch ...	...Treble	Frederick White ...	4
Alfred South ...	2	Horace J. Mansfield ...	5
Harold Finch ...	3	Fred Chalk ...	...Tenor

Conducted by Horace J. Mansfield.

## ROYSTON, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The Royston Society.)

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

Harry Bonnett* ...	...Treble	Robert Wilkerson ...	4
Ernest Bonnett... ..	2	Samuel E. Roberts ...	5
William L. Darlow ...	3	Robert G. King ...	...Tenor

Conducted by Ernest Borrett.

This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Miss F. L. Fordham, of Royston, and Mr. H. Hunt, of Farnborough. Quickest peal on the bells. \*First peal and first attempt, and a birthday compliment to W. L. Darlow.

## GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 2 cwt.

George A. Andrews† ...	...Treble	†Percy Almond ...	5
Harry Cowell* ...	2	Joseph Howell ...	6
Alfred Andrews† ...	3	*George Jennings ...	7
Ernest Eady* ...	4	†William J. Nevard ...	...Tenor

Composed by B. Annable, and Conducted by Wm. J. Nevard.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. ‡First attempt as conductor on eight bells. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung at the first attempt.

DARLEY DALE (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, January 22nd, at St. Helen's Church, by the local members of the belfry, a date touch, consisting of 1913 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. T. White, F. Travis, H. Gregory, E. Blackwall, J. W. Derbyshire, A. C. Wright, W. Taylor, H. W. Gregory. Composed by C. Jackson, and conducted by A. C. Wright.

## WARKTON, NORTHANTS.

## CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being six 6-scores each of Stedman's Slow Course, St. Simon's, Chase, Canterbury, Old Doubles, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt.

Horace Patrick... ..	...Treble	Robert Black ...	3
Matthias Hobbs ...	2	Edgar Reid ...	4

Charles Cooper ...Tenor

Conducted by Matthias Hobbs.

First peal of Doubles in seven methods by all except the conductor.

## AUTHORSHIP OF COMPOSITION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Lindoff, I wish here to say I agree with all that has been said on this subject by my confreres, Messrs. Hattersley and Pitstow, in their various letters; while I consider Mr. Lindoff's writings have been anything but commendable, for he has contorted our statements, misrepresented our meaning, and confused the point at issue in order, perhaps, to draw attention from the main question. While at the same time he has not advanced a single line of sound argument, pro or con, to our charges, and has never yet said the 5,040's we gave in our joint letter you published in your issue for 9/12/12 are not shortened variations of the 6,048's we enumerated in the same letter. Consequently, with your permission, my reply will be as follows:—

## No. 1.

In his first letter, 16/11/12, he insinuated, before some claim of ours not yet made, and concluded with a generic, "Who would Rounds belong to?" The reply to this is, Rounds, like the other course leads, belong to any man who can string enough of them together in a true and original 5040 composition, and so, Mr. Lindoff, rounds in New Cambridge Royal and in your London Royal do not at present belong to you, and in this you have so far failed.

## No. 2.

In his letter of your issue, 21/12/12, he is a bit more clear, and he tries to make us claim the full extent of the changes of the 6th bell. Mr. Hattersley told him in his letter, 3/1/13, that he did not claim to have invented anything of the kind, and in this I fully agree. No, sir, certainly not. But what we do claim is to have produced original compositions which embody that quality, and which are not variations of any previous composition in this method, from which, by the simple and well-known process of shortening the 5,040's in 14 courses which he published as his own, are taken from, and could be so obtained by any music composer, or anyone who knows the calling which produces course ends.

## No. 3.

In subsequent letters he says that 1 and 2, and 3 and 4 5040s in our joint letter are alike, which really is no business of his whatever, and is not relative to the original question. This likeness, whatever it is, was known to us before we published our first letter. We gave them with a \* bob, which he ignores, as showing that each comes direct from a distinct source of composition, and shows that the 6041s are not variations of one another. Now Mr. Lindoff, as the 5040 No. 1 used in ringing your London Royal comes from Pitstow's 6048, and No. 2 5040s comes from Washbrook's 6048, you can claim one-half

only of the 5040 you want. Thus it is by your own showing and quibbling you can only win 2520 changes, which are useless and ridiculous.

## No. 4.

In his first letter, already alluded to, he told us he has some half-dozen such peals, etc. This is amusing indeed. Just fancy a man of talent and knowledge sending out a new method, and then to bolster it up, send with it, for its first performance, the composition of another composer. When caught he boasts he has other compositions. This gives rise to the idea that these half-dozen are as good as written. Have you one, sir; if so, publish it straight away; if you do not, you know what everybody will say. If you do, no one will be more ready than the writer and his colleagues to compliment you upon your success.

## No. 5.

In his letter of the 21st Dec., he tells us he has not the 6048 Superlative peals in his possession. If this is so, how can he describe, discuss, and draw correct conclusions? Therefore, in order, we hope, to enlighten our readers, and perhaps Mr. Lindoff on the subject, we will give the figures in full of the composition which 5040 No. 3 comes from, and point out how it also reduces to a 5056, which will enable anyone with composition knowledge to compare and draw their own conclusions upon the merits of our claim, etc.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE  
MAJOR.

6048.

23456 M W H

45236 - -

24536 - -

52436 - C

64235 - \* -

A 26435 - -

42635 - -

56234 - -

25634 - -

63254 - -

B 26354 - -

32654 - -

65324 - -

36524 - -

53624 - -

46325 - -

34625 - -

63425 - D

43526 - -

62534 - - -

35426 - -

42356 - -

54326 - -

32546 - -

53246 - -

25346 - -

34256 - -

23456 - -

NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE  
ROYAL.

5040.

The following 5040 is No. 3 of our joint letter, and was rung on March 4th, 1903, at St. Magnus, conducted by Mr. William Pye. See Middlesex Report for 1903, page 80. Reported as composed by Mr. Lindoff.

23456

45236

24536

52436 C

63425 D

43526

62534

35426

42356

54326

32546

53246

25346

34256

23456

The figures N.C.S.R. are given side by side with the 6048, S.S. to save troublesome references, and to show that

the calling and course-ends of the 5040 are exactly the same as the first "three" and the last "eleven" courses of the 6048. \* B only excepted, and which cause the changes to jump from course C to course D, by which the 13 courses bracketted are cut out, as a glance at figures will show.

By adding a bob before following course-end A course-end B is brought up, and changes of the 6048 peal are reduced to 5056 in number. It was thus rung as the composition of H. Dains, on March 4th, 1904, at All Saints, Edmonton, and conducted by Mr. Jas. Parker in Superlative Surprise method, and the same composition was again rung on June 4th, 1905, reported as by the same composer, at St. Mary's, Lambeth, conducted by Mr. Bertram Prewett, in New Cambridge Surprise method. For this latter see Middlesex Report for 1905, page 531. Whether this composition has been rung at other times is not known, and it seems rather curious that it has been twice rung in reduced numbers, and reduced to 23 courses under its Author's name, but was reduced to 14 courses by Lindoff. He claims them as a new composition, although published over 20 years ago. Well it has now again been shown conclusively that it does not belong to him.

In his last letter, of the 18th inst., if ever any reader has seen such a conglomeration of mis-statements in reply to one of the most straightforward letters one could put together, well, let him say so; and then to conclude with a comparison of morals, forsooth! This takes the prize. If we are to judge Mr. Lindoff by his letters upon this subject, he appears to have a decided habit of seeking what compositions he can make variations of.

In conclusion if Mr. Lindoff should write a straightforward letter, and to the point, upon this subject, he will get a reply, otherwise he may not. With many thanks Mr. Editor, on behalf of my colleagues and myself,

Yours faithfully,

H. DAINS.

## DOUBLE WORCESTER.

Sir,—Just a word on the above method, which can be seen in "Hubbard's Art of Ringing," 1876 edition, as "Double Yorkshire Court Bob," and which, in my opinion, is the very best method known away from the four standard methods, viz., Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, and Kent Treble Bob.

Take "Double Norwich," for instance. As it is generally supposed to be the most musical method known, we get in every treble lead eight perfect and eight foreign changes, whereas in Double Yorkshire there are twelve perfect and only four foreign changes to every treble lead, making the method 25 per cent better than Double Norwich for its musical qualities.

Yorkshire is a double method, as all the places are made the same from behind as they are from the front, but still it does not reverse true in itself and this is the one thing which was forced through the Central Council, and is a defect, because some of the very best methods are now called illegitimate.

To my idea this method is far more legitimate than Grandsire, as all the changes are true from lead to lead, whereas Grandsire is only true from lead head to lead end.

Yours, etc.,

JOHN CARTER.

130, Walford Road,  
Sparkbrook, Birmingham,



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### ST. CLEMENT'S TRIPLES.

In reply to our query *re* above in last week's issue, we have received the following:

If your correspondent will adapt the calling of Holt's ten-part peal of Grand-

sire Triples to that method, keeping the bob distances the same as in the original peal, a ten-part peal will be arranged. Reeves' Variation of Holt's peal may be treated in a similar manner. The former was first rung at Chester on February 24th, 1911, conducted by Mr. E. H. Lewis, and is the only peal of Triples yet rung in this method.

## SUPPLEMENTARY CATALOGUE

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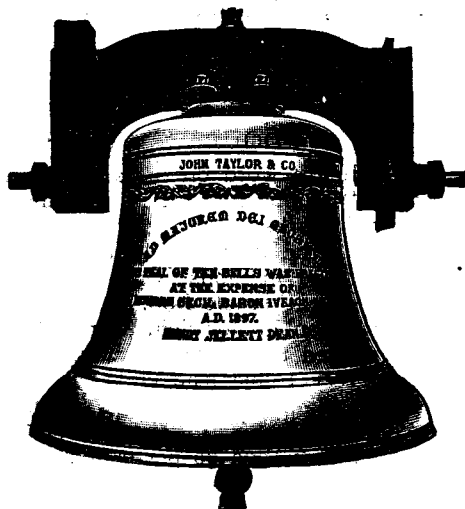
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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on February 4th and 18th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 13th and 27th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 4th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 18th, Southwark Cathedral on the 25th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings. St. Magnus 7.30 p.m., the others at 8 p.m. A district meeting will be held at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, on February 1st. Tower open for ringing at 3.30. Evensong at 5.30. Tea in the Vicarage Hall at 6.15. 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 London County Association, late the St. James's Society.**—The Annual General Meeting and election of officers will take place on February 8th. The towers of St. Sepulchre's and St. Andrew's, Holborn, E.C., will be open from 4 to 6 p.m. Tea at 6.30 at The King of Denmark. 7d. per head. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.

F. J. HARDY, Hon. Gen. Sec.

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

**The Essex Association.**—South-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, February 1st, 1913. Bells at 4. Tea and meeting at The King's Head 5.30 p.m., 8d. each.

HENRY F. COOPER, Dis. Sec.

**Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association Pre-Lent meeting** will be held at Tanfield on Saturday, February 1st. Bells available afternoon and evening. Committee Meeting at The Pack Horse Inn at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Members 1s.; non-members 1s. 6d.

CHAS. TODD, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

Bracken Road, Darlington.

**The Surrey Association.**—The annual meeting will take place at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Saturday, February 1st. Parish Church bells (8) open at 2.30; St. Peter's (10), at 3.30 p.m. Service at St. Peter's at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 at St. Peter's Hall. Business meeting after.

CYRIL F. JOHNSTON, Hon. Sec.

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**Guild for the Archdeaconry of Salop.**—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Malins Lee on Saturday, February 1st, 1913. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.0 p.m.

Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

H. B. BECKWITH, Hon. Sec.

**The Hertfordshire Association—Northern District.**—A meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, February 1st. Tea and meeting at The White Lion at 5.30 p.m.

B. H. T. DEARE, Dis. Sec.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, February 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 5. The annual meeting of the district for the election of officers, etc., will be held in St. Modwen's belfry on Tuesday, February 4th. Bells ready at 7 p.m. Meeting at 8.

HARRY WAXLEY, Local Hon. Sec.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alresford and Bishop Sutton on Saturday, February 1st. Bells of both towers available from 2.30. Tea in Alresford Church Room at 5.30. Old Alresford bells not available. Winchester Cathedral tower will be open from 7.30 to 9.0 p.m.

JAS. W. ELKINS, Dis. Sec.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—East Berks. and South Berks. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Boyn Hill, Maidenhead, Berks., on Saturday, February 1st. Service, with sermon by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master), at 4.15. Tea in schoolroom at 5. Business meeting at 6. Bells ready at 2 o'clock.

Snaefell, Priory Road, High Wycombe. R. COLLS, Hon. Sec.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Millnrow Parish Church on Saturday, February 8th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.

**The Lancashire Association—Bolton Branch.**—The next meeting

will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, February 8th at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7.

G. FWOOD, Branch Sec.

7, Primrose Street, Bolton.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, February 8th. Bells ready at 5.30.

WALTER HUGHES, Sec.

3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, February 15th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

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### ST. PETER'S, DRAYTON, BERKS.

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The bells will be available for ringing between 2 and 4, and possibly later in the evening. Tea will be provided, after the service, free for all those who send in their names by Wednesday, February 5th. Drayton is two miles from Abingdon Station, and the same distance from Stevenston.

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

### RINGERS HONOUR AN OLD INHABITANT.

On Monday last week the oldest resident in Barnwood, Gloucester, the widow of the late Joseph Waite, passed peacefully away at her residence, having attained the ripe old age of 96 years and 11 months. Her remains were interred in the parish churchyard on Thursday, and the local band of ringers, assisted by Mr. J. Thomas, of Gloucester, rang a muffled peal in the evening, which consisted of one 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, the ringers standing as follows: A. A. Waite (grandson), 1; F. T. Waite, 2; A. E. Waite, 3; A. G. Waite, 4; J. A. Waite (great grandson), 5; H. Mitchell (conductor), 6. Afterwards 1260 changes of Plain Bob Minor, being the number of lunar months deceased had lived, was rung. The other ringers were Messrs. G. A. Smith, H. Gingell, and J. Parry. Before lowering the bells the age was tolled with the whole pull and stand. It may be mentioned that, owing to the bad condition of the bells, the ringers were unable to complete the ringing without assistance.

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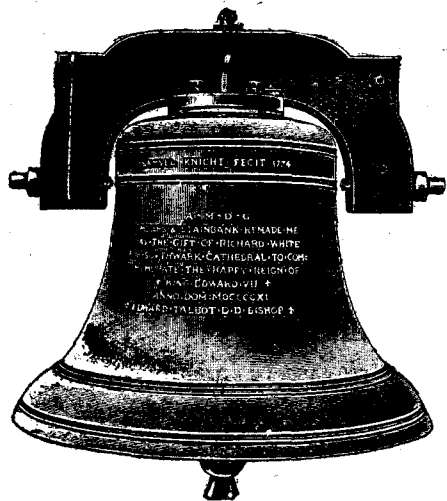
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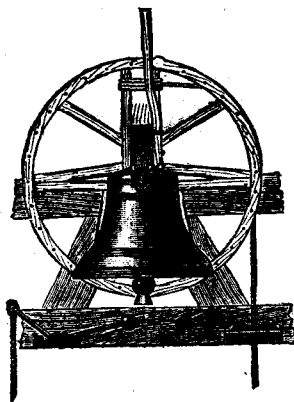
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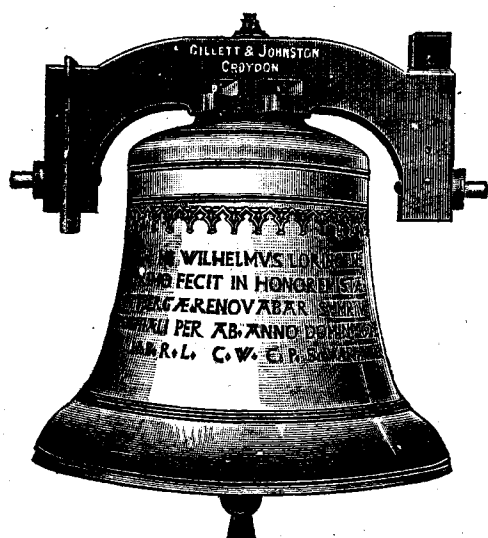
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At Norwich, the 14th-century Church of  
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years been a neglected ruin, has been  
repaired and converted into a church hall.  
The old tower was demolished some thirty  
years ago because of its dangerous condi-  
tion, and the three fine bells—which were  
then removed, and lay for years in a  
corner of the church—are now hanging,  
with two others, in the belfry-tower of St.  
Margaret, near by.

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## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

The Annual Meeting of the above was held at Reading on Saturday, January 25th. Service was held at St. Giles' Church at 5.30 p.m., previous to which the bells of St. Mary's and St. Giles were rung in touches of Stedman, Bob Major, Bristol Surprise and London Surprise. The Rev. R. P. Newhouse, R.D., gave a very appropriate address to those present, taking as his text, St. Paul's words, "Woe be unto me if I preach not the Gospel." A capital supper, followed by a business meeting and smoker, was held at the "White Hart" hotel, fifty members attending. Mr. W. P. Routh, the President of the Reading Branch, occupied the chair. Mr. Routh proposed the toast of "The Church and King." The Report and Balance Sheet for the year were read by Mr. A. W. Osborne, the latter showing a very satisfactory balance. On the proposition of Mr. A. J. Wright, seconded by Mr. W. Newell, they were adopted. Mr. W. P. Routh was re-elected as president, and Mr. A. W. Osborne as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. Routh, responding, said he would much rather see some younger blood take his place, but as the members would not hear of it he would do his best to serve them again as he had done before. Mr. Osborne also wished them to make a change, but this the members would not allow, and he briefly thanked them for electing him again; and assured them he would do his best to further the interest of the Reading Branch.

Mr. Routh proposed the toast of "The Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn," which was drunk with musical honours. The Master, responding, said he was pleased to be among them that evening, but was sorry to know the Rev. R. H. Hart Davies, their respected Treasurer, was unable to be present through illness; also that the Rev. G. F. Cole-ridge was also absent, and that he must have some important engagement to fulfil or he certainly would have been amongst them. He was very pleased to welcome the Rev. R. P. Newhouse (Vicar of St. Laurence's) and the Rev. R. Wickham Legge (Vicar of St. Mary's). He regretted very much the absence of the members from the outlying towers of the branch. He was glad to welcome those who were present from Shiplake and Mapledurham, and urged the members of the respective towers to have their belfries open much earlier on their practice nights, to give some of the younger ringers a chance of having a pull. When meeting so late in the evening there was not time to get them all to take a rope. They were fortunate in getting such gentlemen as the clergy in the four churches in Reading, who took a great interest in their ringers. This did a great deal towards ensuring smooth working.

Mr. A. E. Reeves, in the absence of the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davies, gave some very interesting details of the work of the Guild. He was pleased to say three towers had joined the Guild during the year, namely Simpson, Beechampton and Shinfield, Cookham, with ten members

(two of them ladies) joining later. The number of peals had risen considerably, no less than 122 being rung in the year 1912. The Reading Branch were to be complimented on ringing all the high-class methods. There was a slight decrease in the balance sheet of the Mother Guild of about £4. Many members were in arrears; twenty-four in the Reading Branch.

The Foremen of the towers gave their reports, which were all very encouraging, showing progress all round. Mr. Wright proposed the toast of "The Reading Branch," coupling with it the names of their worthy President and the Secretary and Treasurer (Mr. Routh and Mr. Osborne) saying he missed the faces of many who used to attend these gatherings. He was very pleased to see Mr. W. Newell, the father of change-ringing in Reading, was able to be with them that evening; also the young men who were his pupils at St. Laurence's Church. It was gratifying to see so many young men coming forward and taking the place of those who had to stand down on account of age and infirmities. He wished the Reading branch every success, and with such officers as they had he was sure everything tended that way.

Mr. Routh, responding, said he thanked Mr. Wright for the flattering remarks he had made in reference to Mr. Osborne and himself. He urged the younger men to look well after their striking, especially the open handstroke leads, and gave Mr. Newell special praise for the way he taught the young lads the proper way to handle the ropes. He was pleased to say that a peal of Stedman Triples had been rung at St. Giles' in which a young lady (Miss Goodship) had taken part. This was a credit to her and something to be proud of. It was pleasing to see the Branch in a flourishing condition, but an effort should be made to get the outside members to attend the annual meeting, and thus show their interest.

Some discussion took place regarding the combined practices which were not the success they might have been during the year 1912, scarcely one of the country members coming into Reading to take part in any of them; also that when one was arranged at their respective towers their members did not turn up as wished. It was agreed to call a meeting to settle what should be done in the future.

At this point the Rev. F. J. C. Gillmor came into the room, followed by his Worship the Mayor of Reading. Mr. C. G. Field. Mr. Routh rose and briefly proposed a very hearty welcome to his Worship. This was accorded with acclamation. The Mayor responding, said he was pleased to make the acquaintance of the ringers. He had been to a Caledonian dinner with the Rev. Gillmor, who had brought him there just for a short while. He really was obliged to them for the very hearty welcome extended to him. He was sorry he would have to be leaving them again soon, but would promise to come to their meeting on some future occasion. The Rev. Gillmor also expressed his pleasure at being amongst them for a short while, and thanked them for the hearty way they had received the Mayor and himself.

Mr. Routh proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to



the Rev. R. P. Newhouse for his splendid address to them that evening at St. Giles' Church, also the organist and choir for the musical part of the service.

Songs were sung during the evening by Messrs. R. Dormer, L. Reeves, W. Dormer, W. Newell, C. Higgs, W. A. Webb, G. Goodship, J. Goodenough. The singing of the National Anthem brought to a close a most successful meeting.

### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting was held at Alresford last Saturday, and was well attended. Touches of Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Bob Major, and Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung, and several members visited Bishop Sutton and rang touches on the bells there. The Rector (Rev. A. A. Headley), presided at the tea in the Parish Room. There were also present the Rev. W. E. Colchester (Treasurer of the Guild), Rev. W. J. Crumpety, Mr. G. Williams (General Secretary), Mr. Wilfred Andrews (Captain of the Cathedral band), and members from North Stoneham, Twyford, Winchester, Bishopstoke, Upham, Farnham, Aldershot, Bishop Sutton, and Alresford. A letter was read from the President of the Guild (J. P. Stilwell, Esq.), acknowledging congratulations sent to him by the Guild on his 80th birthday, and another sent by him to the North Stoneham band, thanking them for having rung a paal in honour of the same event.

The Rev. L. M. Haslope, Vicar of Owslebury, and the new Rector of North Stoneham (the Rev. T. Salmon), have joined the Guild as performing members. Sincere regret is felt in the district at the loss through illness of the late Rector of North Stoneham (Rev. E. K. Browne), who has always proved a true friend to ringers.

The chairman in replying to a vote of thanks which had been accorded him for presiding, and for the use of the room and bells, said he was glad again to welcome the Guild to his parish, and glad to see his old ringer, Mr. James Sait, sitting at the table, for he had been a ringer for many years, and for 57 years had not missed ringing out the old and ringing in the New Year on the Alresford bells.

A vote of thanks was also passed to the caterer (Mrs. Crooks), whose catering was most successful. At a subsequent meeting of the Committee, at which Mr. G. Williams presided, several new members from Alton and Owslebury were admitted to the Guild, and Mr. Wilkes said he hoped soon to have several new ones at Southampton.

The District Secretary (Mr. J. W. Elkins), reported that the subscriptions were coming in better this year, and Mr. Williams said he had always felt the Guild subscription should be a first charge on any fund a band may have.

The tower was again open during the evening, and the bells were kept going till nearly 9 o'clock. The bells of Old Alresford could not be used owing to the recent death of the Rector. Forty-two members were present at the meeting.

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### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

#### ANNUAL MEETING OF TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Edenbridge, and was attended by upwards of fifty members from Chiddingstone, Cowden, Hadlow, Hever, Horsmonden, Lamberhurst, Limpsfield Chart (Surrey), Penshurst, Seal Chart, Shipbourne, Speldhurst, Staplehurst, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, and the local members. Ringers began to assemble at 3 o'clock, and the bells were soon set going in various methods by mixed bands.

At 4 o'clock the Committee meeting was held, when fourteen new members were elected, and places for the district meetings for the ensuing year were suggested for approval at the general meeting.

At 5 o'clock a special service was held in church, kindly arranged by the Vicar. The organist and choir very kindly gave their services, and the musical portion of the service was well rendered. The Association's special form of service was used, and the Vicar gave an excellent address, taking his text from Colossians, 3rd chap., verses 23 and 24. At the outset of his address the Vicar referred to an old church where it was found, on making some alterations, that there was an ancient tower built of heavy oak posts filled in with clay and chopped straw. This had been encased in another tower built in the early Norman period, so it was evident that even in those old times the churches had towers for bells to call people to the church. He then referred to the difficulties of learning change-ringing, and said that to become an efficient change ringer one must study three points, viz., application to devote a considerable amount of time to study, co-operation with his brother ringers, and obedience to the call of the conductor, and he drew comparison of these three points with the Christian life.

After service the members adjourned to the Oddfellows' Hall, where an excellent meat tea was provided by Mr. Symonds, of the King and Queen Inn.

The Vicar presided, supported by the Rev. F. L. Schreiber, Vicar of Shipbourne.

The general meeting followed. The District Secretary read his annual report, in which he said that the ringers at two six-bell towers, Cowdon and Kilndown, had joined during the year, making nineteen towers, with a total of 168 practising members in union, being a net increase of twenty-six members on the preceeding year; thirty-eight new practising members had joined, and three new hon. members. Four district meetings were held at Chiddingstone, Staplehurst, Seal Chart, and Penshurst. At Seal Chart the members were very kindly entertained to an excellent meat tea at Frankfield by Miss M. E. Wilkinson. As a result of holding a meeting at Penshurst, which was not affiliated then, the ringers of that church had joined that day. Instruction in change ringing had been given to the Cowden ringers with very good results; twenty-four peals of over 5,000 changes had been rung, in which members of the District had taken part.

The report was considered highly satisfactory.

Mr. W. Latter, of Tunbridge Wells, was re-elected Hon. District Secretary, with thanks for his past services, and in returning thanks, mentioned that he had held that office for eighteen years, and was pleased to know that he still had the confidence of the members.

Mr. G. Edwards, of Chiddingstone, was unanimously re-elected District Representative on the Central Council.

It was decided that the Spring meeting should be held at Sevenoaks or Tonbridge, the Summer meeting at Brenchley



or Lamberhurst, the Autumn meeting at Horsmonden, and the next annual meeting at Tunbridge Wells.

The balance-sheet showed receipts £23 2s. 8d., expenditure £14 3s., balance remitted to Central Secretary £12 19s. 8d.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar (who became an hon. member), for the use of the bells, for arranging the service, and for presiding at the meeting; to Mr. Weaver, the organist, and the choir for their assistance at the service; and to Mr. J. Steddy and the other local ringers for making the arrangements, were carried, concluding the meeting, and the members adjourned to the tower, where the bells were kept going until 9 o'clock.

#### TO CORRESPONDENTS AND OTHERS.

**RINGERS' BADGES.**—A correspondent asks for the address of a maker of these. Will someone supply the information?

**TOWER NEAR CLAPHAM.**—The genial Hon. Secretary of the College Youths, Mr. W. T. Cockerill, of 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, will, we believe, give you the information you require.

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#### LONG STANTON ALL SAINTS.

##### A MISFORTUNE AND AN APPEAL.

Since their dedication in November last, the bells of All Saints Church, Long Stanton, have been in constant use. Not only has a numerous local company been formed and made excellent progress, but ringers of greater skill and experience have exercised their talent upon them. Two Peals of Stedman Triples have been rung, and two others attempted. Under these circumstances we particularly regret having to report a serious disaster which occurred recently to this busy peal. The tenor, an old bell dating from 1655, suddenly cracked in the sound bow, and is now useless. There is a considerable debt on the restoration to be paid off, and no funds with which to defray the cost of recasting the tenor (£35), and the Vicar and Churchwardens therefore appeal to a kind public for help. Donations may be sent to the Rev. H. B. Woolley at the Vicarage, or to Mr. W. Doggett or Mr. H. Croot, Churchwardens, Long Stanton, Cambs.

We very much regret that owing to a severe illness which has confined Mr. William Snowdon to his bed, we are unable to publish the weekly instalment of his articles on "Surprise Methods." Our readers will, we are sure, sympathise with Mr. Snowdon, and wish him a speedy recovery.

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## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The Pre-Lent Meeting of the above Association was held at Tanfield, County Durham, on Saturday last, and the few who were present thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon's outing in spite of the inclement weather which prevailed. It is regrettable that so few members attended the meeting, probably the difficulty of reaching the village had a good deal to do with it.

The Committee Meeting was held at 4.30 p.m. at The Pack Horse Inn, fourteen members being present, with the President, Mr. C. L. Routledge, in the chair. A letter of regret was received from the Rev. — Archdale, Vicar of the parish, who had other duties to attend to. There was no special business arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting, the chief discussion was on the success of the District Meetings. It was stated that this scheme had already been the means of securing two more towers for the union, viz: South Shields, and St. George's, Jesmond, Newcastle. The President announced the dedication of Bamburgh bells next Saturday, remarking that the Association was asked to appoint an Instructor for this tower. It was decided to leave this matter in his hands. The President was also asked to select a Committee to make arrangements for the reception of visitors at the Central Council Meeting to be held in Newcastle on Whit Tuesday, May 13th.

An excellent repast was served at The Pack Horse Inn at 5 o'clock, which the 22 members present did ample justice to. The President, in a brief speech, thanked the Vicar and churchwardens; also the Rev. — Lister for the arrangements they had made for the comfort of the visitors. The Rev. — Lister suitably responded. After the election of new members, the ringers dispersed to the neighbouring towers, where ringing was kept up till train time.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

## SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

A meeting for this district was held at Great Baddow, on Saturday, February 1st. Ringing commenced soon after 4 p.m. and at 5.30 all adjourned to the King's Head where the hostess, Mrs. Shorten, had prepared a bountiful repast. Grace was said by the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (Secretary), others present including Messrs. C. H. Howard (Master), C. Finch (churchwarden), chairman, A. Edwards (District Master), H. F. Cooper (District Secretary), Messrs. Kirton and Walden (Boreham), Rainbird (Little Bentley, South Weald), Whight, Richell and Newman (Chelmsford), Lincoln, Edwards and Head (Writtle), Green and Sitch (Fryerning), Windley (Springfield) and others. Mr. G. Rogers (Ingatestone) was elected a member, and Ingatestone tower in union with the Association. Rayleigh was selected for the next meeting, failing this Prittlewell. A bye-meeting will also be held in April at Little Bentley, South Weald. The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre proposed, and Mr. C. H. Howard seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Great Baddow, also to Mr. Finch for presiding at the tea and meeting. Mr. Finch responded, and assured those present the Vicar would have joined them had he been well enough to do so. As for himself it was a great pleasure to be present and meet men he had known for so many years. He also hinted that in the near future the authorities were going to turn their attention to the bells and improve upon the present ring of eight.

It was reported that an order had been placed with Messrs. Warner and Sons to recast the present ring of ten bells at St. Mary's, Chelmsford, tenor 22 cwt., into a ring of 12, tenor 30 cwt., and hang the same in a new steel frame. The opinion was freely expressed that as St. Mary's is to be the Cathedral Church of the new diocese of Essex, the Association should present the new treble bell. After considerable discussion as to how the money should be raised, the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That this meeting recommends that the Association should present the treble bell to the new ring of twelve for the pro-Cathedral of the new diocese, and that it be paid for out of the reserve fund, which amounts to about £100."

On being informed by the Master that notice would have to be given of special motion to be brought forward at the next annual meeting to be held at West Ham on Whit Monday, Mr. H. F. Cooper (District Secretary, S.E. Division) gave notice of his intention of doing so.

The methods rang during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich.

## BOB MAJOR.

By HENRY W. WILDE, Chester.

5056.

23456	W	5	4	B	M	H
42356						-
25346	-	-	-	-	-	-
32546						-
53246						-
24536	-					-
52436						-
35264	-		-	-	-	-
23456						-

Five times repeated. Single instead of the two bobs braced in the third and sixth parts.

This peal has all the combinations of 4, 5, 6 in 5-6. The 2nd is never in 5-6 and the 3rd is never in 6ths place at the course-ends.

## DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By HENRY W. WILDE, Eccleston, Chester.

5184.

23456	I	4	5	6
53624	-	-	-	-
36524				-
65324				-
42563	-	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-	-
23546	S			
34526	-			
25436	-			-

Five times repeated.

Bob instead of single except in the 4th part. This peal has the 4th eighteen times, and the 6th twenty-four times in 6ths place at the course-ends.

## ONE-PART PEALS OF BOB MAJOR.

By GEO. LEWIS, Ecclesfield.

Some few years ago an article appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" from the pen of Mr. Trollope, giving instructions on the composing of Bob Major. In the same article he also stated that the only peals available to be got were "one-part extents in the minimum number of changes." Enclosed I send two compositions for Mr. Trollope's criticism, if you will be kind enough to publish.

5008.

23456	W	B	M	H
52436	-			
43265	-	-	-	-
64235	-			
23645	-			
62345				
36245				
24365	-			
32465				
63254	-	-		
26354				
32654				
53246	-	-		
25346				
32546				
54326	-			
35264		-	-	
23564				
52364				
35426	-		-	
42356	-			
34256				
32456				S
64325	-		-	
32645	-			
63245				
26345				
34265	-			
23465				
42365				
36254	-	-	-	
23654				
62354				
43256		-	-	
24356				
35246	-			
23546				
52346				
63524	-	-	-	
26534	-			
53264	-			
25364				
32564				
45326	-		-	
23456	-			S

Contains the full combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6, with 4-5-6 only in 6ths in the minimum number of changes.

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Rung at Eastwood, Rotherham, conducted by the composer.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

**CROYDON.**—On Sunday, February 2nd, for evening service at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes) H. Brooker, jun., H. Brooker, sen., A. J. Perkins, H. Lover, C. Dean, A. J. Plowman, G. Burt, W. S. Smith, E. L. Miles (onductor), C. Kitching. This is the first quarter-peal on the bells; the first of Caters by three of the band, and was specially arranged as a compliment to Mr. W. Ives, whose wedding took place on Sunday, and it was also the birthday of the ringer of the 3rd in this quarter-peal, and the conductor's first as conductor.

**THANET.**—On Thursday, January 30th, at St. Laurence's Church, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Holford, I. G. Twyman, A. Gambrell, W. Birch, A. Jarman, W. Jarman, A. Curling, J. Jarman. Conducted by S. G. Twyman. First 504 by the ringer of the 7th, and first inside by the ringer of the 3rd.

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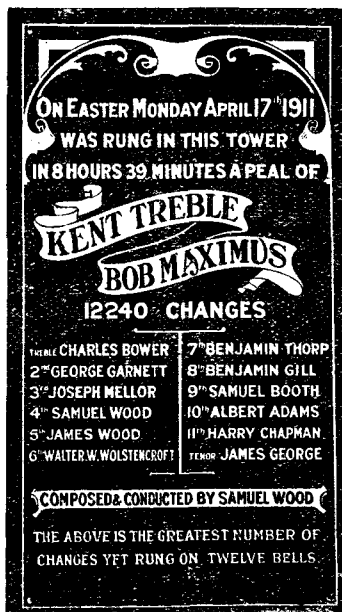
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## The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1913.

### RESTORATION APPEALS.

Our columns this week contain appeals from no less than three distinct quarters for monetary assistance towards the restoration of bells.

The first is from the Church of All Saints, Long Stanton, where so recently as November last the bells were dedicated after a scheme of restoration had been carried out. Since then two peals of Stedman Triples have been rung and two others attempted and lost, one after ringing over three hours, the other well on in the third hour. Now a serious disaster has occurred to this peal, the tenor having cracked in the sound bow. This, of course, renders the bells useless so far as ringing is concerned, and the authorities are seeking the aid of those ringers outside their own circle who are able and willing to assist in the provision of a new tenor. There is still a debt remaining on the former restoration, and a new tenor will entail an expenditure of something like £35. This catastrophe is all the more to be regretted since a band of young ringers have got well into practice, and now their opportunity for continuing the study of the art of change-ringing has been suddenly brought to "stand." We commend the appeal to those of our readers who have "enough to go on with and a bit to spare," with the hope that some of the spare will find its way to Long Stanton, and thus help an earnest vicar and band of ringers to soon cry "go" once more.

The second appeal is from the Church of St. Mary, Chelmsford, where quite a different though equally commendable reason is given for it. Here the church will be the Cathedral Church of the proposed new Diocese of Essex, and it is proposed to recast the peal of bells (tenor 22 cwt.), and make a peal of twelve (tenor 30 cwt., in D). The work has been entrusted to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of Spitalfields. Contributions for the work are being solicited from the inhabitants of the county and others, who may be interested. A special feature of this appeal, however, is the suggestion made at a meeting of members of the Essex Association, that the ringers should be asked to undertake to contribute the cost

of the treble bell, which might bear the inscription "The Essex Association of Change-ringers gave me." and so proclaim the fact to future generations of ringers, who would be stimulated thereby to similar acts of beneficence.

The third comes from Shoreditch where the bells have been taken down for restoration at the hands of the same firm as are responsible for the Chelmsford peal. In this case the subscriptions reached a sum sufficient to warrant the authorities in commencing the work, but it is now found that the Treble, 2nd, 3rd and 4th will have to be recast, as the bells are so "choked with metal," that when the twelve bells are ringing, it will be impossible to hear the trebles. Those who have rung in this tower know that this has been the case, and we all know how detrimental this is to good striking. The extra work will cost something like £100, and the committee will be glad to receive contributions towards the cost.

### The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, CAMBERWELL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5024 CHANGES Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM HEWITT .. .. Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 5.
ALFRED W. GRIMES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	*MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal in the method.

### The Provinces.

SEELY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Division.)

On Monday, January 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE YORKSHIRE COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER .. .. Treble.	MORRIS J. MORRIS .. .. 5.
JOHN BASS .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 6.
HORACE HOWELL .. .. 3.	GEORGE FIGOTT .. .. 7.
GEORGE F. SWANN .. .. 4.	JOSEPH FIGOTT .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH FIGOTT.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and by the above Association.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST AND THE HOLY SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.  
Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES BRUNDELL .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM W. GOODBOURN .. 5.
JOHN FREEMAN .. .. 2.	FREDK. W. CURTIS .. .. 6.
GEORGE MAYERS .. .. 3.	CHARLES W. BULLEN .. .. 7.
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**STREATHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, January 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:**

HEVWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. .. Treble.	ROBERT GRIMWOOD .. .. 5.
JOHN LEE .. .. 2.	CALEB DANIELS .. .. 6.
JOHN S. DANIELS .. .. 3.	LOUIS ATTWATER .. .. 7.
ISAAC J. ATTWATER .. .. 4.	HENRY J. RUMBLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by LOUIS ATTWATER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Rev. Hensage Horsley Jebb, M.A., Rector of Streatham, who was interred at Streatham Cemetery on the above date.

**THURMASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:**

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

FRED BALL .. .. Treble.	EDWARD GEARY .. .. 4.
VICTOR GEARY .. .. 2.	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 5.
GEORGE H. GEARY .. .. 3.	FRED STANFORTH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal in seven methods. First peal on the bells by the above Association.

**BROMHAM, BEDS.****THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:**

Consisting of 720 changes in each of the following methods: Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 23 cwt

HERBERT L. HARLOW .. Treble.	JOHN W. BARKER .. .. 4.
MISS EVELYN STEEL .. .. 2.	REGINALD GARDNER .. .. 5.
HARRY TYSON .. .. 3.	HERBERT SHARP .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

**CROYDON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes.*

[AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.**

Tenor 30 cwt. 20 lbs.

WALTER S. WISE .. .. Treble.	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT .. .. 6.
GEORGE F. HOAD .. .. 2.	*EDWIN L. MILES .. .. 7.
DR. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER .. 3.	ARTHUR DEAN .. .. 8.
CHARLES DEAN .. .. 4.	*CYRIL F. JOHNSTON .. .. 9.
DAVID WRIGHT .. .. 5.	LEONARD F. TAYLOR .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY, and  
Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal on the bells since being augmented, recast, and rebung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

**WEST KIRBY, CHESHIRE.****THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

*On Monday, January 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SAMUEL WHARTON .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH L. HAMMOND .. .. 5.
CHARLES W. POWELL .. .. 2.	THOMAS MURRAY .. .. 6.
JAMES HALE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WILCOX .. .. 7.
JOSEPH RUTTER .. .. 4.	EDWARD HAMPSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS MURRAY.

**HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.****THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, January 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.**

Tenor 22 cwt.

GEORGE ALLDER* .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH J. PRATT .. .. 6.
WILLIAM HENLEY* .. .. 2.	EDGAR HANCOX .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. .. 3.	ARTHUR HARDING .. .. 8.
WILLIAM WELLING* .. .. 4.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. .. 9.
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 5.	WILLIAM HONOR .. .. Tenor.

Composed by E. ELSON, and Conducted by JOSEPH J. PRATT.

\*First peal of Caters.

**WOLVERHAMPTON.****SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.***On Wednesday, January 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART.]

FREDERICK DARBALL* .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY .. .. 5.
HARRY FARLOW .. .. 2.	BENJAMIN CLARE .. .. 6.
THOMAS O'CONNOR .. .. 3.	HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 7.
DANIEL JONES .. .. 4.	EDWARD MITCHELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

\*First peal and first attempt.

**BIRMINGHAM.****THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Wednesday, January 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.*

AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES**

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

THOMAS MILLER .. .. Treble.	JOHN CARTER .. .. 5.
JAMES PAGETT .. .. 2.	GEORGE F. SWANN .. .. 6.
JOHN H. SWINFELD .. .. 3.	ALF PADDOON SMITH .. .. 7.
SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 4.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

This peal was arranged for Mr. Pagett, of Derby, and Mr. Swinfield of Burton-on-Trent.

**GLOUCESTER.****GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

(The St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester.)

*On Thursday, January 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5183 CHANGES.**

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. Treble.	JOHN W. JONES .. .. 6.
REV. H. LAW JAMES .. .. 2.	JOHN W. DAVIS .. .. 7.
JESSE GILLETT .. .. 3.	JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 8.
THOMAS BALDWIN .. .. 4.	EX-SERG. J. WILLIAMS .. .. 9.
CHARLES L. SADLER .. .. 5.	THOMAS J. WHITING .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

DOVER (Kent).—On Sunday, January 20th, at St. Mary's Church, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Corteen, C. Turner (conductor), A. Roberts, R. Stevens, H. C. Saywell, G. Saunders, W. Sheaff, G. Godfrey, Also 336. A. Saywell, G. Saunders, W. Sheaff, H. C. Saywell, W. Corteen, R. Stevens, C. Turner, G. Godfrey. Conducted by H. C. Saywell. On Wednesday, January 29th, in the belfry, 224 Grandsire Triples, on handbells, R. Stevens, 1-2; A. Saywell, 3-4; C. Turner, 5-6; H. Sawwell, 7-8. Conducted by C. Turner. This is the first touch beyond a plain course rung on handbells double handed, retained in hand by the Dover (St. Mary's) Society.

HALE MAGNA, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

ROBERT STEWARD* .. .. Treble.	THOMAS T. HUMBERSTONE .. 4.
CHRISTOPHER WARD .. .. 2.	WILLIAM DICKINSON .. .. 5.
WALTER H. WOOD .. .. 3.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

\*First peal.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20½ cwt.

HAROLD INGLE .. .. Treble.	BART MITCHELL .. .. 5.
GEORGE WARD .. .. 2.	ALBERT H. WARD .. .. 6.
ARTHUR BRAINES .. .. 3.	JAMES PAGETT .. .. 7.
CHARLES E. HART .. .. 4.	WALTER WALLACE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and  
Conducted by WALTER WALLACE.

This is the first peal in the method by all the band and the first rung in Derby.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY

A PEAL OF BOE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE CATTERMOLR .. Treble.	ALPHARUS BEERY .. .. 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS .. .. 2.	FREDE. WATLING .. .. 5.
WILLIAM ROSE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLR.

Rung to oblige F. Watling, who hails from Saxmundham.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE  
WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of London Surprise one each of York, Chester, and Beverley, and two of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

This peal was rung for the festival of the Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle and Martyr. It was the first peal in five Surprise methods by all the band, and by the Association.

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE TURNER .. .. Treble.	WALTER R. WASHBROOK .. 5.
GEORGE A. SMITH .. .. 2.	THOMAS BOTTRILL .. .. 6.
HARRY WASHBROOK .. .. 3.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

This is the first peal of Superlative on the bells.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALLAN R. HICKTON* .. Treble.	NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON .. 5.
JOHN CHARLES DICKEN .. 2.	RICHARD DRAGE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM CLIFFORD, SEN. .. 3.	PERCY PRICE .. .. 7.
JOSEPH BAILEY .. .. 4.	ALBERT H. WARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and  
Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

\*First peal in the method.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. 0 qrs. 14 lbs.

CHARLES J. TRICKER .. Treble.	CHARLES J. HAMLIN .. 5.
HERBERT R. STEVENS* .. 2.	ALBERT E. GRAY .. .. 6.
FERRIS SHEPHERD .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. .. 7.
FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. .. 4.	WILLIAM CHARGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and  
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

\*First peal of Stedman.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

GILBERT GUEST .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM GOODMAN .. .. 6.
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. .. 2.	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. .. 7.
SAMUEL SPITTLE .. .. 3.	BENJAMIN GOUGH .. .. 8.
JOHN A. BROWN .. .. 4.	HARRY GOODMAN .. .. 9.
WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 5.	CHARLES FAULES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and  
Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

Rung on the occasion of the Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul. Mr. Brown belongs to Bilston Parish Church; Messrs. Fisher and Gough to Coselsy Parish Church; the remainder to Dudley Parish Church.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES MAESB .. .. Treble.	JOHN GARDNER .. .. 5.
JAMES TAYLOR .. .. 2.	WILLIAM FAIRCLOUGH .. 6.
WILLIAM RIMMER .. .. 3.	EDWARD CAUNCE .. .. 7.
CHARLES SHARPLES .. .. 4.	WILLIAM GIBBONS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. CAUNCE.

This was the conductor's rooth peal. E. Caunce hails from Grassendale, Liverpool; the rest are local ringers.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

HEMINGBROUGH (Yorks).—On Wednesday, January 29th, at the parish church on handbells, 720 St. Clement's. A. Hudson, E. D. Tune, M. T. Tune, J. J. Tune, G. C. Terry, Rev. W. P. Wright (conductor). First 720 in the method by all the band. Also the same on tower bells on February 2nd. The band have also recently rung their first 120 of Stedman Doubles.



LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

EX-SERGEANT J. WILLIAMS .. Treble.	JOHN AUSTIN .. .. . 5.
CHARLES L. SADLER .. .. 2.	THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. 6.
JESSE GILLET .. .. . 3.	JOHN W. DAINS .. .. 7.
JOHN W. JONES .. .. . 4.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

LLANDEFILOG-FACH, BRECON.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE GIELIN .. .. Treble.	JOHN HAMMOND .. .. 4.
SAMUEL BROOKS .. .. 2.	CHARLES POWELL .. .. 5.
ALBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM EVANS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HAMMOND.

\* First peal on the bells, which have recently been rebung with new fittings by James Barwell, Ltd. Birmingham. Rang as a compliment to F. D. Dickinson, Esq., Llandefilog House, through whose energy and perseverance the bells have been restored.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 7 cwt. 17 lbs.

THOMAS CHINEEY .. .. Treble.	PERCY GRIDLEY .. .. 5.
SIDNEY GRIDLEY .. .. 2.	FREDK. INGH .. .. 6.
WALTER P. GRIDLEY .. .. 3.	ARTHUR TAYLOR .. .. 7.
ARTHUR MAXIM .. .. 4.	SAMUEL EVANS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by S. EVANS.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5160 CHANGES.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

FREDERICK H. DEXTER .. Treble.	RICHARD H. BARTAM .. 6.
SAMUEL COTTON .. .. 2.	JOSIAH MORRIS .. .. 7.
LOUIS E. ALLEN .. .. 3.	CHARLES H. FOWLER .. 8.
P.C. HAROLD G. JENNEY .. 4.	ALFRED MARTIN .. .. 9.
ARTHUR S. PETTIT .. .. 5.	THOMAS TAYLOR .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRED. H. DEXTER.

\* First peal on ten bells, and first of Stedman away from the tenor.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, London Treble Bob, Burton, College Exercise, Woodbine and Oxford.

REGINALD LAST .. .. Treble.	ALPHAUS J. BERRY .. 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM CLOYER .. .. 5.
GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. 3.	LEONARD E. LAST .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

Rang as a birthday compliment to E. Youngs, who hails from Thorubam Magna, Suffolk.

SILVERDALE, STAFFS.

STOKE ARCHDIAONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Jan. 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK SMITH .. .. Treble	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. 5.
HARRY WASHBROOK .. .. 2.	WALTER R. WASHBROOK .. 6.
GEORGE A. SMITH .. .. 3.	THOMAS BOTTFILL .. .. 7.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN.  
First in the method on the bells.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 26, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM HENLEY* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 5.
JESSE ELDRIDGE .. .. 2.	ARTHUR MARTIN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM WELLING .. .. 3.	GEORGE MARTIN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM A. GARRAWAY .. 4.	GEORGE ALLDER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

\* First Surprise peal.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 26, 1913, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Remigius,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
In the Oxford Variation. Tenor 10 cwt.

George H. Cross .. Treble.	Alfred Goodrum .. .. 5.
George Howchin .. .. 2.	Fredk. J. Howchin .. 6.
Robert Blake .. .. 3.	George Moore .. .. 7.
Ben S. Thompson .. 4.	Albert G. Warnes .. Tenor.

Composed by Arthur Knights, and  
Conducted by George H. Cross.

SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 27, 1913, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Johu H. B. Hesse .. Treble.	Bertram Prewett .. .. 5.
John Howes .. .. 2.	William H. Fussell .. 6.
Fredk. G. Woodiss .. 3.	William Shepherd .. 7.
Benjamin Morris .. 4.	William Warne .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by Bertram Prewett.

Handbell Peals.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 13, 1913, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At George IV., Brunswick Street, Haggerston,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Rev. A. H. F. Boughiey 1-2.	Bertram Prewett .. 5-6.
George R. Pye .. .. 3-4.	Ernest Pye .. .. 7-8.
William D. James .. .. 9-10.	

Composed by J. Carter, and Conducted by George R. Pye.  
Umpire—W. Hewitt.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, January 19, 1913, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

At the George IV., Brunswick Street, Haggerston,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part.

Herbert Langdon ... 1-2.	Fredk. J. Hardy ... 5-6.
Cballis F. Winney ... 3-4.	Affred Grimes ... 7-8.

Conducted by C. F. Winney.

Umpire—Walter S. Wise.

### Miscellaneous.

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

COSELEY (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday evening, January 22nd, an attempt was made to ring Thurstans' four-part peal of Stedman Triples, in honour of the Vicar's (Rev. J. Arthur Price) birthday, but after ringing 2 hrs. 50 mins. the bells ran into rounds two blows too soon, through a change-course, which occurred in the course. B. Gough, G. Hughes (Wednesbury), S. Pearce, A. Little (Wolverhampton), A. Rowley (Tipton), S. Baker, W. Fisher, R. Dunn. Conducted by William Fisher. On Sunday morning, January 26th, the local band rang for Divine Service the following touches: 240 Bob Major and 210 Darlaston Bob Triples. S. Pearce, A. Baker, L. Barnett, W. Grinsell, B. Gough, S. Baker, W. Fisher (conductor), R. Dunn. For Evening Service two courses of Bob Major, 224 Canterbury Pleasure Major and 120 Darlaston Bob Triples, with J. Roberts ringing the 5th.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND. — On Sunday, January 5th, 720 Plain Bob. G. Collins, H. Argent, F. Hayes, J. Burles, G. Ambrose, F. Mitchell (conductor). On Tuesday, January 7th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. G. Collins, G. Ambrose, G. Jones, J. Burles, F. Hayes, F. Mitchell (conductor). First in the method by G. Collins and G. Jones. Rung to welcome home the only daughter of the conductor, who had an enforced visit to the local sanatorium for seven weeks. On Sunday, January 12th, 720 Plain Bob. G. Collins, H. Argent, J. Burles, G. Jones, J. Avis, F. Mitchell (conductor). Rung in honour of the 87th birthday, of Mrs. Hayes, mother of one of the local ringers. On Tuesday, January 14th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. G. Collins, G. Hayes, G. Jones, J. Burles, F. Mitchell, R. Constant (conductor). First as conductor in the method by R. Constant. On Sunday, January 19th, 720 Plain Bob. H. Argent, J. Burles, G. Jones, F. Hayes, G. Collins, F. Mitchell (conductor). First 720 on a bob bell by G. Collins. Also 720 College Single. H. Argent, G. Ambrose, G. Jones, J. Burles, F. Hayes, F. Mitchell (conductor). First in the method by H. Argent and G. Jones. On Saturday, January 25th, 720 Plain Bob. H. Argent, F. Mitchell, E. A. C. Owen, G. Jones, J. Burles, R. Smith (conductor). E. Owen bails from Meopham and R. Smith from Swanscombe. On Sunday, January 26th, 720 Plain Bob. G. Collins, H. Argent, G. Jones, J. Burles, J. Avis, F. Mitchell (conductor). On Tuesday, January 28th, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Argent, J. Burles, G. Jones, F. Hayes, J. Avis, F. Mitchell (conductor). On Sunday, February 2nd, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the weddings of Messrs. F. Hayes and G. Jones on January 31st and February 2nd, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. G. Collins, F. Mitchell (conductor), G. Jones, F. Hayes, J. Burles, G. Ambrose. The same evening 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Collins, F. Hayes, G. Jones, J. Burles, G. Ambrose, F. Mitchell (conductor).

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHESHUNT (Herts).—On Sunday, January 19th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. D. Tucker, G. Andrews, G. Maxim, F. Jelf, H. G. Rowe (conductor), C. Dille, H. Simmons, R. Smith. Also for evening service 504, conducted by F. Jelf. On Monday, January 20th, 630 Grandsire Triples. F. Jelf, G. Andrews, G. Maxim, H. G. Rowe, H. Cornwall (conductor), C. Dille, H. Simmons, R. Smith.

Also 378, conducted by H. G. Rowe. Rung on the anniversary of the opening of the bells. On Sunday, January 26th, for morning service, 546 Grandsire Triples. D. Tucker, G. Andrews, H. G. Rowe (conductor), H. Cornwall, C. Dille, R. Stracey (Letchworth), H. Simmons, R. Smith. For evening service 630 Grandsire Triples. D. Tucker, G. Andrews, H. G. Rowe, F. Jelf, H. Cornwall (conductor), G. Maxim, H. Simmons, R. Smith. On Sunday, February 2nd, for early service, Mr. H. G. Rowe chimed a course each of Grandsire Triples, Bob Triples, and Bob Major.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—On Sunday evening, February 2nd, for Divine Service, 910 Stedman Cinques. A. F. Ashman, R. Coles, G. F. Williams, G. Twitchen, S. T. Goodchild, F. K. Biggs, E. Markham, F. Hayes (conductor), J. Gransbury, W. Phipps, B. Page, A. J. Hoing. Longest touch yet rung on twelve by the local company.

#### THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

STOKE, COVENTRY.—On Sunday, February 2nd, for evening service, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins. A. Roberts, \*W. Price, W. H. Brunsdon (conductor), J. H. White, W. T. Cox, \*W. Maund, F. Pervin, C. Freeman, \*First quarter-peal in the method.

Bow.—On Sunday, February 2nd, for evening service at the Church of St. Mary Stratford, Bow, 1312 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 46 mins. S. Sharpe (conductor), A. Scambler, T. Cranfield, Y. Green, E. Hall, W. Truss, R. J. Turner, R. Sanders.

#### THE FIRST PEAL AT BIRLING.

To the Editor.

SIR,—In your last issue you published a peal from Birling, Kent, as the first peal on the bells. The first peal on the bells was rung on May 10th, 1891, for the Middlesex Association by the All Hallows Society, Tottenham, Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by G. B. Lucas; myself also taking part, and was rung as the opening peal.

Yours etc.

WILLIAM SHORT.

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**THE FRAMLAND SOCIETY.**

**BOTTESFORD (Leicestershire).**—On Tuesday, January 28th, a date touch of 1913 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 14 mins. D. Gilden, Rev. C. J. Sturton, A. Ward, J. W. Kirson, M. Bend, R. Bend, S. Baker (conductor), H. Thorlby. Rang as a birthday compliment to Mr. Montague Vincent Jackson, on attaining his 21st birthday.

**THORVERTON (Devon.)**—On Tuesday, January 28th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins. J. Edworthy, J. Pook, J. A. Martin, F. J. Davey, F. J. Milford, J. Ridler, J.

Ferris, R. B. Ford. Conducted by F. J. Davey. The striking throughout was exceedingly good. It was rung on a wedding anniversary of the 6th man, also as birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

**STRATTON ST. MARGARET (Wilts.)**—On Monday, February 3rd, at St. Margaret's Church, 720 Beverley Surprise. A. J. Gilbert, R. W. Hyner, F. Looker, W. G. Lancaster, G. Lancaster (conductor), C. J. Gardiner. First 720 in the method on the bells.

**HERNE (Kent)**—On Tuesday, Feb. 4th, 720 Grandsire Doubles, with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the late Mrs. Daubeney, wife of the Vicar of Herne. W. Bubb, T. Stone, F.

Jones, J. Bubb, E. Hartop, W. Curtis. Conducted by F. Jones.

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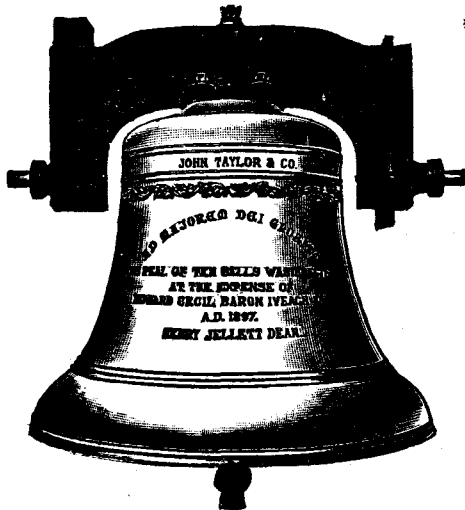
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**Notices.**

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 February 18th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 13th and 27th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 18th, Southwark Cathedral on the 25th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings. St. Magnus 7.30 p.m., the others at 8 p.m. 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. COCKEYILL, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**The London County Association,** late the St. James's Society.—The Annual General Meeting and election of officers will take place on February 8th. The towers of St. Sepulchre's and St. Andrew's, Holborn, E.C., will be open from 4 to 6 p.m. Tea at 6.30 at The King of Denmark. 7d. per head. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.

F. J. HARDY, Hon. Gen. Sec.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Milnrow Parish Church on Saturday, February 8th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, February 8th at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7.

G. PINCOTT, Branch Sec.

7, Primrose Street, Bolton.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, February 8th. Bells ready at 5.30.

WALTER HUGHES, Sec.

3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, February 15th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

J. WATSON, Br. Sec.

33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James's, Haslingden, on Saturday, February 15th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

J. H. HAYDOCK, Branch Sec.

31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**The Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Wye on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Special service at 5 o'clock. An allowance of one penny per mile one way, maximum 2s., will be paid to all members attending. Subscriptions are now due, and will be gladly accepted at the meeting by

C. TAIBE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

British School Villas, Tenterden.

**The Kent County Association.**—Canterbury District.—The Spring Meeting will be held at Wickhambreaux and Littlebourne on Saturday, February 22nd. Towers opened at 3 p.m. Service at Wickhambreaux at 5 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the Rev. G. Hyde Smith, in the village Club Room, at 5.50 p.m. Will all those who intend being present, kindly let me know by Tuesday, February 18th.

E. TRENDLE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Boughton, Faversham.

**St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.**—Established 1735.—The annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at Ye Olde Royal Hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 1st next, at 6.30 p.m. Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart., in the chair. Tickets free to fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date, to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each.

A. PADDON SMITH, Hon. Sec.

11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Warrington, on Saturday, February 8th. Service at 3.30. Tea and meeting at Winwarleigh Cafe at 4.15 p.m. Tea 9d.

J. E. ASHCROFT, Hon. Sec.

Post Office, Grappenhall.

**SHOREDITCH BELLS.**

These bells have been removed to Messrs. Warner's foundry for repairs, and unfortunately it has been found that the four smaller bells will have to be recast. Fears have been expressed that when the twelve bells are ringing, it will be impossible to hear the trebles. The harmonic, or subsidiary tones overpower the fundamental note, or to use every-day language, the bells are too heavy; they are choked with metal. It has been decided to have this work done. The trebles (1 & 2) were given to the Church in 1823 by the Royal Cumberland Youths, and were cast by Messrs. Mears. The 2nd bell when it has been recast, will bear the following inscription: "The treble and this bell were given by The Royal Cumberland Youths, 1823." The 3rd and 4th bells were cast by Lester and Pack in 1765. It has also been decided to make provision in the new framework for an extra bell, to be placed in the tower if a sufficient sum can be obtained, so as to form a light ring of eight. Thus if a bell can be added, ringers will have a 13-bell tower in London. It may be recalled that ringers who rang on these bells years ago, always complained that the trebles could not be heard.

This new work will cost about £100 more, and subscriptions are earnestly asked for, and should be sent to H. J. Bradley, Clerk's House, Parish Church, Shoreditch, who will also be glad to supply collecting cards.

**FINCHLEY (Middlesex).**—On Sunday, February 2nd, 720 Oxford Bob. G. Webb, W. H. Tubb, F. Tubb, E. W. Tubb, B. Tubb, F. Barker (conductor).

**ST. PETER'S, DRAYTON, BERKS.****DEDICATION OF THE ROBINSON MEMORIAL SCREEN.**

This will take place (p.v.) on Saturday, February 8th (instead of February 1st as previously announced). The ceremony will be performed by the Ven. W. M. G. Ducat, Archdeacon of Berkshire, at 4.0 p.m. Will all those interested kindly take this as an invitation to be present. Clergy are requested to bring their robes.

The bells will be available for ringing between 2 and 4, and possibly later in the evening. Tea will be provided, after the service, free for all those who send in their names by Wednesday, February 5th. Drayton is two miles from Abingdon Station, and the same distance from Stevenon.

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

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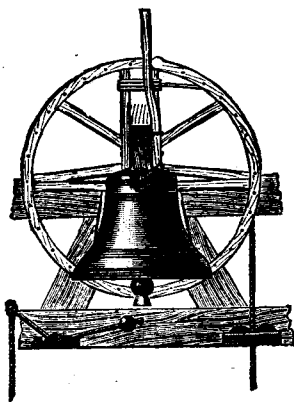
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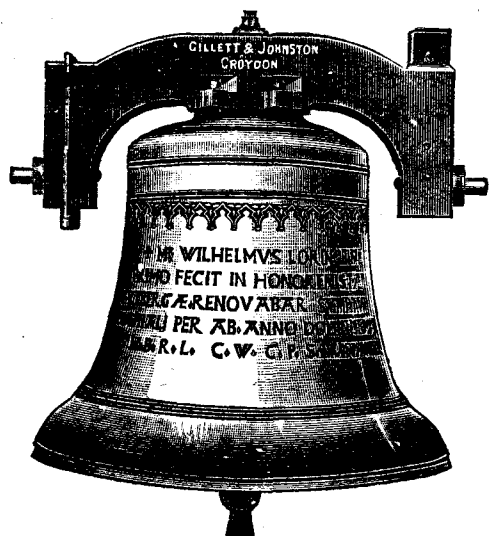
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## ST. PETER'S CHURCH, DRAYTON, BERKS.

### DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

On Saturday last the Ven. the Archdeacon of Berkshire dedicated in the above Church, a belfry screen, as a memorial to the late Rev. Francis Edward Robinson, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Long before the time of commencing the service, the Church, of which our late beloved Master was Vicar for nearly 30 years, was crowded with a large number of ringers and friends from all parts of the country. Among the robed clergy were: the Ven. the Archdeacon of Berkshire, Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), G. F. Coleridge, R.D. (Crowthorne); J. H. Sweet Escott (Kingston Bagpuze); A. L. Foultes (Steventon); A. P. Hall (Markham); H. F. Maitland (Abingdon); F. J. C. Chapman (Drayton); E. B. Mackay, J. N. K. Fortescue (Sutton Courtenay); E. Broome (Hurst); H. Jackon (Milton); L. E. Lydekker (Wokingham). Members of the family present were: Mrs. Robinson, Miss Robinson (sister), Miss C. Robinson, the Misses Robinson, Mr. W. E. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robinson.

The ringers present included: Messrs. Nevard (Great Bentley, Essex); A. Gregory, H. Gregory, A. J. Gergory, A. R. Kent (Wantage); E. Humfrey, H. Holifield (Abingdon), C. Hounslow (Oxford); G. Brooks, J. Monk (Witney); G. Holifield, sen., G. Holifield, jun., R. White (Appleton); Gardener, Shepherd (Swindon); Lancaster (Stratton St. Margaret's); W. Pole Routh, H. Tucker, A. J. Wright, J. Swain, W. A. Webb, C. Giles, W. Newell (Reading); J. W. Wilkins (High Wycombe); A. E. Lock (Sutton Courtenay); G. Caudwell (Drayton); Miss M. Chillingworth (Bradfield); F. W. Woodwards (Chalgrove); J. W. Taylor (Loughborough); S. Paice (Wokingham); T. East, W. A. Napper, J. Napper, W. Cox (Hagbourne); F. Webb (Kidlington); and A. E. Reeves (Secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild).

The Service commenced by the singing of hymn 165, "O God, our help in ages past," and after the special prayers for the occasion the clergy and choir proceeded to the west end of the church, while hymn 221—"Let saints on earth in concert sing"—was sung. The screen was then dedicated by the Archdeacon, and as the clergy and choir returned to their stalls a course of Stedman Triples was rung on the bells. This was followed by the singing of hymn 550, "Angels voices, ever singing."

### THE ARCHDEACON'S ADDRESS.

The Memorial which has just been dedicated to the glory of God in memory of Francis Edward Robinson possesses an interest of importance which are altogether exceptional, if not unique. Seldom, if ever, has a memorial of the kind been erected in a village church by so wide a circle of friends. This one is erected in memory of the late Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers "by the bell ringers of Britain and

his friends." Further, it is not often that a memorial is inspired by such genuine and deep feelings of admiration, of gratitude and affection; nor is it only personal interest, in a unique degree, which belongs to this memorial; it has a very real importance in relation to the life and worship of the Church of England. It testifies to a work accomplished by our friend, the effect of which upon a large section of churchmen throughout the country will never, we believe, be lost. The truth of this will appear as we proceed. And if the interest and importance of the memorial be unique, its appropriateness is certainly striking in more than one respect.

1. As to the *place* of it, The place chosen for it is the Parish Church of Drayton, where he ministered for 30 years; not any place of public resort, but his retired village church. The choice is significant. It witnesses to the fact that it was here, in the church, which was the centre of his deeply religious life, and in the home which meant so much to him, that he received the inspiration week by week and day by day for his great and exacting work. It also may remind us that however busy he might seem to be in promoting the Art of bellringing in the dioceses and throughout the land, he never forgot that he was parish priest of Drayton, never neglected any part of his duty to the people committed to his charge. As a friend who knew him and his work most intimately recorded at the time of his death, "Few country parishes have been more thoroughly worked than Drayton."

2. As to the form of it.—A carved oak screen under the tower, between the nave and the belfry. Nothing would have pleased our friend more, for two reasons. First: It is an ornament to the church, of the kind he liked. You remember how much he did with his own skilful hands to adorn it with oak carving. The choir stalls, the organ case, the bench ends, are all his handiwork. Second: It is in the closest possible connection with the tower and belfry of the church. Keen as he was about anything connected with any belfry, none could ever be to him what Drayton belfry was; not even Appleton with its ten bells (two of which were his own gift), the scene of his greatest feat, a peal of 15,041 Stedman Caters, in nine hours sixteen minutes; for it was his own belfry, and the peals rung there gave him the highest pleasure. Many tablets record them. You remember, among others we may recall to-day, the first peal rung by members of Oxford University; the first clerical peal, all the members of the band being in Holy Orders; the first peals of Double Norwich, London Surprise Major, and other peals conducted by an incumbent on his own bells; a Silent Peal of Stedman Triples, rung by eight expert ringers, no word being spoken or sign given during the 5040 changes; and last, but not least, the tablet which chronicles the completion of his own 1000th peal, a record number. Is it not appropriate that the mark of their undying admiration of the gifted comrade who performed these feats and many more, should be an ornamental oak screen for his own tower and belfry in Drayton Church.

3. There is still deeper significance and appropriateness in this memorial to the late Master of our Guild. It

symbolises the religious character of the art of bellringing, and it commemorated the religious importance of the work which he did for the Church of England. A belfry screen marks the sacredness of the belfry as does a chancel screen, in a higher degree, the sacredness of the chancel, and it directs attention to the fact that a peal well rung, in a right spirit, is akin to an act of worship. That was the view which, as Vicar and Master of the Guild, our friend always took, and did all he could to impress upon other ringers. Hence his custom of beginning peals with prayer and ending them with an ascription of praise. Hence the two Latin words on the tablets which record his great peals, "Laus Deo," *i.e.*, "Praise be to God." The peals were not only feats of skill by hand and eye and brain, they rang out God's praise. They were not for self glorification, they were for the glory of the God and Saviour Whom he loved and served. This was the secret of the wonderful change which he, with others, effected in the towers and belfries of Britain and which has given to his work such a truly religious importance. In this Diocese in particular he wrought a change which was nothing less than a moral and religious reformation. Abuses which were not uncommon in old days, disappeared. Ringers did their ordinary work as a piece of Church work ranking at least as high as that of choirmen, reverently, and in order. They set themselves to learn the higher and more difficult exercises of their art in the spirit of the Master of their Guild. How then may this change be perpetuated, and still further extended among ringers who have not yet come under its influence in the Diocese, or throughout the country? Surely through the personal efforts of those of you who are ringers or who look forward to being so, and of others who have heard of Francis Edward Robinson as a celebrated ringer, or who know him in his book "Among the Bells," and ringers at Drayton will be helped in this as they pass through his memorial screen into the belfry under this inscription upon it: "Laudatis Dominum in Sanctis Ejus," *i.e.*, O praise God in His holiness (Psalm cl. 1.).

Finally: Let us thank God for all our friend, by the grace of God, was, as well as for all he was able to do. Let us thank God for his stern sense of duty; for his self-denying, abstemious life; for his strong physique and robust health, due, no doubt, to his abstemiousness; for his indomitable energy and powers of endurance; for his kindliness and generosity; above all for his strong religious faith and devoted service to God and His Church. We end, therefore, as we began, with a note of thanksgiving; for you will not forget that we began the service with the dedication of another ornament for the church—a processional cross, presented by two of your Drayton friends to Almighty God, as a thankoffering for His mercy. Let that cross, as you look upon it carried in procession, remind you of the banner under which, as Christ's faithful soldiers and servants, we are pledged to serve, and manfully to fight against sin, the world, and the devil. Let us learn to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, as the sign of our salvation, the pledge and means of the forgiveness of our sins, the power by which we can bear with patience any discipline or trial with God, in his chastening love may lay upon us, after the example of Him by whose Cross and Passion, God grant we may all be brought unto the glory of His Resurrection.

ARDLEIGH (Essex).—On Sunday evening, February 2nd, a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1152 changes). A. Bacon, H. T. Pye, H. Bacon, W. Fenner (first quarter peal in the method), E. Merchant, H. Evers, G. Polley, W. J. Schofield (conductor). The ringers of 2, 6 and tenor belong to Colchester.

## RINGERS AROUND THE FESTIVE BOARD.

### ST. MARY ABBOTTS' BELL-RINGERS SOCIETY.

#### ANNUAL DINNER.

This function took place at the Parish Hall, Vicarage Gate, some thirty members and visitors being present. The Vicar (the Rev. S. E. Pennefather, D.D.), presided, supported by Messrs. Bennett and Garrard.

Letters, regretting inability to attend, were received from Rev. A. H. F. Boughey and Messrs. Cockerill and Trollope. Following the dinner, Mr. W. E. Garrard (Instructor), proceeded to give his Annual Report in which some items of interest regarding the Guild were noted:—

"He had pleasure in stating that they were in a satisfactory condition, although the past year had not been a very good one. Since their last Annual Gathering they had lost by death a very dear friend and fellow member, Jarrold Hayward; four other members had left during the year, whilst two honorary and five ordinary members had been elected, making a total of twenty-six ringers. The Sunday ringing had been the most satisfactory part of the years' work, the quality of the ringing being very good, and the attendances of members regular and punctual. Owing to illness near the Church, no practice was possible for over three months, which retarded progress both in the practice of more advanced method and in bringing their probationers to a state of efficiency as ringers. This also had its effect financially as no steeples or fines were imposed during that period, and the funds of the Guild suffered in consequence. Only one attempt for a Peal at St. Mary Abbots was possible during the year, this failing after ringing about half way owing to a change-course. They were more successful, however, at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on April 24th, with a Peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. The other principal performances included seven quarter peals, consisting of three Stedman Caters, three Kent Treble Bob Royal and one Double Norwich Caters.

The Bells at the Parish Church had been rung on twenty-six occasions during the year for Royal Birthdays, Weddings, etc., being eight less than the preceding year.

Two tablets have recently been placed in the Belfry, recording the Peals rung in honour of the Coronation of His late Majesty King Edward VII. and His Majesty King George V. Both these Tablets were designed by Mr. J. Hayward and executed by Mr. Dains. During the past year the Tower had been visited by fifty-two Ringers from various parts of the country and one from Australia."

The Chairman, in expressing his best thanks to the Guild, said, doubtless while some members were disappointed at the illness which prevented their ringing, he was certain that they were ever-ready to make the self-sacrifice involved, and none would wish to do otherwise. He was glad they had a successful year, it was true they had lost a few men in the Guild, but they welcomed the younger members of it, as it was to them they must ultimately look to continue the work. Referring to the two boards which commemorated the Coronations, he trusted it might be a long while before it became necessary to place another in the Belfry. He begged to thank Mr. Garrard for all he had done by his kindness and efficient help in conducting and managing the Belfry, it was a consolation to know that they had so many members interested in this work.

The Rev. Harold Brown (Chaplain of the Guild) duly proposed the Toast of the "The Visitors," which was responded to by Mr. T. Faulkner (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), who said, on behalf of the Society which he represented:—He begged to thank those present for the hospitality extended to the visitors. He noticed with interest the Vicar's remarks with reference to the necessity of care for the younger members of the Guild and also the exercise of self-sacrifice on behalf of the sick. He was certain that the objects of the Guild made for true manliness of character, which was a point they must ever impress upon their younger members. He was glad of the opportunity afforded him for a few remarks and wished every success to the St. Mary Abbots' Guild.

Mr. Daniels, speaking as an old member, begged to congratulate the Guild upon the change-ringing accomplished, and expressed his warmest thanks to Mr. Garrard for the efficient manner in which he conducted the ringing.

The Rev. C. S. Durham and Mr. Winney also reciprocated the good wishes on behalf of the Visitors.

The remainder of the evening was spent in the usual jovial manner, many taking part in the entertainment which followed, under the presidency of the Rev. H. Brown. Selections on

handbell ringing, songs and music, etc., being continued until 11.0 p.m., when Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem (and much cheering) brought the successful evening to a close.

#### BATTLE, SUSSEX.

A very happy party assembled at the George Hotel, when the Battle Bellringers held their annual supper.

Following the usual custom a merry peal of bells was first rung on the fine ring in the Parish Church.

At the supper table the company was presided over by the Dean (the Rev. E. R. Currie), supported by his warden (Mr. R. B. Allwork), and Messrs. Chas. Martin, Albion Thorpe, J. Holt, J. Soan, and G. A. Thorpe. There were also present Messrs. Walter Franks (captain), W. J. Thomas, J. Sinden, P. Carter, A. Rideout, J. Thomas and F. Mathis (Battle); Watson (secretary of the County Association), Medhurst, F. A. Kennett, W. Alcock, S. Smith C. Smith, H. Denman, H. Watford, W. Wiggins (Christ Church, St. Leonards); E. Cruse, Thos. Muzzelle, J. H. Reeves, C. Stapley, F. Edwards, W. Beney, P. Butler and T. Hoad.

After an excellent repast the loyal toast was honoured, and then Mr. Chas. Martin gave the toast of the "Clergy and Churchwardens," to which Dean Currie responded.

Mr. Watson, a prominent county ringer, proposed the "Battle Bellringers." They were happy to be with their friends at Battle that evening and also pleased they had been to ring the grand old bells of their town. Battle, he believed, prided itself on its bells. They had not much to be proud of in Sussex in regard to bells. They had to go to the West country—particularly in Exeter—where the tenor was heavier and they got more music and tone out of the bells in consequence. But they had some three or four fine rings in the country, and if he were asked which was one of the three best rings he would certainly say Battle. (Applause.) With regard to the belfry, he observed, if one of their local resident princes would like to have his memory perpetuated he would do well to add two new trebles to the ring of eight and then Battle would have the finest ring in Sussex. (Loud applause.) The cost would only be about £150, and he

hoped his suggestion would fall on fertile ground. (Applause.)

The name of Mr. Franks, the captain of the Battle Band, was coupled with the toast, and that gentleman in reply said the suggestion thrown out by Mr. Watson to increase their ring to ten bells had made him more enthusiastic than ever. He sincerely hoped to see the ten bells. (Hear, hear.) As to their ringing, they had done much during the past year and hoped to do more next year. He felt as a member of the Committee of the County Association he held a certain responsibility, and should try and give a good account of himself. He had been ably assisted in his work by other members of the band. Mr. Franks spoke of the Salehurst ringers in terms of praise, and in conclusion, heartily thanked the subscribers for their excellent support.

#### NEWS FROM THE ANTIPODES.

##### RINGERS IN WEST AUSTRALIA.

Mr. A. Parker writes from Perth, W.A.:—"We are progressing very satisfactorily in change-ringing and have just got on to Grandsire Triples, both on hand bells and church bells. I also might mention, we play at ringers proper; we thoroughly enjoy ourselves in various ways as the ringers do at home, which all tends to make the art more attractive and interesting. On Boxing Day (26/12/12) we had a good day's pleasure on the Swan river by motor launch and, thanks to the generosity of the Cathedral Chapter, we were well in a position to cater for the inner man, and as it was a very hot day, well, we took that we thought we might want, but its very soon out of one again in Australia and, all being well, next Saturday evening we have a spread in view at the invitation of the Dean, who, I am very pleased to say, takes a great interest in Ringing and Ringers; but we do not share the pleasure and advantage of the ringers in old England, of visiting a neighbouring tower, for this is the only peal in the state of Western Australia.

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## CHAPTER HI. (Continued.)

Coming at last to London Royal, it appears that not until quite recently had any band arisen possessed of the necessary grit and pluck for attempting such a difficult task.

However, in due time this was certain to come about; more especially in these days of great performances. Hence it is not astonishing to find the College Youths with their old pluck and courage, setting themselves to work. They would appear to have asked Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, of Dublin, one of their members presumably, to furnish them with the figures of a treble lead, together with the calling of a suitable peal; and on these points he seems to have obligingly met them. Following this up, the peal became an accomplished fact in the fall of 1907.

"Then was there war in the gates"—a veritable "battle royal"—carried on in the columns of "THE BELL NEWS." This was in reality quite a healthy commotion, inasmuch as it turned on the very question in which we are interesting ourselves, viz., on the extension of the treble-leads of Surprise Methods, especially that of London, which had to come up sooner or later for settlement.

The only weak place in the attack of the enemy is cleverly pointed out by the cynic, who stated that one or more of the critics had arrangements of their own, and, had any other treble-lead been chosen, a similar war would have gone up from the other disappointed ones. Even so, but is not this human after all, and, generally, out of honest opposition good makes its appearance. As a result, and with good hopes of a settlement, the extended figures were brought before the Central Council in 1908, when it was agreed that London could not be extended satisfactorily beyond the Major. To prevent any misunderstanding in the matter of appreciation, a very large number of peal-points were awarded to this very fine and unique performance, the title of which was left to the College Youths to settle for themselves.

This unfortunately seems to have been somewhat distasteful to our friends the "Ancients," who doubtless felt that the performance had been announced as London Royal, and that good, bad, or indifferent, London Royal it should remain; the more so since—they would probably argue—any other figures would have proved no easier to ring. Anyhow the Society booked it as London Royal, but whether they added a copy of the treble-lead we know not, but we sincerely hope they did, if only for future reference. \*

The following is the announcement as given in "THE BELL NEWS."

On Monday, November 11th, 1907, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Dunstan, Stepney,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

William Truss... .. Treble.	Henry G. Miles ... .. 6.
Henry Hodgetts ... .. 2.	William E. Garrard ... 7.
Hubert Eden... .. 3.	Alfred B. Peck ... .. 8.
George N. Price ... .. 4.	Henry R. Newton ... .. 9.
Frederick W. Brinklow 5.	John W. Golding ... Tenor.

Composed by G. Lindoff, and Conducted by George N. Price.

If the College Youths had seen their way to take the hint of the Council, they might have consoled themselves with the philosophy of our national poet (not our old friend Laughton this time!) who left us the ever enduring reminder, when at sea in the troubles of nomenclature, of

"That which we call the rose

By another name would smell as sweet!"

We regret to state that all along we found ourselves joining in the condemnation of the figures. We did not do so without thought or expenditure of energy, for at the time of "the war" we built up treble-leads of our own on the rule already laid down, viz., "reproduce the characteristic position of ALL the places as correctly as you can, and supplement them with others (as few as possible) to secure the correct lead-ends." These,

both of Royal and Maximus, were quite as unsatisfactory as our own example of Superlative, and fully proved the extension an impossible one.

May we here add in favour of the College Youths figures, that we consider them a much better approach to London Major, than was Shipway's Superlative Royal to its Major; nevertheless when all is said, it is only an approach, a real London Royal, with correct lead-ends, being an impossibility; a fact which will be acknowledged by all unbiassed experts. The same, of course, with Maximus.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8th, a party of the Stoke and Allesley branches of the above Guild paid a visit to Berkeswell, and a most enjoyable time was spent. By the courtesy of the Rev. H. C. A. Back, M.A., Vice-president of the Guild, the bells were at the disposal of the visitors during the afternoon and evening. Mr. Allan James, the leader of the local ringers, having everything in readiness, the visitors rang four 720s of Minor, two 720s of Plain Bob, one 720 of Double Oxford Bob Minor, one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and several short touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles, conducted by Messrs. C. Freeman, J. H. White, W. H. Brunsdon, and A. Roberts. The ringers taking part were A. James, H. Kettle, M. Harris, W. Price, C. J. Hunt, C. Freeman, W. T. Cox, J. H. White, W. H. Brunsdon, and A. Roberts. Mr. Allan James has rung his first 720 of Minor on his own bells and also having recently joined the most noble order of Benedicts, received the congratulations of the visitors, and the writer of these lines hopes the object of this visit may bear fruit, and that ringing may reach a higher level than is at present maintained in this district.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## (ROCHDALE BRANCH MEETING.)

The monthly meeting of this branch was held at Milnrow on Saturday last, about 30 members attending from Rochdale Parish, St. Albans, Balderstone, Newhey, Moorside, Glodwick, Oldham Parish, Middleton, Whitworth, Todmorden, and the local band. At the business meeting, presided over by the Rev. H. T. Wright, two new members were elected.

Todmorden was selected for the place of next meeting. After the usual votes of thanks had been passed, the bells were kept going till nine o'clock in Kent Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples, and Kent Treble Bob Major.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On Sunday, February 9th, after Evensong at St. Mary's Church, 1263 Stedman Caters, in 49 mins. J. H. Wilkins, F. Rumens, H. Rumens, C. T. Coles (conductor), \*N. Tomlinson, J. C. Adams, \*F. G. Tegg, J. Armstrong, F. C. Maynard, R. Maynard, sen. \*First quarter-peal on ten bells.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Monday, December 23rd, at St. Thomas's Church, with the bells nuffed as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Newland, mother of the Vicar of St. Thomas's, who was buried that day, 504 Bob Triples. D. Heathcote, W. A. Pugh, T. Heathcock, G. H. Pagett (conductor), A. W. Dodd, J. Smith, W. Hand,

## PETROCKSTOWE BELLS, DEVON.

## THE RE OPENING.

On Shrove Tuesday the bells were re-opened after having been silent for several months owing to the unsafe condition of the framework. The new work has been satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. Harry Stokes and Son, of Woodbury. The contract was to provide a new treble bell, recast the tenor, and to rehang the peal on an iron framework for £193 12s. Some extras brought the amount up to just over £200. The inscriptions on the bells are:—

1.—To the glory of God. Charles, 22nd Baron Clinton, patron; W. E. Crosse-Crosse, Rector; T. Brooks, J. Duffy, wardens, 1913. Mears and Stainbak, Lond.

2, 3, and 4.—J.P., 1806, with three crowns.

5.—J.P., 1810, with three crowns.

6.—James Messenger, Rector, J.P.F., 1806, also with three crowns and two French medallions.

The letters J.P. are the initials of James Pennington, the famous bell founder of Stoke Climsland. Up to the day of opening some £150 had been raised, and the result of a big effort on that day was to increase that amount by £24.

About mid-day the regular ringers opened with a very creditable peal, and during the afternoon bands of ringers from the parishes of Black Torrington, Bow Buckland Filleigh, Dolton, and Shebbear rendered some excellent samples of the art. A free lunch was provided for the ringers by the wardens, Messrs. T. Brooks and J. Duffy, in the Reading Room. At 3 p.m. the dedication service was held. The visiting clergy included the Archdeacon of Exeter (the Ven. F. A. Sanders) and the Revs. F. E. Jones (Rural Dean), T. E. Fox (Shebbear), E. J. Jeffrey (Merton), T. Hurst (Shepwash), R. Burkitt (Langtree), and H. D. Pollock (Little Torrington).

The office of dedication was solemnised by the Ven. Archdeacon, who afterwards gave a most appropriate discourse on the text 1 Cor. ix, 16. The Rector, the Rev. W. E. Crosse-Crosse, read the prayers, and the Rural Dean the lesson. There was a crowded congregation. The Right Hon. Lord Clinton, the Patron of the living, and Lady Clinton were among those present.

After the service the Archdeacon joined the ringers and rang the tenor in one of the touches. Tea was provided in the schoolroom at 4 p.m., a feature of which was a cake, beautifully iced, made and given by Mrs. Crosse-Crosse, which realised £5 in a competition.

An excellent concert was then rendered in the schoolroom, many of the items bringing encores.

The day was brought to a close by a coffee supper provided in the Reading Room. The whole of the arrangements proved successful, and the Committee are to be congratulated on having established a record in the way of takings in one day, in this parish. The church of Petrockstowe has been long recognised as one of the prettiest in North Devon, and this improvement in the bells will make it even more attractive.

## THE CHARLES' PAROCHIAL SOCIETY.

PLYMOUTH.—On Sunday, February 8th, for evening service at Charles' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes). T. Westcott, E. W. Marsh (conductor). W. Hooper, R. Hornbrook, W. H. Marsh, W. Hornbrook, W. G. Hiscott, G. R. Stroud, F. Hockaday, F. Purse. First quarter-peal by ringer of treble, and first with a bob bell by ringer of 3rd.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

A very successful meeting of this Association was held on Saturday, Feb. 8. The towers of St. Andrew and St. Sepulchre, Holborn, were open during the afternoon, and the bells were kept going till tea-time. Tea, to which forty-two members sat down, being disposed of, four new members were elected. The concert balance sheet was presented and shewed a balance of 11s. 4d. The secretary read his report for the year which proved most satisfactory. The two districts were making progress, and good feeling existed throughout the society. During the year twenty new members were elected, an increase of six on the previous year. Death had removed several members including Matthew Wood, William Cooter, James Pettit, Arthur Jacob, and Jarrold Hayward. The rule book had been thoroughly revised and brought up-to-date and considerable matter of interest added. The balance sheet which showed a balance of 11s. 6d. in the treasurer's hands was considered satisfactory. During the year, nineteen peals have been rung in eight methods, eight conductors and seventy-one members taking part. As officers, Mr. T. H. Taffender was elected Master, Mr. T. J. Hardy re-elected Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. G. Matthews, Treasurer, Mr. F. Wells, Senior Steward, Mr. G. M. Kilby, Junior Steward, Messrs. R. A. Daniell and T. H. Taffender were elected Trustees. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the outgoing officers, and to the incumbents of the two churches for the use of their bells during the afternoon. The rest of the evening was spent in handbell ringing and harmony.

## A CORRECTION.

*To the Editor.*

SIR,—With reference to the peal recently rung at Birling, Kent, will you allow me to make a correction to the footnote. The reason I put "first peal on the bells" was that I thought it the best means of getting information. I had searched the Kent County records, and found nothing had been recorded, and there was no one at Birling to enlighten me. However, Mr. Geo. Lucas very kindly came over to St. John's this morning, and supplied the long wished for information. He conducted the first peal on Birling bells, Kent Treble Bob Major, for the Middlesex Association. So the footnote should read:—Second peal on the bells, first in the method, and first by this Association on the bells. I wish again to thank Mr. Lucas for the trouble he took in coming to St. John's.—Yours, etc.,

16 Harefield Road,  
Brockley, S.E.

F. W. RICHARDSON.

Feb. 2nd, 1913.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEOPHAM.—On Saturday, February 8th. 720 Plain Bob. P. Ashenden, B. Owen, J. Buries, G. Jones, H. Holden, F. Mitchell (conductor). First 720 Minor by B. Owen. Also 720 in the same method. H. Argent, B. Owen, E. A. C. Owen, G. Jones, H. Holden (conductor), F. Mitchell. First as conductor by H. Holden, and rung as a farewell to E. A. C. Owen, who is shortly going to Canada. Messrs. Argent, Buries, Jones and Mitchell hail from Milton, and wish to thank the Meopham band and Mr. and Mrs. Holden for so kindly entertaining them to tea and supper.

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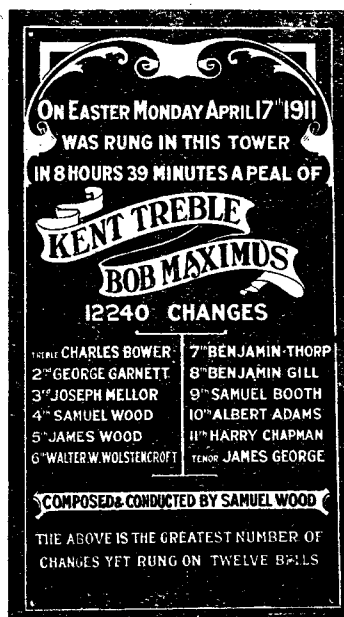
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## The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1913.

### VISIT TO CHIGWELL.

The Wanstead Society, despite the bad weather, the delay and infrequency of trains, the Insurance Act, and a thousand other ills to which flesh is heir, paid a visit to the above place on a recent Saturday. Amongst the company were Messrs. Lebbon (Sec.), Marks, sen. and jun., Cornell, Rumens (Dist. Sec.), and three veterans, Messrs. Sam Sharpe, Wm. Doran, and T. Newman, who all looked as fresh as the rain-drops that trickled down their furrowed brows, ready as ever to be at the bell-rope and ply the magic dance of figures.

The writer was early on the road to meet them with a welcome to the belfry he had put in order for the occasion. Here for an hour or so each ringer had the opportunity of choosing his favourite methods. Unfortunately we missed one in number for the Surprises. Had Harry Torble come all would have been well. A capital 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was scored by Messrs. Lebbon, Sharpe, Doran, Marks, sen., Margetson, and Marks, jun., who conducted.

An adjournment was then made for tea at the "Maypole," where the landlord, a son of an old ringer (Reeves), having inherited from his grandsires a prejudice for bells and ringers, did everything in his best style for our comfort in the way of a cosy room, a roasting fire, piano, and such a table of provender that footballers never get, I warrant, when they seek his assistance and accommodation. I am afraid his purse or till was not materially strengthened by our visit. But in the long run he will win his medals, for we shall patronise him again.

At the conclusion of tea, Mr. Lebbon told us that the day was the anniversary of his birth and wedding days (two very important events in a man's career through this vale of tears), and that, if we saw no just cause or impediment he intended to defray the expenses. Needless to say there was no impediment. Whether this was known to anyone beforehand cannot be determined, but certainly the landlord's joints seemed to have an especial flavour and quickly vanished. Things do often taste better when you get them free of cost. At least that is my experience.

Mr. Doran, in one of his happiest moods, complimented the donor, and trusted the company would all turn up again next year (Mr. Lebbon included). Mr. Doran is always amusing with his Suffolk dialect and self-coined words, which causes even the most stolid cheeks to expand like a concertina. Bravo, William!

Through the rain and darkness we again moved to the belfry, where everyone, including the locals, had a chance of doing their best. But how quickly the moments fled! Soon were eyes directed to the clock, and the time of departing trains considered. Fortunately, or otherwise, we had all left our umbrellas with the landlord of "The Maypole," and so had to worry him again. But he took it all as part of his business, and hoped to see us in better weather. Whether or no, we shall not remain ungrateful. The winter winds will pass away, and once more give place to the soft zephyrs that sport among the tender leaves and blossoms of spring; that now dark line of Hainault Forest will again change into the splendours of summer. Then shall we hope to see the Wanstead ringers again, and join in the universal praise by the ringing of our tuneful bells, whose voices honour the firm of Mears and Stainbank, and glorify the Great Creator. When we get the additional two bells, for which the frame has been built, the ringers of Chigwell Row will be justly proud of their peal, which will rank among the finest in the county of Essex. Our Wanstead friends are not so fortunate. They have a poor peal of bells, in fact—

When first I heard the Wanstead chime,  
Methought it must be dinner-time,  
Low setting was the sun;  
Upon my senses there did steal  
A craving for another meal,  
But then I dined at one.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD, S.E.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

WM. WEATHERSTONE .. Treble.	THOMAS HAWKINS .. .. 5.
THOMAS G. DEAL .. .. 2.	JOSEPH LAW .. .. 6.
ISAAC GEORGE SHADE .. 3.	GEORGE H. DAYNES .. 7.
FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON 4.	ALBERT JAMES FORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM RICHARDSON.

Ring after meeting short for Stedman, and as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. Arthur Hart, on his completing eleven years ministry in Deptford.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY, E.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt. in D.

HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM TRUSS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM TANNER .. .. 2.	SAMUEL JOYCE .. .. 7.
EDWIN GIBBS .. .. 3.	THOMAS H. TAEVENDER .. 8.
HERBERT LANGDON .. .. 4.	EMANUEL HALL .. .. 9.
JAMES SCHOLES .. .. 5.	ALFRED PECK .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. H. BARRETT, and Conducted by H. SPRINGALL.

Ring as a birthday compliment to Mr. Tanner, who attained his 64th year a few days previous. It was also 23 years since Mr. Tanner rang a peal.



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

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Four Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOOTHWARE,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 50 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 7.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 2.	REUBEN SANDERS .. .. 8.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH* .. .. 3.	*KEITH HART .. .. 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	ALFRED W. GRIMES .. .. 10.
BERTHAM PREWETT .. .. 5.	ERNEST PYE .. .. IX.
CHARLES T. COLES* .. .. 6.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal of Maximus.

### The Provinces.

#### MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DEANSGATE,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. Treble.	HARRY WASHBROOK .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HOLBROOK .. .. 2.	WILLIAM COOPER .. .. 6.
WALTER BROWN .. .. 3.	THOMAS BOTTEILL .. .. 7.
JAS. WM. WASHBROOK, SEN. 4.	RICHARD NEWTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAS. W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

#### WARRINGTON.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES J. WILSON .. .. Treble.	GEORGE R. NEWTON .. .. 4.
WILLIAM BIRBY .. .. 2.	EDWIN H. LEWIS .. .. 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. .. 3.	HENRY W. WILDE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

First peal on the bells, which were hung in 1840. Rung on the Eve of St. Paul's Day.

#### RYE, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(The Romney Marsh and District Guild).

On Friday, January 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lb.

PERCIVAL F. GILES* (age 16) Treble	VIVIAN D. LAWRENCE .. .. 5.
HAROLD F. COBON .. .. 2.	JOSEPH B. BENNETT .. .. 6.
ALFRED JOHNSON .. .. 3.	GEORGE BILLENNESS .. .. 7.
CHARLES PRICE .. .. 4.	GILBERT J. YOUNGS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. C. D. P. DAVIES, and  
Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

Rung on the vigil of the Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul, and on the 28th anniversary of the establishment of the Sussex Association. It was also rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Price, the esteemed vergor, to whom the band tendered hearty congratulations. \*First peal and first attempt, and elected a member of the Association previous to starting. Mr. A. Johnson comes from Appledore; the rest are Rye ringers.

PLYMOUTH.—On Sunday, February 2nd, for evening service at Charles' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. Captain C. F. Jerram, R.M.L.I., R. Dobson, W. Hornbrook, F. Hockaday, W. G. Hiscott, E. W. Marsh, W. H. Marsh, F. Purse. Conducted by E. W. Marsh. First quarter-peal for ringer off (reble).

#### CGLERNE, WILTS.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS ROBERTS* .. .. Treble.	HORACE D. TAYLOR .. .. 5.
FRANCIS W. CANNINGS .. .. 2.	CHARLES W. BELL .. .. 6.
GEORGE JAMES† .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. .. 7.
THOMAS HOGSFLESH .. .. 4.	LUTHER SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. BELL.

\*First peal of Triples. †First peal.

#### WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Monday, January 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, WOOD GREEN,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs.

HORACE BELCHER .. .. Treble.	THOMAS HUGHES .. .. 5.
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. .. 2.	THOMAS HILL .. .. 6.
ALBERT E. BLONDELL .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 7.
THOMAS J. ELTON .. .. 4.	*THOMAS JUSTICE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

\*First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung on the occasion of the annual parochial tea. This is C. Wallater's 50th peal.

#### TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Tuesday, January 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JESSE SCREEN .. .. Treble.	ALBERT E. BLONDELL .. .. 5.
ARTHUR BAKER .. .. 2.	*THOMAS HILL .. .. 6.
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. .. 3.	BENJAMIN GOUGH .. .. 7.
THOMAS HUGHES .. .. 4.	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and  
Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

\*First peal of Bob Major. Rung on the occasion of the Vicar's Bible Class Annual Social.

#### HIGH WYCOMBE.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.)

On Wednesday, January 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES .. .. Treble.	JOHN GRANSEBURY .. .. 6.
JOHN C. TRUSS .. .. 2.	JOHN EVANS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. .. 3.	JAMES W. WILKINS .. .. 8.
RICHARD BUCKLAND .. .. 4.	BENJAMIN PAGE .. .. 9.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. .. 5.	RALPH COLES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FRED HAYES, and Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

\*First peal of Caters as Conductor. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of Miss A. E. Evans, second daughter of the conductor.

WOLLASTON (Worcestershire).—At St. James's Church, on January 7th, with the bells muffled, after the funeral of the late Vicar, the Rev. G. Gibbanks, at which the Lord Bishop of Worcester officiated, 720 Bob Minor. C. Richards, J. Parsons, T. Parsons, F. Brace, W. Bretherton, G. H. Pagett (conductor). Deceased was the first Vicar appointed to the above Church, served as Vicar for fifty years, and was in his 86th year.

**COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.**  
**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

*On Wednesday, January 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.**

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

GEORGE HUGHES .. .. Treble.	BENJAMIN GOUGH .. .. 5.
WALTER MASSRY .. .. 2.	JESSE SCREEN .. .. 6.
EDGAR MARLOW .. .. 3.	JOSEPH FAULKNER .. .. 7.
ALBERT E. BLUNDRELL .. 4.	ALFRED DAVIES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and  
Conducted by ALFRED DAVIES.

\*First peal of Bob Major. Rung after meeting short for Kent Treble Bob.

**STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**  
**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
(C.E.M.S. PEAL.)

*On Thursday, January 30, 1913, in Three Hours*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
**PARKER'S ONE-PART.**

Tenor 21 cwt.

ROBERT W. WATTS* .. Treble.	ALBERT WRIGHT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HALE .. .. 2.	HUBERT SCRIVENS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM HASTINGS .. .. 3.	*EDWARD PAUL .. .. 7.
HARRY SMITH .. .. 4.	WILLIAM IRELAND .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

\*First peal. The ringers of the 2nd, 5th, and tenor are from Painswick; the rest from Stroud.

**DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.**  
**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 17 cwt.

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

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

\*First peal in the method, and first peal as conductor.

**KELSALE, SUFFOLK.**  
**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALLAN F. BAILEY .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK W. BAILEY .. 5.
ERNEST S. BAILEY .. .. 2.	HENRY PHILLIPS .. .. 6.
CHARLES F. BAILEY .. .. 3.	JAMES M. BAILEY .. .. 7.
EDGAR H. BAILEY .. .. 4.	GEORGE HARVEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ROBINSON, and Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

The conductor has now called a peal on every bell in this tower.

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

*On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one 720 of Canterbury Pleasure and two 720s each of Oxford Bob, College Single, Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE WEBB .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM WEBB .. .. 4.
GEORGE M. KILBY .. .. 2.	BERTRAM TUBB .. .. 5.
FREDERICK TUBB .. .. 3.	FREDERICK BARKER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK BARKER.

First peal on the bells since they have been overhauled by Messrs. John Warner and Sons. The ringers of treble, 3rd, 4th, 5th and tenor hail from Finchley; the ringer of the 2nd from Willesden.

**SADDINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being forty-two 6-scores called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

WALTER WALPOLE .. Treble.	ALBERT MORTON .. .. 3.
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 2.	FRED STANFORTH .. .. 5.
ALFRED BRYANT .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on the bells. First peal by the treble, 3rd, and tenor ringers, who belong to Saddington. First peal on five bells by F. Stanforth, who belongs to Kibworth. The conductor hails from St. Margaret's, Leicester.

**OXHEY, HERTS.**

**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,**  
**5056 CHANGES**

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.

WILLIE ROUGHTON .. Treble.	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. .. 5.
THOMAS L. SIMMONS .. 2.	WILLIAM HODGETTS .. .. 6.
FRANK T. MARTIN .. .. 3.	HUBERT EDEN .. .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 4.	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal in the method Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. C. N. Leman, one of the local company, which took place at Stoke Poges on the above date.

**WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.**  
**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

*On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.**

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER HICK .. Treble.	*WILLIAM A. COOPER .. .. 6.
GEORGE PRATE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM T. POWELL .. .. 7.
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 3.	*BENJAMIN GODGE .. .. 8.
EDGAR T. SMITH .. .. 4.	THOMAS J. ELTON .. .. 9.
JOHN C. ADAMS .. .. 5.	*THOMAS JUSTICE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.  
\*First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung on the vigil of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**MONEWDEN, SUFFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY

**A PEAL OF PLAIN MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Hereward Bob, Double Court, College Single Reverse, Double Oxford, St. Clements Bob, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

JAMES W. LEE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. .. 4.
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN .. 2.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 5.
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN .. 3.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

EAST MOLESEY (Surrey).—On January 5th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. F. Brown, W. J. Hallt, F. Smith, Miss E. Fisher, W. Halls, J. Baldwin, J. Howes (conductor), H. Waters. On February 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. F. Brown, J. H. B. Hesse, F. Smith, J. Howes, W. Halls, J. Baldwin, G. Spencer, H. Waters. Conducted by J. Howes. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect on the death of one of the local band of ringers. William John Hallt, who was buried the previous day after only a week's illness.

## WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Singing Deacons Branch.)

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF ORANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT HILL .. .. Treble.	FRANK LUSH .. .. 5.
ALBERT PIERCE* .. .. 2.	JOHN RANOE .. .. 8.
SAMUEL PAICE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. PAICE .. .. 7.
JOSEPH WHITE .. .. 4.	GEORGE GREEN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to the conductor; also as a birthday compliment to the Rector, whom the ringers wish to thank for the use of the bells, and for kindly altering the hour of evensong.

## DESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE,

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz.: Double Court, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire Minor, and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

MISS LILIAN WILLSON .. Treble.	ALBERT MASON .. .. 4.
EDWARD JACKSON .. .. 2.	T. HENRY HARDY .. .. 5.
EDGAR VALLANCE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

First peal on the bells, and first in seven methods by all except B. Vallance and W. Willson. Rung to celebrate the marriage of the Rector, the Rev. D. Thomas, to Miss A. A. Franke.

## HORSMONDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION,

On Sunday, February 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clements, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, and College Single. Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN LAMBERT .. .. Treble.	FREDK. BUTCHERS† .. .. 4.
HARRY PRICE .. .. 2.	IM BEACH .. .. 5.
ANDREW MARSHALL .. .. 3.	FREDK. J. LAMBERT .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

Quickest peal on the bells.

## CRAWWEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 2, 1913, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt.

George Ellis* .. .. Treble.	John Rice .. .. 5.
Oliver Sippetts .. .. 2.	Alfred D. Mills .. .. 6.
Albert Harman .. .. 3.	Albert Ellis .. .. 7.
Albert Mitchell .. .. 4.	Frederick W. Rice .. Tenor.

Composed by Frederick Dench, and

Conducted by Frederick W. Rice.

This is the conductor's 200th peal. †First peal of Double Norwich.

LONDON.—On Sunday, February 9th, for morning service at St. John's Church, Waterloo Road, 1280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 42 mins. E. E. Grimes, A. Hardy, A. W. Grimes, H. Burton, W. Hewett (conductor), A. Harris, F. I. Hairs, J. Armiger Trollope.

## EPSOM, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 3, 1913, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
J. J. Parker's 6-Part. Tenor 12 cwt.

George Cook .. .. Treble	John Crawford .. .. 5
Alfred Mann .. .. 2	Thomas Tuttle .. .. 6
William H. Corbett .. 3	Richard Kendall .. .. 7
William Robinson* .. 4	Robert H. Etherington .. Tenor

Conducted by W. H. Corbett.

\*First peal in the method.

## SHIFNAL, SALOP.—THE SALOP GUILD.

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Parish Church.

## A PEAL OF ORANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

William Felton* .. Treble	William Page .. .. 5
Ernest Baker† .. .. 2	John Bradney .. .. 6
Ernest Hyde .. .. 3	George Picken .. .. 7
Charles Picken .. .. 4	†Martin Jarvis .. .. Tenor

Composed by John Carter, and Conducted by W. Page.

\*First peal off tenor. †First peal. ‡First peal as conductor.

## EASTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 2, 1913, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Joseph Tarrant .. Treble	Hobart E. Smith .. .. 4
George Berry .. .. 2	William Burgess .. .. 5
Robert H. Hayward .. 3	George E. Symonds .. Tenor

Conducted by George E. Symonds.

This is the first peal on the bells.

## FRAMLINGHAM SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 3, 1913, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs.

William Ostler .. Treble	John C. Self .. .. 5
Stanley Bonney .. .. 2	Hobart E. Smith .. .. 6
Robert H. Hayward .. 3	William Burgess .. .. 7
William Flory .. .. 4	George E. Symonds .. Tenor

Composed by the Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, and

Conducted by George E. Symonds.

Rung in honour of the composer's 27th year as Rector.

## BRAMFIELD, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Halesworth District).

On Tuesday, February 4, 1913, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simons and Morning Star Doubles. Tenor 12 cwt.

Donald Watts* .. Treble	Austin Leach .. .. 3
Edward Chatten .. .. 2	William Whitting .. .. 4
John Punchard .. ..	.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. Chatten.

\*First peal and bells from Marsham, Norfolk.

## PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1913, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

At Charles' Church,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

Francis Porse* ...	... Treble	Frank Hockaday ...	6
Walter H. Marsh ...	... 2	Ernest W. Marsh ...	7
Warren Hornbrok ...	... 3	George R. Stroud ...	8
Reginald A. Dobson ...	... 4	William Ford ...	9
William Rundle ...	... 5	William Richards ...	Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves, and  
Conducted by Ernest W. Marsh.

\*First peal away from tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Francis Porse.

## Handbell Peals.

## OXHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 29, 1913, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At 43, Heath Road,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5021 CHANGES.

Hubert Eden ...	1-2	George N. Price ...	7-8
William Hodgetts ...	3-4	*Frank T. Martin ...	9-10
George E. Howchin ...	5-6	Frederick W. Brinklow ...	11-12

Composed by John Carter, and  
Conducted by George N. Price.

Umpire—Thomas L. Simmons. \*First peal on twelve bells.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 6, 1913, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

At the George the Fourth, Brunswick Street, Haggerston,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

In the Kent Variation.

George R. Pye ...	1-2	William Shepherd ...	7-8
William Pye ...	3-4	Arthur F. Shepherd ...	9-10
Ernest Pye ...	5-6	Alfred W. Grimes ...	11-12

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow, and  
Conducted by William Pye.

Umpire—W. Hewett. First peal of Treble Bob Maximus in hand by all.

## OXHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

At 43, Heath Road,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Willie Roughton ...	1-2	George N. Price ...	5-6
Hubert Eden ...	3-4	Frank T. Martin ...	7-8

Conducted by George N. Price.

Umpire—Francis A. Smith.

## CROYDON, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 10, 1913, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At the Residence of A. W. Clark,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Reeves's Variation of Holt's Ten-Part.

Sidney R. Roper ...	1-2	Walter S. Wise ...	5 6
Ackland J. Perkins ...	3-4	Amos W. Clark ...	7-8

Conducted by Ackland J. Perkins.

Umpire—Walter G. Rowe. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. William Ives, also to celebrate the 61st birthday of the conductor.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Croydon on Saturday, 1st February, 1913, there being representatives from nearly all the towers in the district, including those in the newly formed Southern area. The new ring of ten at St. Peter's, South Croydon, were in early request, and various touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal were rung until five o'clock, when the Rev. Arthur Reeve, the Vicar of St. Peter's, conducted a special service with a capital address for the ringers. Tea followed at St. Peter's Parish Hall (kindly lent by the Vicar and Churchwardens for the purpose), and to this some 65 set down. A short touch on handbells by members and friends, and an address of welcome to Croydon by the Rev. Canon White-Thomson (Rural Dean and Vicar of Croydon) introduced the members to the annual business meeting. This was presided over by the Rev. Arthur Reeve, who was supported by Mr. Percy Sylvester and Dr. Arthur B. Carpenter (Master of the Association), Messrs. Cyril Johnston (Hon. Sec.), Hy. Ewins (Southern District Sec.), Chas. Dean and Jas. George (Rugby), etc. The election of Committee and Officers resulted in all being re-elected except that Mr. Dean was appointed Auditor in place of Mr. Gowen, and it was decided to ask Mr. Daniels to reconsider his decision to retire from the post of Assistant-Secretary. Epsom was chosen for the Easter Meeting, Egham for the Summer Meeting, and Streatham for the Meeting in the Autumn, while Reigate and Redhill were selected for the next Annual Meeting. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicars and Churchwardens for the use of the bells to which the Rev. Arthur Reeve and Mr. Sylvester responded. In consequence of illness close to the Church the Bells at St. Peter's could only be rung for a short time after the Meeting, so that those who had come long distances could hear them, but the Bells at the Parish Church were available and some good touches were rung.

## KENT RINGERS AT EDENBRIDGE.

## PEAL BOARDS UNVEILED.

During the day two peal boards which record the first peals of Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples on the bells were formally unveiled, the inscriptions being:—(1) The Kent County Association. On Monday, June 17th, 1912, in three hours and twelve minutes, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 5,088 changes, tenor 14½ cwt., R. Jenner 1; A. Beeton, 2; G. Malyan, 3; J. Heasman, 4; W. Latter, 5; T. Wallis, 6; J. W. Steddy, 7; Thos. Groombridge, tenor. Composed by H. Davies, and conducted by T. Groombridge. (2) Kent County Association. On Tuesday, December 31st, 1912, in three hours six minutes, a peal of Stedman Triples, 5,040 changes, Thurston's Four-Part, J. Heasman, 1; A. Beeton, 2; R. Jenner, 3; W. Leigh, 4; Ern. Leigh, 5; G. Malyan, 6; J. Steddy, 7; Ed. Leigh, tenor. Conducted by J. W. Steddy.

A photograph of the members was taken outside the Church. Copies may be had through Mr. Latter, 26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells, at 1s. 6d. each.

## ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH, GUILDFORD.

We are pleased to be able to announce that the bells of St. Nicholas Church are going to be put in thorough repair. For a long time the bells have been going badly, the two tenor bells being very difficult to handle, especially in Major or Royal and it was impossible to attempt a peal. So bad had they become the ringers though it was impossible to continue ringing, and notice was given to the Rector and Wardens that ringing would have to be abandoned till something could be done to the bells. It was decided, to stop after ringing for evening service on Septuagesima Sunday. On Sexagesima Sunday the Rector made an eloquent appeal for funds to put the bells in order, saying it would be a disgrace to himself and the congregation to have the bells silent for the Easter festival, and he hoped the necessary amount (about £70) would be subscribed. So generous was the response that more than the sum required was subscribed by the Tuesday following. Estimates were asked for and that of Messrs. John Taylor & Co. Loughborough was accepted. Hopes are now entertained that the beautiful peal of ten bells will be going again on Easter day.

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## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. EASTERN BRANCH.

The Annual meeting of this branch was held at Leiston, when a short service was held in the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. S. Palmer). After tea had been discussed, the business meeting was held, the President, the Rev. M. Jennings, occupying the chair, among others present being the Rev. E. S. Palmer, and the Rev. —. Hulbert (Frampton). The officers for the ensuing year having been elected, Parton, near Spilsby, was chosen for the next meeting. Following this, a pleasing presentation was made to Mr. A. O. Barber, who after serving a

number of years as Treasurer, is retiring on account of deafness. The presentation took the form of a handsome timepiece. Mr. Barber, in acknowledging the presentation, thanked the members for the general kindness he had always received from ringers—from the highest to the lowest. He had rung in 58 towers, and during the last twelve years had walked or cycled 3326 miles and ridden by train or other conveyance, 1291 miles, making a total of 4617 miles. The clock would always remind him of the many happy hours he had spent with them.

The tower was then visited, and touches of Treble Bob Major and Minor, Bob Major and Minor, and

Grandsire Triples were brought round, and closed a very happy meeting.

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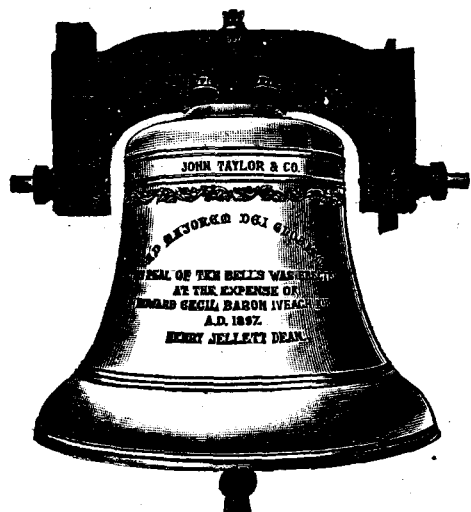
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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on February 18th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 27th St. Michael's, Corohill, on the 18th, Southwark Cathedral on the 25th. Also at St. Mary's Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings. St. Magnus 7.30 p.m. the others at 8 p.m. 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 Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, February 15th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. J. WATSON, Br. Sec.

33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James's, Haslingden, on Saturday, February 15th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

J. H. HAYDOCK, Branch Sec.

31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**The Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Wye on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Special service at 5 o'clock. An allowance of one penny per mile one way, maximum 2s., will be paid to all members attending. Subscriptions are now due, and will be gladly accepted at the meeting by

C. TAYLOR, Hon. Dis. Sec.

British School Villas, Tenterden.

**The Kent County Association.**—Canterbury District.—The Spring Meeting will be held at Wickhambreanx and Littlebourne on Saturday, February 22nd. Towers opened at 3 p.m. Service at Wickhambreanx at 5 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the Rev. G. Hyde Smith, in the village Club Room, at 5.30 p.m. Will all those who intend being present, kindly let me know by Tuesday, February 18th.

E. TRENDLE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Boughton, Faversham.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Cranleigh on Saturday, February 22nd. 3 o.—Bells (8) available. 5 o.—Service. The Rector will address the ringers. 5.45.—Tea in the schoolroom. Chairman: W. Welch, Esq., C.A., I.P. Tea tickets, Members 6d., Visitors 1s. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at or before the meeting.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitefield on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells available at 5.30. Meeting at 7 p.m.

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Branch Sec.

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—Luton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells available from 5.0 p.m. to 8.0 p.m. Will all members kindly make it convenient to attend.

A. KING, Hon. Sec.

5, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—Bedford District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells (6) at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., 6d.

24, St. Leonard's Avenue, Bedford. J. W. BARKER, Dis. Sec.

**The Kent County Association.**—The annual meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at Maidstone on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Meat tea at the Maidstone Restaurant, Bank Street, at 5.30 p.m. A charge of 3d. per member will be made for tea. All members intending to be present at tea must notify me not later than Tuesday, February 25th. All subscriptions due at this meeting.

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**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—North Bucks. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Stony Stratford on Saturday, March 1st next. Service at 3 o p.m. THOS. BEST, JUN., Sec. Bletchley.

**GOLDEN WEDDING.**

**SMALL-PARBOTT.**—On Sunday, February 8th, 1863, at All Saints Church, Moxley, Wednesbury, by the Rev. Patrick Wilson, William Rock Small to Martha Jane Parbott, both of Wednesbury.

**STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.**

On Wednesday, January 22nd, the St. Thomas's Church ringers were entertained to supper at the residence of O. C. Galimore, Esq., of Norton Grange. The band of twelve ringers, together with W. Fiddiau, Esq., Vicar's warden, and the verger, sat down to an excellent supper, which was much enjoyed. During the evening Mr. Fiddiau thanked the band for their services, and congratulated them on the improvement they had made under the leadership of Mr. G. H. Pagett, who had taken such a great interest in them, and to whom they were greatly indebted for his services. He was pleased to see so many of their young men taking part in the Church work.

Mr. Galimore (People's warden), in the absence of the Vicar (Rev. S. M. Newland), who was away from home, awarded the Vicar's prize, part of which consisted of "Standard Methods" and "Rope-Sight," to W. Meredith for best attendance and progress made during the past year.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded, through the leader, to Mr. and Mrs. Galimore for their kindness and continued interest.

Mr. Galimore, in reply, said it was a great pleasure to him and Mrs. Galimore to have them to spend a pleasant evening together, and he hoped to have them in the summer to play a game of bowls with him.

During the evening tunes on the handbells, and a course of Triples were rendered.

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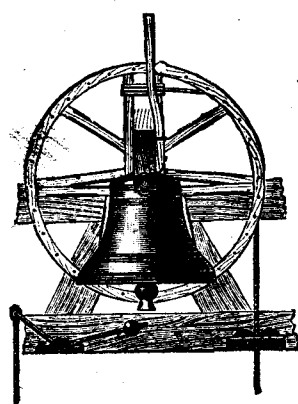
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wheels have been retained, so that it can  
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from the Lady Chapel to the choir when  
needed there for ordination sermons.

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## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

### BURTON-ON-TRENT DISTRICT.

A ringing meeting of the above district was held at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, February 1st, the following towers being represented: St. Paul's and St. Modwen's Buxton, St. Andrew's, Derby, Lichfield, Netherscale, Newhall, Hugglescote, Grantham and Rolleston. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich (Duffield, Superlative Surprise, and new Cambridge Surprise Major were rung on the excellent ring of eight which have just been recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The Chairman of the District (The Rev. J. J. Stockley), presided at the business meeting which was held in the belfry. The minutes of the previous meeting having been passed, one new ringing member was elected, and Newhall was selected as the place of the next meeting to be held on March 1st. At the conclusion of the meeting, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. J. J. Stockley, for the use of the bells and for presiding at the meeting.

The annual meeting of the District was held in St. Modwen's belfry, Burton-on-Trent, on Tuesday, February 4th. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Rev. J. J. Stockley, Mr. W. W. Worthington was voted to the chair. The minutes having been read, the following officers and committee were elected for the ensuing year:—Chairman, The Rev. J. J. Stockley; Committee, Messrs. E. J. Stone, and H. Hurdman; Local Secretary, Mr. H. Wakeley. The following were then nominated as officers of the Association:—President, Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart.; Vice-President, J. W. Taylor, Esq.; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. U. C. Wakeley; Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. E. White. A vote of thanks to the Local Secretary was carried, on the proposition of Mr. W. W. Worthington, seconded by Mr. G. Bull. The usual vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, brought the meeting to a close. During the evening touches of Triples and Major were rung in various methods on the tower bells.

## THE RECORD PEAL AT ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

### COMMEMORATIVE BOARD UNVEILED.

On Saturday last an interesting function took place in the belfry of the Church of St. Michael, and All Angels, Aston-under-Lyne, in the presence of a number of Church officials, ringers and others. They included The Rector (Rev. F. R. C. Huton, M.A.), Rev. R. G. F. Wyatt, B.A., Rev. A. D. Johnson, M.A. (Clergy of the Church), together with the Wardens; also Mr. Cyril F. Johnston (Croydon), and Mr. James George (Rugby). The object of the gathering was the unveiling of a Tablet, to commemorate the Record Peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus 12240 changes rung in the Tower on April 17th, 1911. After a few remarks on previous accomplishments by the Aston Ringers, Mr. Daniel Heap, the oldest of the local band, invited the Rector to unveil the Tablet. In so doing, the Rector congratulated the Ringers on their good performance, and hoped they would be spared in health and strength to achieve far greater accomplishments. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for his presence on the occasion after ringing a short touch of Kent T. B. Maxims, the party adjourned to a first-class cafe, where a buffet was provided, after which the Rev. R. G. F. Wyatt proposed the toast of the "King," and the "Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese." A few very fitting remarks were made by the following: Rev. R. G. F. Wyatt, Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, Mr. James George, and Mr. Daniel Hall, the latter giving a few incidents concerning the bells and bellringers of Aston. After singing the National Anthem the party dispersed, having spent a very enjoyable evening, the ringers winding up with a touch of 500 Kent Treble Bob Maximus.

## RINGERS AT THE FEAST.

### MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

Twenty-eight ringers and friends of the above Tower met to partake of the annual dinner, at the invitation of the Rector and Churchwardens. Previous to the dinner, the tower was opened at 4, and touches of Cambridge, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Bob and Grandsire, were rung. The neighbouring towers of Gravesend, Swanscombe, Cobham and Meopham, were represented. The tables being cleared, the company settled down to an evening of toast and song. The President (The Rector), presided, supported by Churchwardens J. Russell and W. J. Champion, and Mr. Noel Kershaw. After the toast of "The King" had been duly honoured, the President proposed "The Milton Bellringers." He was very pleased to see the brotherly feeling that existed in the present band, and during his 12 years' experience at Milton, he had never heard better ringing. He was cognisant of the fact that their first object was Sunday ringing, and urged them to always remember that that came first in their art. It gave him much pleasure to welcome them, especially the visitors from neighbouring towers. He likened bellringing to freemasonry, and hoped it would always continue. He wished them all health and happiness in the future, and hoped he would meet all again and hear of fresh records.

The leader of the Band (Mr. F. Mitchell), responded. This was their fourth year as a band, and considering they were all new hands, with exception of Mr. Fred Hayes, their progress was very good. He was proud to be their leader, and attributed their success to the whole-hearted way in which every one entered into their ringing; every man tried hard to keep pace with the rest. Outlining the ringing during the past year, the leader reported 101720's in ten methods, as follows:—Cambridge Surprise 5, Woodbine Treble Bob 9, Oxford Treble Bob 13, Kent 17, Canterbury Pleasure 13, Plain Bob 21, Oxford Bob 7, Grandsire Minor 12, College Single 2, Double Oxford 2. They had rung 4 peals during the year, the first in 7 methods at Milton, the first of minor at Cobham, the first at Meopham, and another at Milton in November, which enabled every member attached to the Tower, with one exception, to ring his first peal in the same year. In addition to this, they had rung a quarter peal in 4 methods and a date touch of 1912 in six. He considered that a very good performance for so young a band, and doubted whether a better record could be shown in the county, by six-bell ringers attached to one tower. He was very pleased to say that the Sunday ringing was well maintained, for a band only eight strong. He thought the most notable event of the year was when they rung to welcome an addition to the family of their fellow ringer, George Jones. He thanked the visitors for their kindnesses in many ways, and hoped to have the same loyal support of the band in the future.

The Leader then proposed "Our President and Vice-Presidents." In proposing the toast, Mr. Mitchell said he was pleased to see Mr. N. Kershaw with them for the first time. On behalf of the band he thanked the donors for the excellent spread, and said that having gentlemen at their head, who showed such a keen interest in the work of the ringers, nothing but success could come to them. The toast was received with acclamation, and accorded musical honors.

Mr. John Russell, in response, said he was pleased to hear the old bells ring. He congratulated the band on their success, and remarked on the pleasure it gave him to be with them again.

Mr. W. J. Champion was surprised he had never become a ringer himself. He remembered 35 years ago, while residing close to Milton Church, he took to himself to learn the fiddle, at the same time as a young band had decided to learn bellringing. Their practice nights fell together, and his poor mother was driven to distraction, and he believed that was the only time he had heard Milton bells spoken badly of. It gave the Rector and Wardens pleasure to help them in any way.

Mr. Noel Kershaw also replied.

The toast of "The Visitors" was entrusted to Mr. G. Ambrose, and he remarked on the pleasure of having four towers represented, viz., Swanscombe, Gravesend, Cobham and Meopham. He thanked them for the kindness and hospitality that had been extended to the Milton Band when visiting these towers, on various occasions, and hoped the same good feeling would always exist.

Mr. W. Harper (Swanscombe), replying, said the Milton Band must be proud of their President and Vice Presidents, and thanked them for their kind invitation.

Mr. R. Tall (Gravesend), also replied, and said it gave Mr. A. Constant and himself pleasure to be with them that evening.

The last toast "The Chairman," was entrusted to Mr. G. Jones. He said the Rector was a man everyone respected. He had read "The best work of God was a man," and Milton had that in their President.

The toast was accorded musical honours, and after a response by the Chairman, "God Save the King" concluded one of the most pleasant evenings yet spent by the Milton Band.

During the evening songs were sung by Messrs. Avis, Hadlow, Holden, E. Owen, E. Axon, while Mr. Frank Axon was well received with his "Glimpses of Life." Mr. H. Champion being an able accompanist, together with Mr. G. Jones.

## DEATH OF A GAINSBOROUGH RINGER.

THOMAS PATTINSON.

It is with regret that we record the death of the above-named ringer, which took place on Friday, February 14th, at the advanced age of 83. He was for upwards of 50 years a member of the Gainsborough Parish Church Company, and being of a cheerful and genial disposition, was greatly respected by all who knew him. He only took part in one peal (Holt's Ten Part, rung on March 23rd, 1887), which was the first by all the band, also by the North Lincolnshire Association, which was in existence previous to the formation of the Lincoln Diocese Guild. The interment took place on the Monday at the General Cemetery, and in the evening, at the Parish Church, as a tribute of respect to our old comrade, the bells were rung half-muffled a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), being brought round by the following: C. H. Baker, 1; J. C. Tinker, 2; F. S. W. Butler, 3; W. Dickenson, 4; J. T. Ladd (conductor), 5; H. Torr, 6; G. Wilson, 7; A. H. Curtis, 8. It was also rung as a token of sympathy with the relatives and friends of those who have lost their lives in the Antarctic disaster.

## PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT DOVER.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, February 12th, a peal-board was unveiled by Miss Elnor, in the belfry of St. Mary's Church, Dover. Amongst those present were the Vicar (The Rev. W. G. Elnor), Rev. C. P. Dale, Rev. E. C. Heell, Mr. W. Baker (churchwarden), and representatives of the various branches of workers at the Church. The Peal-board records a peal rung on the 30th October, 1912, when eight Dover ringers were successful in ringing in three hours the first peal in the history of local campanology. Those taking part in the peal were: R. Stevens (Treble); C. R. Millway, 2; A. H. Roberts, 3; H. J. Saunders, 4; H. C. Saywell, 5; G. Saunders, 6; C. Turner, 7; and W. Corteen (Tenor), conducted by C. Turner. After the unveiling the ringers were entertained to tea by Miss Elnor, followed by a pleasant hour spent in ringing changes and tunes on handbells, and songs, those contributing to the harmony being Messrs. H. J. Saunders, G. Saunders, C. Turner, W. Corteen, W. Sheaff (accompanist), also a selection on the piano by Mr. W. E. Pitman (Lyminge).

## AN APOLOGY.

To the Editor.

SIR,—The peal of Stedman Caters rung at Stepney on February 1st, I am sorry to say is false through my neglect, and I humbly apologise to the band who took part in it.

Yours etc.,

J. H. BARRETT.

## BELLRINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

INTERESTING CELEBRATION.

Among the many well-known ringers in the Black Country, few, if any, are better known than Mr. Wm. Rock Small, of Great Bridge, Tipton, whose golden wedding anniversary has just been celebrated by his brother-ringers in a way that proves him to be one whom they delighted to honour. Mr. Small has perhaps done more than most men to bring change-ringing to its present high state of perfection, and his influence in early years was exerted on the side of uplifting and ennobling the art of ringing. For the largest part of that period Mr. Small has visited belfries in various parts of the country, and taken part in many ringing tours.

So much is Mr. Small esteemed by the ringing fraternity, that when it became known that he was approaching the jubilee of his wedding day, it was determined to mark that event by a presentation, in which not only ringers in Tipton, but those from the surrounding districts were anxious to join. Saturday, the 8th inst., was the date of the anniversary, and that day being most convenient for the presentation, it was fixed on, and a gathering took place in St. Martin's schools, Tipton. The function was preceded by a special peal, which was published last week.

The company numbered about eighty, those present including the Vicar (Rev. W. T. de Vine, M.A.), Rev. F. N. Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rock Small, Alderman Pritchard (Birmingham), Mr. John Godfrey (Pershore), Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Jones (Blakenhall; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gough (Coseley); Mr. and Mrs. Russam, Mr. and Mrs. Davis (Birmingham); Mr. J. and Mrs. Bailey (Ocker Hill); Mr. H. Withers (Bournbrook); Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. E. Harris, Mr. J. Smith, and Mr. G. A. Banner (Tipton); Mr. and Mrs. J. Groves, and Mr. John Carter (Birmingham); Mr. James George (Rugby); Mr. Harry Mason (Haden Hill); Mr. Samuel Spittle (Dudley); Mr. Samuel Reeves (Christ Church, West Bromwich); and several other local ringers and their wives.

THE VICAR'S SPERCH.

The Vicar said a very pleasing duty devolved upon him. They were all aware that their dear old friend, Mr. Rock Small, was celebrating his golden wedding that day, an event which it was granted to few men and their wives to enjoy. He was quite sure that in their case the affection begun fifty years ago had not been lessened, but had rather increased by age. Mr. Small was known not only in the little tower of that Church—which was rather a noted tower—but to belfries all over the country. Mr. Small had worked well all through the archdeaconry for the bell-ringing fraternity. Their towers were now very different to what they used to be in years gone by. There was now a friendly feeling between congregation and the bellringers, although the towers were not visited by friends in the congregation so often as they could wish, but there was now a feeling that the choir and the bellringers were on the same footing in helping on the work of God. The ringers not only rang people to church, but they came to church themselves. Such men as Mr. Small had been the means, under God, in causing a happy change in this direction to take place. The ringers, with a commendable spirit, wished to keep the idea of the presentation entirely to themselves, but he (the Vicar) felt that he wanted to join in. They had met to do honour to Mr. and Mrs. Rock Small, and hoped they would live many more years happily together.

The Vicar then banded to Mr. Small an illuminated address, beautifully framed, two framed portraits (Mr. and Mrs. Small) and a Bible.

#### MR. SMALL'S RESPONSE.

Mr. Small, in thanking all those who had subscribed, remarked that a good deal that evening had taken him by surprise, although he had an inkling as to the pictures. He gave place to no one in enthusiasm for change-ringing, and he had done all he could to further it. As many were aware the ringers of the present day and of times past were different classes of men. Through the instrumentality of some who were present that evening they had tried to improve bell-ringing and bell-ringers, and had been fairly successful. He and his wife had reared a family, and the youngest—a bell-ringer—was in the room. Fifty years ago that day they went to Moxley and got married, and neither had regretted it. Then were as happy now as ever they were, and had no cause to regret the day.

Aldermen J. S. Pritchett (King's Norton), added a word on behalf of St. Martin's Guild. He observed that the longer he knew Mr. Small, the more he respected him. He was a man whose hand anybody would be proud to grasp. He congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Small on having enjoyed fifty years of a happy, useful life.

Mr. Samuel Spittle said he was proud to express his gratitude to their good old friend, Mr. Rock Small, for the assistance he had received from him in the art of change-ringing. They had been together for a number of years in the Worcestershire Association, although five or six years ago they formed an association for the district around

Dudley, of which Mr. Small was the treasurer. He had no doubt that the illuminated address would recall to Mr. Small many interesting reminiscences of the past.

Mr. Harry Mason, of Haden Hill, said there was no ringer in the Black Country or the Midlands that they delighted to honour more than Mr. Small, whose enthusiasm for the art of change-ringing was such that even now he could tire out the youngest.

Mr. W. H. Godden (Pershore) bore testimony to the very kind way in which Mr. Small had encouraged him in his younger days.

Mr. Mason proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, the donors of the tea and those who prepared it, and to the secretary and treasurer of the presentation fund, Mr. John Smith, who was the right man in the right place.

Mr. John Smith, in reply, said that Mr. Small was worth all they had done for him. Forty years ago Mr. Small came to the belfry there, and found the ringers with their bottle and pipe, but their friend altered all that kind of thing. The ringers now attended the service. In the belfry there was a record of Mr. Small's enthusiasm. Mr. Small had erected two stone tablets himself, and handed them over to the Vicar and wardens. One was placed in the body of the Church, and was the only memorial in Tipton to the late Queen Victoria.

The Vicar also replied, remarking that they could not wonder at the interest he took in ringing when they heard that the belfry was swept and garnished, and that prayer was offered before and after ringing.

The proceedings were interspersed with musical items.

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## QUARTERLY MEETING AT MALINSLEE.

On Saturday, February 11th, a very successful meeting was held at the above Church. It was intended to go to Berrington, but the Rev. H. B. Beckwith explained that the bells were in a bad state, so it was decided to meet at Malinslee, the Rev. E. Parry, Vicar, saying they would be very pleased to welcome the Guild there. About twenty attended from Shrewsbury, Dawley and Coalbrookdale. Good ringing was done in Bob Minor, Stedman, Grand-sire, and Plain Bob Doubles. Mr. Woodbine, captain of the local band, collected enough money to provide an excellent tea, which Mrs. Woodbine and several other ladies dispensed in fine style, and they were afterwards accorded a vote of thanks. The business meetings, over which the Rev. E. Parry presided, supported by the Rev. C. B. Crowe, R.D. (Vicar of Coalbrookdale), and the Rev. —. Terrot (resident curate at Malinslee), was afterwards held. The Rev. H. B. Beckwith read the minutes of the last meeting. One honorary member was elected. The Guild's peal-book came in for much admiration. Some good handbell ringing was done, including a course of Grandsire Caters, and several courses of Grandsire Triples in one of which Charles Watts rang the first four, a thing which does not happen every day in the county of Salop. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Church Stretton, failing that, Whitchurch. Tracks were then made for the tower again, where ringing was kept up till 9 o'clock. The Secretary announced that Mr. E. R. Trevor Corbett had written to him saying Mr. C. R. Lilley was now living in Shrewsbury. It is hoped that this will be the means of getting the ring of twelve at St. Chad's, and also the beautiful ring of ten at St. Mary's rang regularly. Shrewsbury ringers will appreciate this we feel sure.

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(Contributed by WILLIAM SNOWDON, Past President of the Yorkshire Association.)

## CHAPTER III. (Continued.)

Before closing our review of this very interesting case, we may say—lest a casual survey of the circumstances might incline an outsider to regret that the College Youths did not submit the figures for examination—that it was a fortunate thing that the peal was first secured, lest criticisms might have led to the abandonment of the attempt, and the consequent non-achievement of this fine performance. Such in our opinion would have been a much greater disaster than the subsequent non-acceptance of the figures as being a correct extension of the Major. The successful accomplishment of a peal attempting a solution of London Royal, with its admixture of whole pulls, both wrong and right, absolutely redeems everything else, so that the plucky College Youths deserve our sympathy, whilst they equally command our respect.

As a matter of fact any method that seeks Plain Bob below the places in the track of the treble, with Treble Bob movements above such track, was doomed: the wonder was its satisfactory extension from Minor to Major!

The system of development which accompanied the remark "I'll teach you to be a toad" does not here apply, for the "Rose-by-another-name" Surprise Method is in itself admirable, but, alas, it does not assist us in publishing a Standard treble lead of London Royal.

So in the end it appears that of all our interesting Surprise specimens, the only one that survives in its extension to Royal and Maximus is our first and well-tried friend, CAMBRIDGE, to which method all honour, notwithstanding that we do not know—oddly enough—whom to thank for it!

Lest anyone might think that we are making too much of this question of the correct building up and extension of a Surprise Method, it may be well to remind our readers that only comparatively recently a valued official of our Central Council—who did yeoman service for us in his day be it remembered—framed a Major Surprise Method (so called) and furnished the Exercise with many suitable compositions of his own which ought to have given it a fair start—one only of which, as far as we know, was ever rung.

Yet, to-day, so much has our knowledge of the subject advanced, no one with any claim to special knowledge would class it as a Surprise method. If our memory serves us the method was New Cumberland Surprise, and it broke down—as a Surprise—because of its undoubted Treble Bob relationship with certain blows behind. It had, by the way, as one of its strong points a clear proof scale—a quality we think unattainable in the genuine and curiously developed Surprise family.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## THE BATTLE SOCIETY.

Tuesday, February 11th, being the Annual Meeting, before proceeding with the election of officers regret was expressed that the Secretary, Mr. W. H. Eldridge, was still unable to work after his accident in August, 1911, and a letter of regret was ordered to be written to him; it was also resolved that he be elected a life member of the Society. Mr. Franks was re-elected as Leader, and F. Mathis as Secretary. The latter's address is 16, Upper Lake, Battle.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Sunday, February 16th, for Divine Service in the evening at the Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1913 changes), in 1 hr. 13 mins. A. G. Clarke, W. Gordon, sen., J. H. Mason, J. A. Gordon, A. Gordon, P. Brickell, A. S. Gordon, E. A. Hulme, Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat. The touch was arranged from Holt's ten-part and conducted by W. Gordon, sen., and the bells were half-muffled out of respect for Captain Scott and his brave band of Britons, whose lives were sacrificed in the cause of science near the South Pole last March.

## THE LONG STANTON TENOR.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS ACKNOWLEDGED.

The Vicar and Churchwardens acknowledge with many thanks the following donations to the fund for recasting the tenor bell:—

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## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHESHUNT (Herts.)—On Thursday, February 6th, for practice, several courses of Stedman Doubles. G. Radley, G. Maxim, F. Jelf, H. G. Rowe, H. Cornwell, C. Dilley, H. Simmons, D. Tucker. Also two courses of Bob Major. C. Dilley, G. Andrews, H. G. Rowe, H. Cornwell, F. Jelf, W. Saban, G. Maxim, G. Radley. Also on Thursday, February 13th, several courses of Oxford Bob Triples. D. Tucker, G. Andrews, H. G. Rowe, E. Jelf, G. Maxim, C. Dilley, H. Simmons, R. Smith. First in the method by a local band. Also on Sunday, February 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. D. Tucker, G. Andrews, G. Maxim, F. Jelf, H. G. Rowe (conductor), C. Dilley, H. Simmons, R. Smith. And for evening service 504 conducted by F. Jelf, Messrs. Radley and Saban belong to Broxbourne; the rest to the local band.

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Harry Tidy ... 4	William Charman ... Tenor	

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63425	-	-	-	-
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54236	-	-	-	-
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36245	-	-	-
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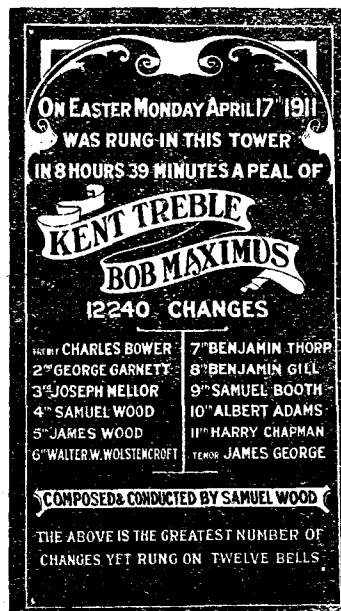
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## The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1913.

### IS THE BELFRY A PLACE FOR LADIES?

This question is raised, by a writer signing himself "Grandsire," in a letter to the "Hants and Berks. Gazette" of last week. Commenting on the subject, he asks "What can possibly have induced ladies to take up this strenuous and essentially men's work in the belfry," and goes on to contend that "although it is a very healthful exercise, and a splendid body developer, and a matter in which skill is the most important factor, it does require a good deal of stamina to be a successful bell-ringer. I honestly say I view this intrusion with not a little concern. In fact, I am quite unable to understand why ladies should prefer to leave their many womanly pursuits and pastimes, and to range themselves with a number of men in a belfry to manipulate a huge bell of so many hundredweight. We of the sterner sex rightly take a pride in doing some big, strong and manly work, especially when it is serving a good purpose, but I trust the day is far distant when any great number of ladies will unnecessarily seek to imitate us in that respect. But, again, I ask why is it that this new idea is being brought so prominently before us? Is it because there are no men willing to take up this useful and scientific work? No; I am absolutely certain that is not the case. Is it because the men welcome the ladies' advent into the belfry? So far as my experience goes it is quite the reverse. I believe the fact is that when a lady has been anxious to learn to ring (and I am glad to say that up till now such instances have been very few and isolated), it has been regarded by the ringers as merely a freak. The aspirant has been brought in under the ægis of the conductor—perhaps she was the parson's daughter or a relative of the conductor—and the innovation was hardly noticed. But now, behold a Ladies' Guild of Change-Ringers! Well, all I can urge now, and I do so most earnestly, is that if the ladies must form a guild and desire to advance the art of change-ringing (and there is not the slightest reason why they should not, and, indeed, become very expert in the Exercise), let them procure some sets of handbells and pursue their practice in a comfortable room or shady nook as the case may be, and doubtless they will find their

brother strings eager, if invited, to join them at their meetings, and so avoid the belfry, which for all time, by the nature of the occupation, has properly been regarded as a special sanctum for men. In connection with handbell work, might I just be allowed to direct attention to the great possibilities of deriving profitable enjoyment in the family circle or amongst coteries of friends in clubs, etc., by the practice of the wonderful art of change-ringing—so mysterious to the uninitiated?"

Although we give the letter in extenso, we do not necessarily endorse the opinions of "Grandsire," but believe the Ladies' Guild has come to stay. There are, of course, two sides to every question, and other ringers may desire to ventilate their opinions; if so, our columns are open to them.

A complaint has reached us that for some weeks a reader has not received his "BELL NEWS" until a week after date. We are investigating with a view to ascertaining the reason for this unaccountable delay, for which neither printer nor publishers are to blame. The delay has occurred somewhere between the time the papers have left the publishers' hands and that of reaching the customer. Since the paper came into our hands in March last we have made a point of getting it out so that our readers should get it by Saturday evening at latest. If there are any readers who do not receive their copies by that time we should be obliged if they would send us word so that steps may be taken to prevent a recurrence.

Mr. Geo. Stacey, of Minehead, Somerset, supplies ringers with Bell Pendants for the watch chain. Will our correspondent who recently enquired about this please note? This information may be useful to other ringers.

The attention of handbell ringers is called to the advertisement of Mr. William Gordon, on another page, more especially to the last paragraph, in which he offers facilities for obtaining a supply of music at reduced rates. The offer is only good for this one week, so that those who desire to take advantage of it should send their orders at once.

### The Metropolis.

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

On Tuesday, February 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES. TENOR 20 CWT.

JOHN H. B. HESSE .. .. Treble	WILLIAM HEWETT .. .. 5
FRANK I. HAIRS .. .. 2	EDWIN F. PIKE .. .. 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES .. .. 3	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 7
HAROLD BURTON .. .. 4	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and  
Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

This is Edwin F. Pike's 50th peal.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY (Leicestershire).—At the Parish Church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, 1260 changes, being ten 6-scores each called differently, and a 60, in 54 mins. G. Wood, G. Fretter, C. H. Briggs, J. Brunt, W. H. Inglesant (conductor). Tenor 19½ cwt. Mr. C. H. Briggs hails from Stoney Stanton; Mr. G. Wood from Sharnford. This quarter-peal was rung for a practice, and upon the occasion of Mr. Wood and Mr. Briggs visiting Broughton Astley.

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

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES .. .. Treble	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 5
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 2	REUBEN SANDERS .. .. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3	BART MITCHELL .. .. 7
ALBERT H. WARD .. .. 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and  
Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Messrs. Ward and Mitchell bail from Derby.

### THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in Three Hours

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

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lbs.

THOMAS WALKER .. .. Treble	ROBERT W. GREEN .. .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. .. 2	ARTHUR H. PALMER .. .. 6
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGES .. .. 3	ARTHUR D. BARKER .. .. 7
RICHARD N. RUNHAM .. .. 4	FREDERICK J. HARDY .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and  
Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor, 4th and 6th ringers. Rung as a 73rd birthday compliment to the steeplekeeper, Mr. G. Woodage.

### The Provinces.

#### NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST AND THE HOLY SEPULCHRE

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES BRUNDELL .. .. Treble	WILLIAM W. GOODBOURN .. .. 5
JOHN FREEMAN .. .. 2	FREDERICK W. CURTIS .. .. 6
GEORGE MAYERS .. .. 3	CHARLES W. BULLEN .. .. 7
ARTHUR C. TYRRELL .. .. 4	JOHN E. BURTON .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS, and  
Conducted by JOHN E. BURTON.

### YAXLEY, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES NUNN .. .. Treble	ALFREDUS BERRY .. .. 4
EDWARD YOUNGS .. .. 2	LEONARD LAST .. .. 5
WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. 3	FREDERICK WATLING .. .. Tenor

Conducted by F. WATLING.

This is the second peal on the bells by the above Association.

### BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. Treble	FREDERICK PAGE .. .. 5
WILFRID J. MOSS .. .. 2	*FRANK BRICKELL .. .. 6
JAS. WM. WASHBROOK, SEN. .. .. 3	RICHARD NEWTON .. .. 7
THOMAS BOTTRILL .. .. 4	ROBERT DAVIES .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

\*First peal in the method. The ringers take this opportunity to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells; also Mr. Wm. Ryder, the steeplekeeper, for having all in readiness.

### ILKLEY.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES RALPH .. .. Treble	JAMES W. BIRKIN .. .. 5
GEORGE THORNTON .. .. 2	WILLIAM B. CLOUGH .. .. 6
J. B. JACKSON* .. .. 3	JAMES HORNER .. .. 7
WILLIAM B. SMITH .. .. 4	WILLIAM E. H. ASA .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by W. B. SMITH.

\*50th peal. J. W. Birkin's first peal in the method. The ringers of the treble, 2nd 6th and 7th belong to Otley; 3rd and 4th to Guiseley; 5th to Ilkley; tenor to Leeds. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. D. Clough, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. After the peal the band were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Birkin. The ringers thank the Vicar, Rev. F. Link, for the use of the bells.

### BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qrs. 9 lbs.

SIDNEY B. RICHARDS* .. Treble	ALBERT E. ANSCOMBE .. 4
FREDERICK J. MARTIN .. 2	†JAMES MORLEY .. .. 5
WILLIAM H. BANKS .. .. 3	*HARRY FUNNELL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. ANSCOMBE.

\*First peal. \*First peal with a bob bell. The conductor's first attempt to call a peal. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment on the 80th anniversary of the birthday of J. Burder, Esq., who for 33 years has been churchwarden, and for 35 years had read the lessons at the above Church. This is the first peal rung by a local band, who have all learnt to ring since Easter 1912, without their instructor, Mr. A. E. Edwards.

### HORSMONDEN, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

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

WILLIAM A. BOYS* .. Treble	FREDERICK BUTCHER .. 4
FRANK TURK .. .. 2	RICHARD HOPE .. .. 5
JIM BEACH .. .. 3	EDWIN LAMBERT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

\*First peal.

### NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

#### A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 43 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

GEORGE R. DAY .. Treble	GEORGE P. BURTON .. 6
ALEXANDER POTTER .. 2	HARRY J. BORRETT .. 7
WALTER G. CUTBUSH .. 3	CHARLES W. BULLEN .. 8
FRANK H. PHILLIPS .. 4	JOHN E. BURTON .. .. 9
CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 5	GEORGE MAYERS .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by JOHN E. BURTON.

First peal of Bob Royal on the bells.

WISBECH.—For evening service, February 16th, 720 Bob Minor with 6-8 covering. G. Duffield, R. Narborough, H. Piggins, S. Andrews, T. Haines, H. Banham (conductor), T. Banham, H. Cheeswright. After service the bells were half-muffled, and a touch of 240 changes, being 120 of Grandsire Doubles, and 120 of Plain Bob were rung in memory of the heroic band that lost their lives at the South Pole. H. Piggins, S. Andrews, T. Haines, H. Banham, R. Narborough (conductor), H. Cheeswright.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, London Treble Bob, Burton, College Exercise, London Scholars Pleasure, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

CHARLES NUNN .. .. .	Treble	ALPHAUS BERRY .. .. .	4
EDWARD YOUNG .. .. .	2	WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. .	5
LEONARD E. LAST .. .. .	3	WILLIAM ROSE .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by W. ROSE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled after the memorial service to the late Major-General the Hon. Arthur Henniker Major.

MARTLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being 720 each of College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and two of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

SAMUEL I. EATON* .. .. .	Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD .. .. .	4
ERNEST E. BARBER† .. .. .	2	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. .	5
REV. J. F. HASTINGS .. .. .	3	ERNEST GIBBS .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

\*First peal. †First peal of Minor inside. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Harold Gardener and Miss Moore, of Stamford-on-Teme.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.  
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES .. .. .	Treble	JOHN BUTLER .. .. .	5
WILLIAM B. BISS* .. .. .	2	FRED CHAMBERLAIN .. .. .	6
JOHN BULLEN .. .. .	3	ARTHUR E. MORGAN .. .. .	7
A. VICTOR MORGAN .. .. .	4	†FREDERIC STANBURY .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. MORGAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Lillian Biss, daughter of the ringers of the 2nd. First peal of Stedman on the bells. \*First peal in the method. †First peal.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS .. .. .	Treble	FREDK. G. DEWELL .. .. .	5
W. R. JOHN POULSON .. .. .	2	CHARLES WOODCOCK .. .. .	6
GEORGE LAMBERT .. .. .	3	THOMAS W. GARRARD .. .. .	7
WILLIAM FAYERS .. .. .	4	THOMAS PRYKE .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by the late WM. GARRETT, of Ipswich, and  
Conducted by A. SYMONDS.

BHNNINGTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. .. .	Treble	*JOHN HALE .. .. .	5
ALFRED TALBOT .. .. .	2	GEORGE GRAY .. .. .	6
HENRY R. GRAY .. .. .	3	JACK WARNER .. .. .	7
HENRY BOLTER .. .. .	4	WALTER SMITH .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED TALBOT.

\*First peal. First peal as conductor.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

PHILIP ALLFREY .. .. .	Treble	JOHN CAPP .. .. .	5
HERBERT RANN .. .. .	2	GEORGE ADES .. .. .	6
WILLIAM C. HAET .. .. .	3	ALBERT D. STONE .. .. .	7
HENRY STALHAM .. .. .	4	KEITH HAET .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by KEITH HAET.

LIVERPOOL.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE  
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5037 CHANGES.

Tenor 38 cwt.

HERBERT STANSFIELD .. .. .	Treble	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. .	7
HARRY HEAP .. .. .	2	BENJAMIN GILL .. .. .	8
THOMAS JAKEMAN .. .. .	3	SAMUEL BOOTH .. .. .	9
TOM WILDE .. .. .	4	WILLIAM DAVIES .. .. .	10
JONATHAN BROADBENT .. .. .	5	SAMUEL WOOD .. .. .	11
GEORGE WOODHALL .. .. .	6	BENJAMIN THORP .. .. .	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

First peal of Grandsire Cinques by Messrs. Davies, Woodhall, and Ridyard. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Daniel Heap, of Ashton.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. .. .	Treble	†FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON .. .. .	6
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. .. .	2	GEORGE H. DAYNES .. .. .	7
REGINALD BROUGHTON .. .. .	3	*EDWARD A. G. ALLEN .. .. .	8
THOMAS MANNERING .. .. .	4	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. .. .	9
GEORGE MOORE† .. .. .	5	†WILLIAM HAIGH .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and  
Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

\*First peal on ten bells. †First peal of Royal. Also first peal of Bob Royal by all the band.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
CARTER'S No. 33. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN CARTER .. .. .	Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH .. .. .	5
SAMUEL REEVES .. .. .	2	ALFRED ROWLEY .. .. .	6
WILLIAM R. SMAK .. .. .	3	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. .	7
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. .. .	4	*HARRY E. SMITH .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

\*First peal of Stedman. The above was rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Rock Small. See page 648.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BATTLE.—On Sunday, February 16th, being the 70th anniversary of the Dean's birth, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 47 mins. J. Thomas, W. J. Thomas, F. Mathis, P. Carter, A. Rideout, J. Sinden, W. Franks (conductor), C. T. Lennis. Later the Dean, the Very Rev. Edward Reid Currie, D.D., sent a message of thanks over from the Deanery to the ringers in the tower.

## ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-nine 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.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. Treble	GEORGE ROBERTS .. .. 5
JOHN JENNINGS .. .. 2	THOMAS BLOORE .. .. 6
EDWIN STRINGER .. .. 3	BERTRAM G. LEEDEHAM .. 7
GEORGE PARSONS .. .. 4	JACOB SEABORN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL.

All the band are service ringers, four at the above church and four at the Parish Church, Sutton Coldfield. The peal was rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. W. R. Small, of Tipton, Staffs. Both bands offer him their congratulations and best wishes.

## BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5091 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

FRANK HOLDER .. .. Treble	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 5
JAMES W. TRAPPITT .. .. 2	EDGAR HANCOX .. .. 7
DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. 3	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT .. .. 8
WILLIAM H. JOINER .. .. 4	JOSEPH J. PRATT .. .. 9
ALFRED CLAYTON .. .. 5	CHARLES KIPPEN .. .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT, and Conducted by FRANK HOLDER.

Messrs. Hancox and Pratt hail from Hillingdon, and were elected members of the above Association previous to starting.

## UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. Treble	WILLIAM BURGESS .. .. 5
GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. .. 2	CHARLES E. FISHER .. .. 6
ROBERT H. HAYWARD .. 3	H. WILLIAM BALDREY .. .. 7
ALFRED E. ACFIELD .. .. 4	HARRY R. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

## SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch).

On Thursday, February 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE OLD CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

MISS SARAH PIGOTT .. Treble	*HORACE HOWELL .. .. 5
GEORGE PIGOTT .. .. 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS .. .. 6
ERNEST E. BARBER .. .. 3	WILLIAM PAGE .. .. 7
JOSEPH PIGOTT .. .. 4	GEORGE F. SWANN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by W. PAGE.

\*First peal of Stedman. This peal was arranged specially for Messrs. E. Barber and W. Page, who hail from Malvern Link and Worcester respectively, and whose best thanks are tendered to Mr. J. Pigott for making arrangements and the rest of the band for attending. They especially experienced great pleasure in ringing a peal with Miss Pigott.

GREAT YARMOUTH (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, February 11th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes) H. Hammonds, W. T. Blyth, G. Clayton, R. Christian, H. Wright, F. Pestell, D. Hayward (conductor), W. Lee. And 304 Grandsire Triples. H. Wright, W. T. Blyth, G. Clayton, H. Hammonds, D. Hayward (conductor), W. Lee, F. Pestell, G. Ginn.

## SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 360 each of the following 14 methods in seven true 720s: i, Lancashire and Stamford; ii, Munden and Chester; iii, Surfleet and Beverley; iv, Canterbury and Newcastle; v, York and Durham; vi, London and Wells; vii, Lightfoot and Wearmouth.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM A. CARR .. Treble	JOHN WALEER .. .. 4
JAMES AYERS, JUN. .. 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER .. .. 5
MICHAEL F. HARRISON .. 3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON .. Tenor

Conducted by J. W. PARKER.

First peal in fourteen methods by all, and rung at the first attempt. It is the first peal in fourteen methods in seven 720s by the Association. Further reference to this peal will be found on page 644.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEAL .. Treble	CHARLES T. COLES .. .. 5
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 2	*RUBEN SANDERS .. .. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 3	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7
ALFRED W. GRIMES .. .. 4	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal in the method with a bob bell and first attempt. Rung on the 26th anniversary of A. J. Neale's first peal.

## BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

THOMAS BECKETT* .. Treble	GEORGE BAXTER .. .. 5
CLAYTON PARNELL .. .. 2	*CHARLES WOODS .. .. 6
HUBERT DAY .. .. 3	*HARRY LING .. .. 7
ERNEST LINCOLN .. .. 4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by FRANCOIS W. NAUNTON.

First peal of Major as conductor. \*First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the wife of the conductor.

## COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition of Thurstan's Four-Part.

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JOHN OVERTON .. .. 2	WILFRED OVERTON .. .. 6
HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 3	WM. SAUNDERS .. .. 7
HERBERT BAILEY .. .. 4	*JOHN GARRETT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED OVERTON.

Mr. John Overton attained his 62nd year on the above date, the band wishing him many happy returns.

LONDON.—On Sunday, January, 25th, for evening service at St. Giles, Camberwell, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes). T. H. Taffender (conductor), C. H. Hughes, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, W. H. Taffender, R. W. Green, C. R. W. Grimwood, A. D. Barker, F. J. Hardy.

**MALDON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION**  
(Maldon and District Guild).

On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in 2 Hours and 55 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 Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt.

John D. Buckingham ... Treble	Fredk. White ...	4
Alfred South ...	Fred Chalk ...	3
Harold Finch ...	Horace J. Mansfield ... Tenor	

Conducted by John D. Buckingham.

**BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.****THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Illtyd,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5740 CHANGES.**

Tenor 16 cwt.

William Smith ... Treble	David R. James ...	5
John W. Jones ...	Richard Evans ...	6
John Davies* ...	Fred Chamberlain ...	7
Sidney Dawe ...	John Cox ... Tenor	

Composed by W. H. Thompson, and  
Conducted by John Cox.

\*First peal, hails from Cowbridge, and was elected a member before starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. K. Pritchard, Esq., donor of the bells.

**MACCLESFIELD.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**  
(Macclesfield Branch).

On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Matthews' 12-Part No. 2. Tenor 18 cwt.

Wilfred Matthews ... Treble	Matthew J. Davenport	5
Frank Stoneley ...	Thomas Mottershead...	6
Arthur Burgess ...	*John Moss ...	7
Andrew B. Lomas ...	*Matthew Birch... Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by W. Matthews.

\*First peal; they are local men; the rest hail from Macclesfield. For figures of this composition see C.C. Collection, page 63.

**EWHURST, SURREY.****THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(Guildford District.)

On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Mrs. R. Whittington ... Treble	John Luff ...	4
Alfred Francis ...	Robert Whittington ...	5
William Tidy ...	William Denyer ... Tenor	

Conducted by W. Denyer.

First peal by the ringers of 2nd and 4th. First of Minor by the ringers of treble and tenor, and first peal as conductor. It is also the first peal ever rung on the bells by an entirely local company. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Ada Denyer, sister of the conductor, on her 15th birthday.

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**HULL.**—On Sunday, February 16th, at the Parish Church, a Memorial Service was held for Captain Scott and his comrades of the Antarctic Expedition, and a date touch of Grandsire Caters was rung with the bells half-muffled. F. Dale, C. Jackson (conductor), A. B. Cook, G. Dowling, F. Merrison, J. Highfield, T. Morton, T. Miller, D. W. Brown, J. Chamberlain,

**HEADCORN, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 24 cwt.

Fredk. Hodgkin ... Treble	William H. Lambert ...	5
Charles Tribe... ..	Fredk. Butcher ...	6
Tom Saunders ...	Jim Beach ...	7
Edwin Lambert ...	Philip Hodgkin ... Tenor	

Composed by Frank Bennett, and  
Conducted by Edwin Lambert.

For calling see K.C.A. Report, 1912, page 75.

**ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.****WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**  
(Northern Division.)

On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Barnabas,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE YORKSHIRE COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Walter Pigott ... Treble	Samuel Grove ...	5
John Bass ...	Morris J. Morris... ..	6
Horace Howell... ..	George Pigott ...	7
George F. Swann ...	Joseph Pigott ... Tenor	

Composed by Morris J. Morris, and  
Conducted by Joseph Pigott.

First peal in the method in the county.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.****THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

In the Oxford Variation. Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

Arthur Symonds ... Treble	Charles Woodcock ...	5
William Dent ...	*William Fayers ...	6
Harry Crick* ...	Thomas W. Garrard ...	7
George Lambert* ...	W. R. John Poulson ... Tenor	

Composed by J. Nicholl, and Conducted by A. Symonds.

\*First peal in the method. Rung with the bells deeply muffled, in deepest sympathy and as a token of respect, in memory of the heroes who lost their lives returning from the South Pole.

**GILLINGHAM, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

William A. Cooke ... Treble	William J. Walker ...	5
William Easter ...	James Tulett ...	6
Edward A. G. Allen ...	William Hunt ...	7
Ricks Paine ...	William Haigh ... Tenor	

Composed by A. Knights, and Conducted by W. Haigh.

First peal on the bells since they have been rebung in a new steel frame, and the 7th and two trebles, recast by Mr. A. Howell, of Ipswich. The ringers of the above wish to express their satisfaction at the splendid way the bells run, the work being a credit to the firm.

**WARWICK.**—On Monday, February 10th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. Miss M. Williams, Miss J. T. Williams, E. H. Adams (conductor), W. Male, E. Barrington, T. Standly, T. Male, G. Lapworth,



## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

### SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING.

The following is extracted from the Annual Report of this Association:—

Nineteen belfries have made returns against twenty-one last year; Winton, Stranton, Shildon, and Benwell dropping out, and Cramlington coming in for the first time, and West Hartlepool (St. Oswald's), after an absence of two years. The average number of points per belfry shows a slight increase being 492 against 473. The first three places are taken by:—1st—Sunderland St. Ignatius, 2,192 points; 2nd—North Shields, 1,765 points; 3rd—Darlington St. John's, 923 points. St. Ignatius

have beaten last year's score by over 200 points: they have rung 79,000 changes in nineteen methods, seventeen being Surprise. This is a splendid record, especially when we remember that this tower has lost one of its best ringers. In view of the increase at this tower, it will be interesting to see whether St. Ignatius will be the first eight-bell tower to carry off this certificate. North Shields' score is practically the same as last year: London Surprise, Stedman Caters and Triples being their principal methods, Darlington St. John's have increased their score by about sixty; they have a well varied sheet made up of Stedman, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, and Grandsire. Hurworth have crept up

to fourth place, but their total number of points is lower; they are now ringing three Surprise methods, and appear likely to rise further.

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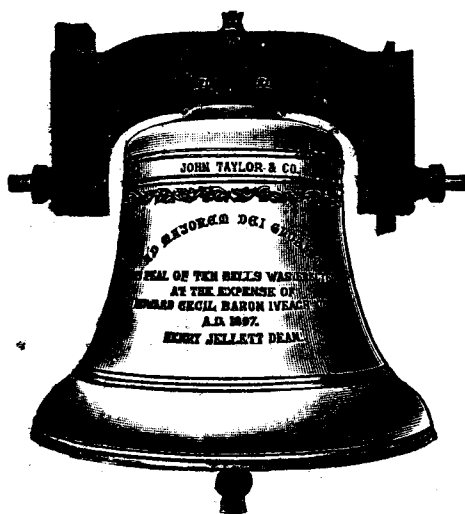
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### Notices.

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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 the 27th; Southwark Cathedral on the 25th; Also at St. Mary's Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings. St. Magnus 7.30 p.m., the others at 8 p.m. 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 Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. John the Baptist, Hillingdon, on Saturday, March 29th. Full particulars will be announced later.

C. T. COLES, } Hon. Secs.  
H. C. CHANDLER, }

49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.  
Church Road, Heston.

**The Kent County Association.**—Asford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Wye on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Special service at 5 o'clock. An allowance of one penny per mile one way, maximum 2s., will be paid to all members attending. Subscriptions are now due, and will be gladly accepted at the meeting by C. TRIBE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

British School Villas Tenterden.

**The Kent County Association.**—Canterbury District.—The Spring Meeting will be held at Wickhambreaux and Littlebourne on Saturday, February 22nd. Towers opened at 3 p.m. Service at Wickhambreaux at 5 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the Rev. G. Hyde Smith, in the village Club Room, at 5.30 p.m.

E. TRENDLE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Boughton, Faversham.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Cranleigh on Saturday, February 22nd. 3 o.—Bells (8) available. 5 o.—Service. The Rector will address the ringers. 5.45.—Tea in the schoolroom. Chairman: W. Welch, Esq., C.A. I.P. Tea tickets, Members 6d., Visitors 1s. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at or before the meeting.

North Street, Guildford.

JORN J. JONES, Hon. Sec.

**The Lancashire Association — Manchester Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at Whitefield on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells available at 5.30. Meeting at 7 p.m.

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Branch Sec.

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—Luton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells available from 5.0 p.m. to 8.0 p.m. Will all members kindly make it convenient to attend.

A. KING, Hon. Sec.

5, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—Bedford District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells (6) at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., 6d.

24, St. Leonard's Avenue, Bedford.

J. W. BARKER, Dis. Sec.

**The Kent County Association.**—The annual meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at Maidstone on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Meat tea at the Maidstone Restaurant, Bank Street, at 5.30 p.m. A charge of 3d. per member will be made for tea. All members intending to be present at tea must notify me not later than Tuesday, February 25th. All subscriptions due at this meeting.

GEO. MOORE, Dis. Sec.

71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

**St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.**—Established 1755.—The annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at Ye Olde Royal Hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 1st next at 6.30 p.m. Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart., in the chair. Tickets free to fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date, to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each. The bells of St. Martin's (12), and St. John's, Deritend (8) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock.

A. PAXTON SMITH, Hon. Sec.

11, Albert Road, Handsworth Birmingham.

**The Lancashire Association — Rochdale Branch.**—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Todmorden Parish

Church on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers welcome. The Committee meet at Todmorden on the same day.

J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—North Bucks. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Stony Stratford on Saturday, March 1st next. Service at 3 o p.m.

THOS. BERT, JUN., Sec.

Bletchley.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Barton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Newhall on Saturday, March 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.

HARRY WAKLEY, Local Hon. Sec.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—A meeting will be held at Kids Grove on Saturday, March 1st. Please notify Mr. J. A. Cook, 14, Wesley Street, Kids Grove, of how many intend to be present not later than February 24th.

REV. J. REAY, } Hon. Secs  
J. JOHNSON, }

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### ROCHDALE BRANCH.

St. Luke's ringers, Heywood, are making an appeal for help for an old ringer, Mr. John Harrison, who is seriously ill, and has been for some time. Subscriptions will be thankfully received and acknowledged. All letters to be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Jos. Tattersfield, 8, Longton Street, Heywood, near Manchester.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The help given by the experienced ringers in readily helping the learner at the district practices is evidence of a spirit which should ensure the future success of combined practices in the Northern District.

Already over thirty individual ringers have taken part in the three practices so far held, the last of which was at Benwell (six-bell tower), where fourteen ringers attended.

The curate of Benwell was present at the commencement, and the Vicar (the Rev. R. E. Shewell), visited the belfry during the evening.

A somewhat unlooked for result of these practices is the way in which the claims of change-ringing and the work of the Association are being brought to the notice of the clergy of the different churches visited.

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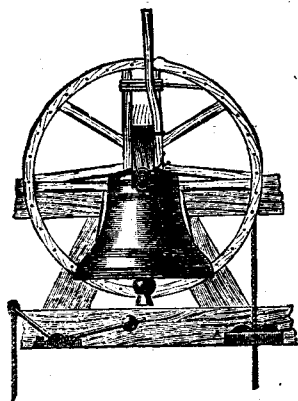
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**ALFRED BOWELL**  
**BELL FOUNDER,**  
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August 26th, 1912.

DEAR MR. BOWELL,—

I have much pleasure in telling you our bells at Leeds Church (all 10 without exception) ran well, thanks to the most efficient way in which you carried out the restoration of them.

Some 80 ringers were here at an Association meeting this Spring, many of whom have had many years' experience, and they one and all spoke of your work in a way which should make you feel proud of it. I shall always be pleased to hear testimony to your excellent work on Leeds bells, which for many years had been in such a bad state, and to act as a reference at any time you should require it; as I feel I cannot speak too highly of the work you and your men did here.

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The Bishop of London will dedicate on  
the afternoon of May 2nd, the tower and  
spire of St. Jude-on-the-Hill, the church  
of the Hampstead Garden Suburb, which  
Mr. E. L. Lutyens has added since its con-  
secration two years ago. The spire,  
which forms a landmark for miles around,  
has been given by friends of Mrs. S. A.  
Barnett, to commemorate her 60th birth-  
day.

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## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

Under the able leadership of Mr. T. T. Gofton, vice-president of the Association, a very enjoyable Northern district practice was held on Saturday, February 22nd, at Whitley Bay. From the outset, it was apparent that the Whitley band were determined to make the opportunity one of useful practice for the visitors, who left, after a strenuous evening of Kent, Plain Bob Major, and Stedman Triples, well pleased with the new bells. Many were safely piloted through their first touches by Messrs. Brothers Gofton. There was a very good attendance.

On Saturday, March 8th, at 6 p.m., the next practice will take place—the last before Easter. By kind permission of the Mayor of the historic town of Morpeth, the use of the peal of eight in the ancient Watch Tower has been granted for the practice on that date. The Watch Tower, one of the few places where the Curfew is still rung, is hardly less interesting than the town itself, though visitors to the tower miss the relics of bull-baiting days, which now have a place in the museum. Between the Watch Tower, standing in the Market Place and the River Wansbeck, is the house once occupied by Lord Colingwood, who on Lord Nelson's death at Trafalgar, assumed command of the British Fleet.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### LUTON DISTRICT.

The first annual meeting of this district was held at Luton on Saturday, February 22nd, and was a most successful one the ringing being of first-class order. Members were present from Dunstable, Leighton Buzzard, Woburn, Husborne Crawley, Hitchin, Harpenden, and the local company. The bells were kept busy during the afternoon and evening in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. The business meeting was held in the evening, Mr. E. Herbert, of Woburn, occupying the chair in the absence of the president, Rev. W. W. C. Baker, who was unavoidably absent.

The Hon. Secretary gave a brief retrospect of the meeting held since the division of the Association into districts, and it was the unanimous opinion of the members present that the monthly meetings held were a decided success, and helped to promote the art of change-ringing. The following officers were elected for the year:—President, Rev. W. W. C. Baker (Dunstable); Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. King (Luton). Committee, Messrs. C. Herbert (Woburn), M. Lane (Aspley Guise), H. Smith (Husborne Crawley), J. Nicholl (Leighton Buzzard), G. Healey (Dunstable).

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Woburn during April.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman for presiding, and to the Vicar of Luton for the use of the bells.

## WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHANGE-RINGERS.

A meeting of the Guildford District of the above was held at Cranleigh on Saturday, February 22, and was attended by ringers from Guildford, Clandon, Woking, Haslemere, Shalford, Ewhurst, Godalming, Dunsfold and other towers. Owing to the funeral, the bells were not rung till just before service at five o'clock. This was conducted by the Rector (Rev. P. Cunningham) who gave a practical address on the dignity and value of the ringers' office in the church. The rev. gentleman afterwards presided at tea, which was held in the school room. A business meeting followed, at which the hon. secretary (Mr. John J. Jones) read the items from the balance-sheet, which had been audited by Mr. H. Tunnell, of Merrow. It appeared that the district was in a most flourishing condition, and after paying all expenses had sent £11 16s. 7d. to the general secretary, being the largest balance of any sent by the seven districts into which the Guild is divided. Seven new members were elected, including two ladies. The report of the Peal Master (Mr. A. H. Pulling) was of a eulogistic nature, special reference being made to Godalming, Cranleigh and Ewhurst Towers for the peals rung by local men. The next combined practice was decided to be held at Whitley in April, and the next district meeting to take place at Binscad, in the same month. Mr. R. Whittington then read an account of the misfortune which have attended the Vicar, and ringers of Long Stanton, which showed that after increasing their peal of three bells to one of eight, the old tenor had become cracked, and must be re-cast. He ended by proposing that someone should take the hat round. The Rector, picking up his college cap, said it was generally agreed that the clergy were good beggars, and he would go round himself. On returning, he announced that the sum of exactly 10s. had been subscribed, which he hoped would cheer them up at Long Stanton. The bells were kept going in various methods during the evening, and brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

## DEDICATION OF CROSS AND BELLS AT ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR, SUNDERLAND.

On Sunday, February 23rd, a processional cross and the two new treble bells added to complete the ring of eight, were dedicated after Morning Prayer. The original ring of five bells was the gift of the late Mr. D. H. Haggie and family, in memory of their parents. The bells were dedicated on Easter Day, 1898. In the following year the number was increased to six by the addition of a treble bell. This was the gift of the Rev. Edgar Boddington, as a thank-offering for God's mercies to him during his vicariate, 1889 to 1899, and was dedicated on July 2nd. The two bells now added are the gift of Mr. Stanley M. Ritson, and are in memory of his mother, Mrs. M. A. Ritson, who entered into rest on St. Matthias' Day, Feb. 24th, 1912.

The procesional cross is of bronze, with five silver panels. In the centre "The Lamb," in blue enamel; in the four arms the symbols of the four Evangelists. The whole is richly chased, and the bosses of the base are set with amethysts. This cross is the gift of Mrs. F. M. Sykes, wife of the Vicar, and is a memorial to the late Mrs. M. A. Ritson, her mother.

The Dedictory Service was performed by the Vicar, the Rev. Edward Sykes, the trebles being sounded separately and the eight rung in rounds. An appropriate sermon was preached by the first Vicar of the parish, the Rev. Edgar Boddington, whose presence was much appreciated, especially by the remaining original members of the Ringers' Guild. During the day the ringing was done by the members of the local Guild, and included 504 Stedman Triples after morning service and also for evening service. The whole of the bells are the work of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and they have made a perfect splice, the ringers' verdict being that the ring is quite up to the top standard of the Loughborough firm. It is intended to have a gathering of the members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association on Easter Monday to celebrate the completion of the ring.

### OBITUARY.

MR. GEORGE EDWARD BOORMAN.

On Tuesday, January 7th, the funeral took place at St. Laurence's Church, Mereworth, Kent, of Mr. George Edward Boormaa, who passed away very suddenly at 3 a.m. on New Year's morning, his death coming as a great shock to his wife and family. Mr. Boorman had for many years been treasurer for the ringers, and had rung a great many 720s of Plain Bob, Grandsire, Treble Bob, etc. He was also a member of the St. Michael's band at East Peckham, a member of the Kent County Association, secretary for the Local Gardener's Society, and an Odd-fellow. He had only a short time before his death been ringing out the Old Year, and seemed delighted he had accomplished that task for 50 successive years. He was estate carpenter on the Yotes Court Estate for 27 years, and Lord Torrington and many of the inhabitants of Mereworth and neighbourhood were present at the funeral. The Burial Service was read by the Rev. — Crawford, who has been acting as priest-in-charge for some time. The ringers rang 720 Plain Bob, and 720 Grandsire Minor with the bells half-muffled, and a large number of wreaths were sent by sympathising friends. Mrs. G. E. Boorman and family desire to thank the many kind friends and neighbours for their expressions of sympathy in their sad bereavement; also the ringers for their tribute to their departed comrade, who was in his 67th year.

[This report came to hand so long after the event, that we decided not to publish it. Our correspondent, however, writes asking for its insertion as a special favour, and we, on this occasion, comply with the request.—ED.]

### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

LITTLE MUNDEN.

The total number of 720s rung by the Little Munden Society and visiting friends during the year 1912 was 74 in 14 methods. As for a number of years past, the Little Munden band rang for both Sunday services throughout the year.

### A FANCY.

Once, many years ago, it was my lot to select and invite an All-England band to attempt a five thousand of Stedman Cinques at a very famous tower. The peal was not rung; misfortune dogged it from the start. Some of those invited could not stand in, and some would not, preferring to walk abroad and listen. Then a dispute arose about the composition, and part withdrew in indignation and protest. The vacant places were filled up with lesser men, but trouble was not yet at an end, and it was no surprise when something less than an hour's indifferent ringing brought the attempt to an unhonoured end. It was a pity the selected band could not have started. Never did such a band meet for a peal; they were the very cream and pick of the Exercise; every one a conductor of ability; many of them famous composers; and all had made their name in more than one branch of ringing. Yet I doubt if they would have rung a first-class peal. A good local band like St. Martin's, Birmingham, St. Mary's, Ipswich, or St. Paul's Cathedral, used to ringing together, will always do better than a scratch band of stars, and partly probably because a man whose reputation is in the making is a better man than him whose reputation is made. I shall not give the names; you may supply them from your imagination; it is rather fascinating fancy to pick out the best twelve men in England to settle the point whether Brown's outstanding abilities as a composer give him the preference over Jones who is in the first rank as a conductor, or whether both should be passed over in favour of Robinson, who is neither composer nor conductor but a sound ringer and accurate striker.

But how if one could pick a band from the heroes of old time, could the shades of the Great Departed revisit the scenes of their former triumphs? For such a peal there is only one tower—St. Saviour's, Southwark—St. Martin's, Birmingham, and St. Peter's, Norwich, alone could hope to rival it in historic interest; the others are nowhere. The method would have to be, I think, Treble Twelve, for we should like to see how the old ones could turn in a big bell. And if Treble Bob, then Oxford. We could not leave Annable out of the band, and he would think mighty scorn of such new-fangled stuff as Kent. Old Ben, by right of his position as the Grand Old Man of ringing would be the first to be solicited, and we could not do less than ask him to call. Indeed I doubt if otherwise he would stand in. There is only one man for the tenor at St. Saviour's in Treble Twelve, and that is John Marden. His rival, Samuel Moggeridge, might come to listen and criticise, but we cannot spare a rope for him. John Reeves shall have a place; and so shall Geo. Groves if only to represent the Cumberlands; and we owe too much to John Holt to pass him over. We will have Samuel Thurston to represent the old Norwich Scholars, but not without a protest from Melchior, Lindsay, and Cheshunt, who want to know why they should be passed over in favour of a younger, and to their minds, inferior man. I should like to include John Garthorn, the composer and conductor of the first peal ever rung, but he never had any opportunity of hearing twelve bells in his lifetime, and it is doubtful if he has had any practice since. He shall come, an honoured guest to listen, and so shall Fabian Stedman to see how the good seed he sowed has grown and flourished. From Birmingham we will invite Henry Johnson, a mere lad among the others, and Thomas Thurstans on the strength of his peals of Stedman Triples. The north shall send Booth and Jasper Snowden will be there, not to ring,

but to tell us all about it afterwards. Tough old James Barham shall have a rope, and from the west we will have William Estcourt. But it will be well to give him a gentle hint to be careful of his striking, or he is pretty sure to be told of it sharply enough. There is one rope left, and we will give that to a man still living, who has become little more than a name to the rising generation, but whose extraordinary genius for ringing make him a fit companion for the great ringers of all time. That were a band to see, and a peal indeed to hear; but, perhaps, if there are any bells in the Hall of Walhalla, they have already met and rung it.

J. A. T.

### RINGERS ROUND THE FESTIVE BOARD.

#### RUGBY ST. ANDREW'S.

The ringing members of the St. Andrew's Society were the guests of their President and Mrs. Blagdon at the rectory recently. In proposing "Long life and prosperity to the Society," and to members, the Rector said that both Mrs. Blagdon and himself felt very thankful on the day that they arrived at their new home, to hear the beautiful bells ringing out a hearty welcome. He would like to take the opportunity of congratulating the ringers that took part in the peal.

The Ringing-Master (Mr. J. B. Fenton), expressed their sincere thanks for the kind hospitality extended to them. They were pleased to meet their new Rector and Mrs. Blagden, and hoped they would be spared to live amongst them for many years to come. He proposed the health of

the Rector and Mrs. Blagden, and in a few well-chosen words wished them long life, much happiness, and good health, and hoped they would find Rugby and its surroundings as interesting as Oxford.

The Rector in reply said that Mrs. Blagden and himself always enjoyed a ramble in the country, and he felt sure that they would enjoy leafy Warwickshire.

An adjournment was made to the study where, in the space of one or two intervals, some sixteen or seventeen volcanoes were sending forth not lava, but smoke.

Courses of Grandsire Caters and Triples, together with some tune-playing upon handbells were rendered by Messrs. Fenton, Malins, Chandler, George, Hessian, and White.

A quick six in Stedman Triples is not to be compared with the pace at which this very enjoyable evening passed away.

#### ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

##### ANNUAL MEETING.

At the eighteenth annual meeting of this society, held at St. Andrew's Church, the Rector (Rev. Claude M. Blagdon) presided, supported by Messrs. W. Brooks (churchwarden), Fenton (Ringing Master), White (Hon. Sec.), George, and other members.

Mr. Fenton was re-elected ringing master, Mr. Hessian deputy ringing master and auditor, Mr. Chandler hon. sec. and treasurer, E. Watson, W. Malins, and H. O. White (committee).

Mr. Fenton said the society had had a very successful year, having rang three complete peals, one of which was the 500th peal rung by Mr. James George, who is one of the Society's oldest members. The peal was rung at South Wigston.

A vote of thanks to the President for presiding, concluded the meeting.

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## THE SURPRISE METHODS.

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## CHAPTER IV.

We come at last to the class of intricate method-building previously referred to, viz., the clever modern development of a Major type which has been so far erroneously termed a Surprise. This we are thankful to say is not thrown together in quite the happy-go-lucky, trial and error selected, but nevertheless wonderful, style of the old and genuine family.

The new system may be described as being without a working bell setting out from the front and wondering—if we may so put it—whether it will ever reach the back, or vice versa. Because in the new class—to state the matter broadly—its exact temporary movements amongst the front four bells, for instance, have been arranged from the very first, and then, after accomplishing these, it passes to the back and there has an innings amongst the four behind, and so on. As we are unable to class this as a Surprise we have endeavoured to be thoroughly appreciative, given it the name of a "Triumph" in our dealings with it, both here and in our note books, for we view it as being more than equal to,—we mean better in every way than—a Surprise.

The only specimen we intend to deal with here, a very excellent one, is Bristol, i.e., Bristol "Triumph," no relation of course to the discarded Bristol Minor of the "Clavis." Its talented author, the Rev. E. Banks James, has not to our knowledge attempted any extensions to Maximus, which, as it seems to us, is probably the sole and only ground for further possibilities; it would indeed be a double Triumph if he were able to so extend it; contract it he cannot. At least this is our view.

We annex a plain lead, divided into sections, which best shows the admirable system on which the method is built; and beneath we give the treble's lead of a bob.

## BRISTOL TRIUMPH.

1 2 3 4	5 6 7 8
2 1 4 3	6 5 8 7
1 2 3 4	6 8 5 7
2 1 4 3	8 6 7 5
2 4 1 3	6 8 5 7
4 2 3 1	6 5 8 7
2 4 1 3	5 6 7 8
4 2 3 1	5 7 6 8

2 4 3 5	1 7 8 6
2 3 4 5	7 1 6 8
3 2 5 4	1 7 8 6
3 5 2 4	7 1 6 8
5 3 4 2	7 6 1 8
3 5 2 4	6 7 8 1
3 2 5 4	7 6 1 8
2 3 4 5	6 7 8 1

2 4 3 6	5 8 7 1
4 2 6 3	8 5 1 7
4 6 2 3	5 8 7 1
6 4 3 2	8 5 1 7
4 6 2 3	8 1 5 7
4 2 6 3	1 8 7 5
2 4 3 6	8 1 5 7
2 3 4 6	1 8 7 5

3 2 4 1	6 8 5 7
2 3 1 4	6 5 8 7
3 2 4 1	5 6 7 8
2 3 1 4	5 7 6 8
2 1 3 4	7 5 8 6
1 2 4 3	5 7 6 8
2 1 3 4	5 6 7 8
1 2 4 3	6 5 8 7

1 4 2 6	3 8 5 7
BOB.	
1 2 4 3	6 5 8 7
1 4 2 3	5 6 7 8

A verbal description would run thus:—The treble-lead of a Treble Bob hunt is divided horizontally into four sections of eight rows each—rounds forming the first row of the first section—and these in turn are divided vertically in halves, so that we get eight groups of four bells in each row. The bells in all these groups work busily away, quite independently, but are alertly ready to pass and interchange bells at the cross-sections in 5-6 of the various "Eights," as they may be termed, so that the "circulation" may be kept up and congestion avoided. The neat way in which the treble crosses and recrosses in 5-6, up and down, without losing its treble-bob step, is worthy of admiration; and equally of course, that of the interchanging bell which has to fall in with this movement. Again, when the treble leads and lies we get the same interchange in 5-6 between two working bells—another neat feature.

Beside a reversed front and back relationship between the Eights, there are other similar relative movements, direct and reverse, between them; but all will be best impressed on the mind by a careful analysis of the given lead. Our title "Triumph," comes in with full force, when we notice the Treble Bob behaviour of the bell in front and behind, when the treble lies and leads, because this bars any claim for Bristol's enrolment in the old Surprise family. But apart from this—which may be avoided in some Triumph variations—the system does not belong to the Surprise family, which, in the language of the profane, is "quite up another street," as we shall show as we proceed.

We do not know how many variations Mr. James has obtained on his system, but as we are not writing on Triumphs we are obliged to leave the subject in this interesting state of incompleteness.

Bristol has a clear proof scale—a quality not obtainable, in our opinion, in any genuine Surprise method; but on the other hand some of the Triumph variations get entangled, we believe, with internal falseness, and possibly become more interesting to some on that account. This remark must not be held as non-appreciative of Bristol's clear proof scale, as that in itself is a real "triumph" in a method of such complexity; nor must it be read as meaning that internal falseness qualifies for a Surprise.

A feature of Bristol Triumph is its Treble Bob graciousness in the matter of its calls. Any new method—not being of the Treble Bob class itself—that gives us such callings as 2M, 2W, 2H, is not to be overlooked, for this has always, from the musical point of view, been held to be the crowning beauty of Treble Bob. This at once differentiates Mr. James' new method from the Surprise family, who cannot raise a dual bob—in the same place—amongst them. It may interest the student to note that this dual-bob qualification arises from the fact that, when the treble leads ordinarily, the bell behind in Bristol lies full—just as in Oxford and Kent Treble Bob—hence a bob throws the bells behind one lead back, ready immediately for another bob. We congratulate Mr. James on his musical choice, but it puts him in this dilemma: his ordinary lead-ends are those of Treble Bob, and are not those of a Surprise method, whose bells behind always dodge at the treble's lead, whether plained or bobbed. Therefore, as Bristol is immeasurably superior to Treble Bob, and yet does not comply with the movements of the Surprise family, it must belong to a new class, and that class we are terming "Triumphs."

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536274 1

745623 2

237564 2

452637 1

374265 2

463752 3

274563 1

572346 5

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637425 1

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432675 2

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1913.

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1523467 2 P

745623 1

367245 1

263574 5

452763 1

634275 2

526734 1

725463 5

567234 3

425367 1

254367 4

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5024.

23456 M W H

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63425 - -

54326 - -

35426 - -

43526 - -

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56234 - -

42635 - -

64235 - -

26435 - -

26354 B -

32654 - -

63254 - -

42356 - -

34256 - -

25346 - -

32546 - -

53246 - -

24536 - -

52436 - -

45236 - -

23456 - -

5056.

23456 M W H

23564 B -

62534 - -

36524 - -

52364 - -

35264 - -

26354 - -

36452 - -

46253 - -

32654 - -

53624 - -

25634 - -

63254 - -

45236 - -

24536 - -

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42356 - -

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LEICESTER.—On Sunday, February 16th, at St. John-the-Divine, 504 Stedman Triples. Miss H. Willson, W. Willson, Miss L. Willson, W. Willson, jun., E. Vallance, T. H. Hardy, J. Harris, R. Hubbard. Also 336 Double Norwich Major. W. Willson, \*Miss H. Willson, Miss L. Willson, W. Willson, jun., E. Vallance, H. E. Norman, T. H. Hardy, J. Harris. \*First touch with a bob bell. Tenor 21 cwt.

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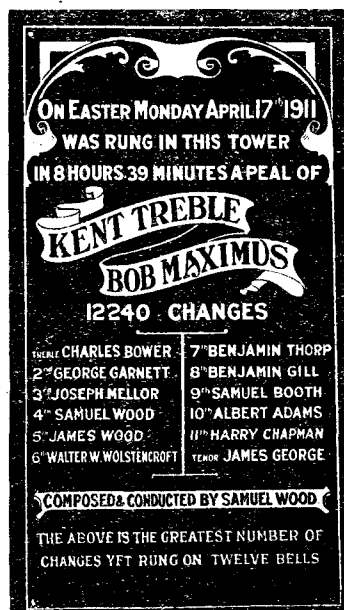
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**The Bell News and Ringers' Record.**

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 1913.

**THE NON-CONDUCTED PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES.**

THE non-conducted peal of Stedman Cinques rung at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Saturday, February 22nd, will go down to history as a performance at once unique and epoch marking. It is the first peal of its kind ever rung since campanology became an art, and those who constituted the band will live in the annals of the art for all time as masters. They are, as a matter of course, right in the forefront amongst ringers, but, even so, the performance shows exceptional merit, judge it from whatever standpoint we may. By bringing the peal to a successful issue, the band has established a record which will not be easily beaten.

Now that the record has been made, other bands will be anxious to emulate the performance, and no doubt some will succeed; but there will be no taking away the laurels from those who had the temerity to attempt the task. A conducted peal of Stedman Cinques is a performance of no mean merit, and entails on those who attempt it an amount of energy, zeal, intelligence, and patience, which makes the selection of a band to accomplish such a performance, a matter of extreme difficulty.

Every member of the band is well-known throughout the ringing fraternity as a conductor of no mean order. Individually they represent the *creme de la creme* of the Exercise—collectively they cannot be excelled: it is extremely doubtful if they could be equalled.

The likelihood of the genuineness of the peal being questioned was guarded against by the selection of two umpires of unimpeachable veracity. They represent the two great branches of the Exercise, and their selection is sufficient to put a stop to all cavil on the subject. They are prepared to certify to the genuineness of the performance, in every condition laid down as essential. They deserve, and have received, the hearty thanks of the band for their services, which must have entailed a great deal of self-sacrifice. We congratulate all concerned, and have no doubt that the whole fraternity of ringers will feel the prouder for the feat, which, while it places the performers on a higher plane, sets an example for others to follow.

Singularly enough, a contributor in another part of this issue, by a stretch of fancy, calls from the grave a band of veterans of a bygone age who would form an ideal Cinques band. But even he does not go so far as to suggest that it should be a non-conducted peal, since he selects a conductor.

Mr. W. E. White asks us to say that the peal of Grand-sire Doubles rung at Church Broughton, Derbyshire, on December 7th, 1912, will not be booked by the M.C.A., as the rules as to election of members has not been complied with.

Mr. Wm. Gordon, publisher of Handbell Music, whose advt. appears on page 655, is offering special discounts to purchasers, who make a selection from his stock.

**The Metropolis.****THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON.

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WALTER J. BOWDEN .. .. Treble	EDWALD F. COLE .. .. 5
JOHN T. KENTISH .. .. 2	WILEY J. HAZELL .. .. 6
GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 3	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7
GEORGE RADLEY .. .. 4	GEORGE PAICE .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER  
J. T. Kentish hails from Hatfield.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES.**

Tenor 41 cwt.

HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. Treble	JOHN N. OXBOROW .. .. 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. .. 2	FREDERICK DENCH .. .. 8
HARRY R. PASMORE .. .. 3	ALFRED B. PECK .. .. 9
HERBERT LANGDON .. .. 4	JOHN W. GOLDING .. .. 10
HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 5	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. .. 11
THOMAS FAULENER .. .. 6	WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and Non-Conducted.

Umpires—Henry Dains, Royal Cumberland Youths; George Wild, Ancient Society of College Youths. This peal was rung strictly under the rules governing such performances; no word, look, sign, recognition, gesture or intimation whatever being made or given during the ringing. It is the first peal on twelve tower bells rung under these conditions. The band wish to tender their thanks to the umpires for their kindness and self-sacrifice.

**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON.

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

MISS EDITH K. PARKER .. Treble	WILLIAM A. ALPS .. ..
MISS MARGERY F. SAMPSON .. 2	WILEY J. HAZELL .. .. 6
CHARLES H. AUSTIN .. .. 3	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7
E. MAURICE ATKINS .. .. 4	GEORGE PAICE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MISS EDITH K. PARKER.

\*First peal in the method. The peal was arranged for the Misses Belcher and Sampson, and was attempted in the afternoon at Waltham Abbey, but owing to illness near the Church, had to be abandoned. Miss Belcher was unable to stay for the peal at Edmonton.

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

On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON-IN-THE-EAST,  
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWARD T. WIGG .. .. Treble	REUBEN SANDERS .. .. 5
BRESTRAM PREWETT .. .. 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES .. .. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 7
CHARLES T. COLES .. .. 4	WILLIAM FVE.. .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM FVE.

The above is the first peal on the bells for over twenty years, and is the first peal in the method ever rung in the City of London.

### The Provinces.

#### NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 26 lbs.

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

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Double Norwich, and was especially arranged for Mr. C. Edwards, of Farnham, it being his 50th peal.

#### CROWLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.

#### THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAC,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALFRED HOLLAND* .. Treble	JOHN J. JUTSON .. .. 4
EDWIN TILLEY .. .. 2	*ISAAC P. BENNETT .. .. 5
WILLIAM WALDRON .. .. 3	GEORGE JUTSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE JUTSON.

\*First peal: proposed members before starting. This is believed to be the first peal on this ancient ring of bells, the tenor being last recast in 1464.

#### ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Thursday, February 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE SPENCER .. Treble	JOHN W. KELLEY .. .. 5
FREDERICK G. GODDARD .. 2	CHARLES F. W. HDNT.. .. 6
THOMAS BRADLE .. .. 3	FRANK SKEVINGTON .. .. 7
WILLIAM NEW .. .. 4	GEORGE W. COOMBS .. Tenor

Conducted by F. SKEVINGTON.

First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. George A. Ransom and F. G. Goddard; also to the youngest daughter of C. F. W. Hunt.

#### THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

SWANSEA.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, February 23rd, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Curtis, P. Kneath, J. Davies, A. E. Morgan, F. Morgan, C. Hoare, J. Hoare (conductor), E. Davies. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. F. Curtis, P. Kneath, J. Hoare, A. E. Morgan, J. N. Davies, C. Hoare, F. Morgan (conductor), E. Davies.

#### CURDRIDGE, HANTS.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

EDWIN WELLSTEAD .. Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 5
WILLIAM J. RYVES .. .. 2	*CHARLES H. RUSSELL .. .. 6
ALFRED MEARS .. .. 3	ANDREW MEARS .. .. 7
HENRY W. WILKES .. .. 4	GILBERT BULL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Grandsire.

#### ASSTEAD, SURREY.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM ROBINSON .. Treble	WILLIAM H. CORBETT .. .. 5
JOHN HOYLE .. .. 2	GEORGE COOK.. .. 6
JOHN CRAWFORD .. .. 3	RICHARD KENDALL .. .. 7
WILLIAM COOK .. .. 4	DAVID ANSCOMBE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of Mr. James Wyatt, son of Mr. John Wyatt, Captain of the local band; also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Cook.

#### PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

THOMAS WILSON .. Treble	JAMES ARMSTRONG .. .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. .. 2	EDWARD ARMSTRONG .. .. 6
E. ROGER MARTIN .. .. 3	WILLIAM E. WILLSON .. .. 7
FREDK. HINDLE .. .. 4	JOHN WATSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. WILLSON.

First peal of Stedman by the ringer of the treble.

#### HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. JOHNSONS'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN NEAL .. Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS .. .. 5
ALF PADDON SMITH .. .. 2	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 6
JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 3	THOMAS MILLER .. .. 7
ALBERT WALKER.. .. 4	JAMES GEORGE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KENNINGHALL (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, February 19th, for practice, 252 Bob Triples. S. Gaskin, J. Saye, H. Haylett, J. Fulcher, S. Anninsson, W. Mears, F. Burrows. And 1000 Bob Major. S. Gaskin, J. Saye, \*H. Haylett, \*J. Fulcher, S. Anninsson, J. Cunningham, W. Mears, F. Burrows (conductor). \*Longest length in the method.

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**BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.****THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,**At the Church of St. Michael,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition of Thurstan's Four-Part.*

CHARLES CONTELL .. .. Treble	GEORGE GARRISON .. .. 5
WILLIAM J. MEES .. .. 2	*THOMAS WELLS .. .. 6
JOHN SANDRES .. .. 3	GEORGE F. SWANN .. .. 7
JONATHAN PRESTON .. .. 4	*WILLIAM G. ANKER .. .. Tenor

*Conducted by GEO. F. SWANN.*

\*First peal in the method. This peal was specially arranged for Mr. Thomas Wells, Parish Clerk of Erdington, and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Wm. G. Anker, towerkeeper of Boldmere.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.****THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,**At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,***A PEAL OF TREELE BOE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;***In the Kent Variation. Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat,*

ARTHUR SYMONDS .. .. Treble	HARRY BARTON .. .. 5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. .. 2	WILLIAM FUSSELL .. .. 6
GEORGE LAMBERT .. .. 3	THOMAS W. GARRARD .. .. 7
JOHN O. NEILL .. .. 4	WILLIAM R. JNO. POULSON Tenor

*Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by H. BARTON.*

This was arranged for Messrs. O. Neill, Barton and Fussell of Halesworth, Sonhtwold, Suffolk, and Slough, Bucks., respectively, who were elected members previous to starting. This is the conductor's 150th peal. Rung on the anniversary of the birth of George Washington.

**HUGHENDDN, BUCKS.****THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***(Established 1637.)**On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,**At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.*

THOMAS H. TAFFREDFR .. Treble	JOHN EVANS .. .. 5
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES .. 2	RALPH BIGGS .. .. 6
HENRY T. GOWLETT .. .. 3	FREDK. J. HARDY .. .. 7
FREDK. G. BIGGS .. .. 4	ARTHUR G. JAMES .. .. Tenor

*Conducted by FREDK. J. HARDY.*

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Carter, of Vale Cottage, Downley.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,**At the Church of St. Peter,***A PEAL OF TREELE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;***In the Kent Variation, Tenor 14½ cwt.*

GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. Treble	GEORGE TURLEY .. .. 5
ALBERT BELTON .. .. 2	*JOSEPH MILNE .. .. 6
HERBERT MAXWELL .. .. 3	CHARLES CHAPMAN .. .. 7
STEPHEN J. PERKINS, JUN. .. 4	STEPHEN PERKINS, SEN. .. Tenor

*Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by STEPHEN PERKINS, SEN.*

\*First peal in the method. This peal was arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Latter, but he was unwell and unable to stand in, and Mr. Perkins kindly undertook to take his place at short notice.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

COBHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 720 Grand-sire Minor. H. Argent, H. Holden, G. Mungeam, J. Burles (conductor), J. Wood, G. Morrad. Messrs. Burles and Argent hail from Milton; Holden from Meopham.

**ELSTOW, BEDS.****THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, February 24, 1913, in Three Hours**At the Church of SS. Mary and Helen,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one 720 of Woodbine two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one each of Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY TYSON .. .. Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL .. .. 4
MISS DOROTHY D. STEEL .. 2	REGINALD GARDNER .. .. 5
JOHN W. BARKER .. .. 3	EDWARD WHITE .. .. Tenor

*Conducted by HARRY TYSON.*

First peal by Miss Dorothy Steel. First peal as conductor.

**Handbell Peal.****LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,**At 4, KEYTHORPE STREET.***A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5024 CHANGES.**

EDGAR VALLANCE .. .. 1-2	WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. 5-6
E. MAURICE ATKINS .. .. 3-4	WILLIAM WILLSON (nephew) 7-8

*Composed by W. WILLSON, and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.*

Arranged for the conductor, who hails from London. First handbell peal by the ringers of 1-2, and 7-8. First peal of Bob Major.

**Miscellaneous.****THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

MERROW, GUILDFORD (Surrey).—At the quarterly district meeting 720 Plain Bob Minor. G. J. Nichols, H. Stovell, S. Petter, A. J. Hamblin, A. E. Grey, A. J. Boniface. Conducted by A. J. Hamblin. First 720 by S. Petter.

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

SALEHURST.—On Tuesday evening, February 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 53 mins. F. Morgan (first quarter-peal), E. Mills, W. Cramp, W. Robinson (first quarter-peal), T. Booth, W. Hoad, W. Franks, J. Goodsell. Conducted by W. Franks, of Battle, who hopes soon to get the band through a 5000.

BATTLE.—On Wednesday evening, February 19th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. J. Sindon, W. Alcock, F. A. Kennett, P. Carter (longest length in the method), W. Franks, W. J. Thomas, G. Watson, H. Denman. Conducted by G. Watson.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

SOUTHWELL (Notts).—At the Cathedral on New Year's Eve, with the bells half-muffled, 447 Grandsire Triples. A. J. Chamberlain, C. H. Chamberlain, A. H. Wilson, G. Padgett, G. Beckett, H. F. Clulow, E. Foster, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (conductor). On New Year's morning, 630 Oxford Bob Triples. Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, C. H. Chamberlain, G. Padgett, A. J. Chamberlain, G. Beckett, H. F. Clulow (conductor), E. Foster, F. Pickard. On Sunday evening, February 9th, for evening service, 630 Oxford Bob Triples. T. Foster, G. Padgett, A. H. Wilson, H. R. Berrisford, A. J. Chamberlain, H. F. Clulow, C. H. Chamberlain (conductor), F. Pickard. On Friday, February 14th, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Captain Scott and other heroes who perished in the South Pole expedition, 630 Oxford Bob. A. J. Chamberlain, T. Foster, A. H. Wilson, H. R. Berrisford, G. Beckett, E. Foster, C. H. Chamberlain (conductor), H. F. Clulow.

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## Correspondence

*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.*

## LADIES IN THE BELFRY.

*To the Editor.*

SIR,—In your issue of the 22nd you refer to an article in the "Hants. and Berks. Gazette," by a writer signing himself "Grandsire" (he might have had the courage to sign his own name), in which he raises the question, "Is the belfry a place for ladies?"

I say yes, just as much a place for ladies as for men, and no really sensible objection can be raised against them. All objections so far made against them, have been so much nonsense.

He asks: "What can possibly have induced them to take up such a strenuous and essentially men's work in the belfry?"

I would ask "What could possibly have first induced men to take it up?" When he has answered one question he has answered both.

He goes on to say that "he views this intrusion with not a little concern." Why should it cause him so much concern; Is it that he fears that he may be outstripped by the ladies; that he may have to take a back seat, as a former objector said? I would not be surprised if such were the real cause of his objection. Again he asks: "Why is it that this new idea is being brought so prominently before us; is it because there are no men willing to take it up?" No. Is it because men welcome the ladies' advent into the belfry? So far as his experience goes it is quite the reverse. If such is his experience I may say that I do not believe that he has had by any means a wide experience, as I have always fancied that men are eager to welcome them, and most of us would be glad to see their ranks largely augmented. He advises, if they wish to advance the Art of Change-Ringing, to obtain some sets of handbells, pursue their practice in some comfortable room or shady nook, as the case may be, and so avoid the belfry, which for all time has been considered the special sanctum for men. No doubt it has always been so considered by himself and the very few others who hold similar views.

In conclusion he directs attention to the great possibilities of deriving enjoyment in the family circle, amongst coteries of friends, and in clubs, etc., and here I begin to wonder what etc. means. Does it mean pubs and the like, and does he really intend this for the ladies?

Mrs. Grundy would certainly not be more outraged by the appearance of ladies in the belfry than by their appearance in, say a club, concert room, or the like.

Yours etc.,

H. SHARP.

47, Dudley Street, Bedford.

SIR,—I fear your invitation to ringers to ventilate their opinions upon this question may lead to considerable correspondence, and, as you remark, there are two sides to every question, there will doubtless be expressions of opinion in both the affirmative and the negative. May I express a hope that whatever correspondence takes place not one word will be written to give any lady who has taken up the science upon tower bells the slightest offence

I do not profess to have much knowledge of what goes on in the belfry at the present day, but from past experience I cannot agree with the writer of the letter in the "Hants and Berks Gazette."

It is said that cycling is a healthy recreation: so is ringing. Who is there that would debar the ladies from the use of the cycle? What would be said of the man who did such an injustice to the fair sex, in which there are so many graceful riders?

Churchmen in general have to depend upon ladies to carry on so many parochial and Church organisations that one fails to see how, in justice, the line can be drawn, at any rate the shutting of the belfry door against them would be most unfair. Guilds, working parties, temperance work, district visiting, Sunday schools, excursions, and many other organisations depend, for their very existence, not only for carrying out, but for funds, upon ladies, and, as sometimes happens, not only do they assist in the musical part of the services, but a lady is at the organ. Why draw the line at the belfry door?

There is, however, another point my experience teaches me. That is that the presence of ladies, or even one lady, it matters not where among a body of men, raises the whole tone of the surroundings, be it in the tower or otherwise: therefore for one I hope ladies will continue to show their skill, and there has been some extraordinary skill shown by ringing upon tower bells.

Romford, February 24th, 1913.

B. KEEBLE.

DEAR SIR,—I was highly delighted with the letter signed "Grandsire," which you quote in this week's *Bell News*, and I should especially like to confirm one statement. Ringers, as a body, do not welcome the advent of lady ringers. They would much rather they stayed away. There are several reasons, and all are sufficient. That does not alter the fact that when we do meet lady ringers we treat them as ladies. Notwithstanding the brand new "Guild," and the advertisement, I hope and trust it is a merely a passing fad. Meanwhile I hope that the rather blatant champion of lady ringing will drop, proclaiming that the exercise will be so much better by the presence of women in the belfry. It savours of an insult. I shall be told I am a coward; I know; nevertheless, I am for the present going to sign myself merely,

PLAIN BOB.

## THE SURPRISE METHODS.

*To the Editor.*

SIR,—For some time past I have been reading articles in *Bell News*, supposed to deal with the Surprise methods. In 1904 the Central Council published a report drawn up by the Legitimate Methods Committee on methods, and in 1907 a collection of minor methods, based upon the system of classification, presented by the committee to the council, and adopted by the latter at the meetings in London in 1906.

In this system a Surprise Method has places made at all cross sections, and the 41 Surprise Methods in the collection all conform to this rule; moreover, they are the only methods which are free from the blemish of 5th place when the Treble is not in 6th, such do so; they are therefore according to the definition of the council, the only Surprise Minor Methods, and, moreover, they are Surprise Methods.



At the council meeting at Exeter, Mr. Snowdon, who has written these articles, attempted to upset the definition of a Surprise Method and substitute his own definitions for it, but his motion was lost, and so the definition accepted in 1906 still holds good. Now, Sir, Mr. Snowdon is quite within his rights in trying to put forward his own views upon the subject, but he has no right to insinuate, as he has done in these articles, that the collection is of no authority.

Before leaving this part of the subject, allow me to point out that Treble Bob Minor Methods fall naturally into three groups only. One of these groups contains Cambridge Surprise and London Surprise and 39 other methods, which can only be separated from Cambridge and London by arbitrary rules, such as Mr. Snowdon has drawn up. Which is better, the natural system which the council has adopted or a set of arbitrary rules varying according to different people's fancies.

I turn next to Cambridge Surprise Royal and Maximus. The figures were first written out by my brother, the Rev. E. Bankes James the first performance brought round in the method was 5040 of Royal, by S. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester, on Cheltenham bells, January 21st, 1898, and the stories about a Wakefield peal require to be proved. Where are the figures? I have asked for them several times, but they have never been produced.

I turn next to Superlative Surprise. Shipway took the Major and produced Royal, the same system of extension produces Maximus, by the same rule you can write it out on 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24 x 2 bells, etc. Mr. Snowdon marks it condemned, and produces an alternative which is not even a double method.

The method is the same throughout, or the proof of the Binomial theory is false. Which?

H. LAW JAMES.

#### RE AUTHORSHIP OF PEALS.

SIR,—Mr. Dains finds it hard to believe that more peals can be obtained on the plan. Well, just to let him see that I am not like himself, given to idle boasting, I enclose two more, and at the same time remind them that all this class of peal was originated by me, AND MINE THEY WILL REMAIN. I am not to be bounced by them or anyone else. Nor shall I trouble to answer any more of their croaking.

5040.				5040.			
23456	M	W	H	23456	M	W	H
42356			—	52436			—
35426		—	—	63425	—	—	—
43526		—	—	24536	—	—	—
62534	—	—	—	32546	—	—	—
52436	—	—	—	43526	—	—	—
63425	—	—	—	62534	—	—	—
24536	—	—	—	35426	—	—	—
32546	—	—	—	42356	—	—	—
54326	—	—	—	54326	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—	25346	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—	34256	—	—	—
53246	—	—	—	53246	—	—	—
45236	—	—	—	45236	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—	23456	—	—	—

In these two peals, like in my two previous ones, the calling may be started after course-end 32546, when they would retain the same qualities, and same author.

Dublin, February 17th, 1913.

G. LINDOFF.

#### THE DANGER OF "CLOCKING."

To the Editor.

SIR,—One often hears or reads a lot about the above, but is not the chiming apparatus just as bad? What bells have been cracked by "clocking"? I know many places where it is done and no harm has resulted. In fact I know a peal which has been hung for "clocking" by a well-known firm, the clappers having ropes attached to them. Can anybody, in face of this, reasonably object to "clocking"?

Yours &c.,

A RINGER.

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2467153  
4276513  
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The Canterbury District held a very successful meeting at the pretty village of Wickbambreaux on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. The bells of Littlebourne were not available, as there was a case of very serious illness in a house near the Lych Gate. Members attended from Boughton, Canterbury, Chislet, Deal, Dover, Hernhill, and Lyminge. The bells go remarkably well, reflecting great credit upon the ringers for their careful attention to them. Grandsire, Stedman, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Oxford Bob, with Violet by the local company were successfully rung. Service in this very pretty parish church was followed by tea in

the village Club Room, provided and presided over by the genial Rector, the Rev. G. Hyde Smith, who gave the members a very hearty welcome, and hoped they were enjoying themselves. The applause which followed was a sufficient reply in the affirmative; however the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore formally thanked the Rector for his great kindness on this and many other occasions.

The new Rector of Adisham attended to obtain information respecting the Association, and to become an honorary member. Mr. Smith, late of Tring, who has come to Sandwich, was very heartily welcomed, and duly elected a member. Three probationers were also accepted. The Rector enquired about

the Benevolent Fund, and after a few remarks from the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, at once gave a donation towards it. This is believed to be the first of its kind.

Mr. H. Castle then proposed, and Mr. D. Verrier seconded a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the able and interesting manner in which he conducted the business.

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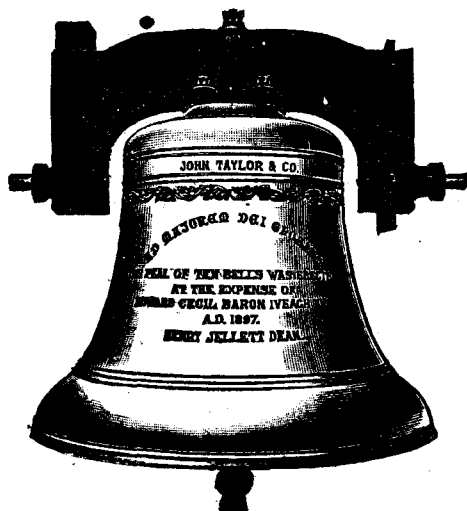
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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on March 4th and 18th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 13th and 27th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 4th; St. Michael's, Cripplegate, on the 18th; Southwark Cathedral on the 25th; Also at St. Mary's Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus at 7.30., the others at 8 p.m. **WILLIAM T. COCKERILL**, 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 on March 15th at St. Mary's, Walthamstow. Tower open for ringing from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All cordially invited. **J. CORNFORD**, Hon. Sec. 7D, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. John the Baptist, Hillingdon, on Saturday, March 29th. Full particulars will be announced later. **C. T. COLFS**, } Hon. Secs.  
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**The Kent County Association.**—The annual meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at Maidstone on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Meat tea at the Maidstone Restaurant, Bank Street, at 5.30 p.m. A charge of 3d. per member will be made for tea. All subscriptions due at this meeting. **GEO. MOORE**, Dis. Sec.

71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

**St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.**—Established 1755.—The annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at Ye Olde Royal Hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 1st next, at 6.30 p.m. Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart., in the chair. Tickets free to fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date, to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each. The bells of St. Martin's (12), and St. John's, Deritend (8), will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock. **A. PADDON SMITH**, Hon. Sec.

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**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—North Bucks. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Stony Stratford on Saturday, March 1st next. Service at 3 o p.m. **THOS. BEST, JUN.**, Sec. Bletchley.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Burton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Newball on Saturday, March 1st. Bells ready at 9 o'clock. **HARRY WAKLEY**, Local Hon. Sec.

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**The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Saturday, March 15th. Particulars by circular. **REV. W. T. BULFITT**, } Hon. Secs.  
**W. BENTHAM**, }

**The Essex Association.**—North-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Colchester on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Peter's (8), which have recently been recast, and All Saints (5) will be available from 11 o'clock till 7. Tea, 1s. each, followed by meeting, will be held in the Parish Room adjoining St. Peter's at 4.30. I wish to remind those intending being present, the necessity of sending notice not later than the 20th, as tea will only be ordered for number sending notice. **A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM**, Dis. Sec.

Sandpit Road, Braintree.

**Dudley and District Guild.**—In consequence of the Hon. Sec. being in hospital suffering from severe burns, the annual meeting is postponed. Notice will be given when the date is fixed. **S. SPITTLE**.

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## THE LONG STANTON TENOR.

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The Vicar and churchwardens acknowledge with many thanks the following further donations to the fund for recasting the tenor bell:—C. H. C. 10s.; V. Y. J. 1s. Also from the following bands: Winchester Diocesan Guild (Guildford Branch), 10s.; Patrington (Yorks.), 10s.; Bolsover, 7s. 6d.; Halifax Parish Church, 4s. 3d.; St. Peter's, Nottingham, 2s.; Wisbech Parish Church, 1s. 6d. Already received—£20 8s.; Total—£22 13s. 3d.; Amount required—£35.

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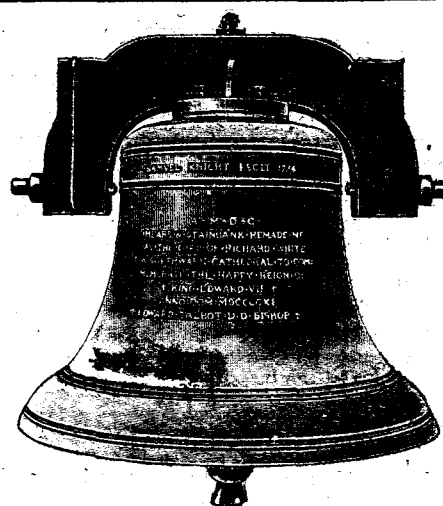
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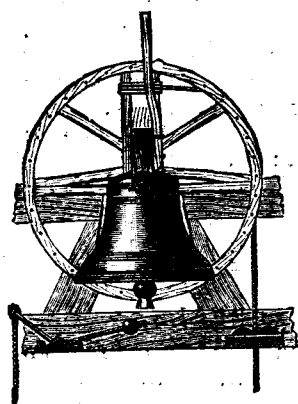
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